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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Marty DeRoche who is with Denmark Baptist Church in Cutler, Illinois. Pastor DeRoche is the guest of Representative Costello. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor."

Pastor DeRoche: "Let's pray together. Father God of all creation, we come to You this day thanking You for Your blessings. We ask Your blessings upon this House. Father, today I pray for these men and women who have given their time and their service to this state to serve in the roles they do. At times, I'm sure it's a thankless job. Father, we ask Your blessings upon them. I pray that You'll give them the wisdom of Solomon, the strength of David, the wisdom to make the wise and right decisions, the boldness to make those decisions. We ask You put a hedge of protection around this building. Keep it from harm's way. Father, we pray that today for those in our state that are hurting. Father, many without homes, we pray for them. We pray for our students and our schools today. We pray, Father God, You keep them safe. We ask now that You bless our Governor, our Lieutenant Governor, all our Representatives and our Senators. And Father, may we grow as a state but may we never forget where our blessings come from. We're thankful. We ask now that You continue to watch over this place and may You be honored. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen and Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We'll be led in the Pledge today by Representative Flowers."

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Flowers - 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 Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the excused absences of Representatives Cassidy, McAsey, Riley and Slaughter."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Cabello and Phillips are absent today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. We have 112 Members present and do have a quorum. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 354, offered by Representative Turner. House Resolution 355, offered by Representative Christian Mitchell. House Resolution 356, offered by Leader Durkin and House Resolution 359, offered by Representative Long."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Flowers, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Accessibility reports the following committee action taken on April 28, 2017: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1955. Representative Conroy, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health reports the following

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committee action taken on April 28, 2017: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2465. Representative Lilly, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance: Property & Casualty reports the following committee action taken on April 28, 2017: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1954. Representative Soto, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on April 28, 2017: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1276."

Speaker Lang: "Senate Joint Resolution 28, Mr. Crespo. Please proceed when you're ready, Sir. Out of the record. SJR28, Mr. Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. This is the biannual school curriculum policies waiver report from the State Board of Education. This year ISBE received 69 applications for the spring of 2017. It approved 5 waiver requests, returned 4 and denied several requests. Voting 'yes' means to approve the waivers. Voting 'no' means to disapprove of the Senate Joint Resolution 28. However, since there were no modifications this year, either vote means that the result will be the same and the waiver requests have been approved. So, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Burke, Conroy, Currie, Davis, Harris, Hoffman, Jones, Yingling. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 110 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. On the Order of

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Second Reading, House Bill 3261. Representative Chapa LaVia.
Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3261, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Chapa LaVia."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. House Amendment #1 is a gut and replacement. It becomes the Bill. It amends... keeping the language of the underlying Bill except for three changes. It would grant veterans preference in entrance exams to qualified veterans, it defines what veterans is for purpose of this Act and it removes the immediate effective date from the Bill so that we can start fresh on the eve... the new year coming for veterans preferences. I'll take any questions. Ask for it's adoption."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Feigenholtz, do you rise on the Amendment? 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. Please read the Bill on the Order of Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3261, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative, you already explained the Bill?"

Chapa LaVia: "Well, I'd like just a second more, Speaker, if I may?"

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

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Chapa LaVia: "Thank you. I'm pretty excited about this Bill. Being a veteran myself and wearing four different separate boots; Army Reserve, National Guard, United States Army Officer, and then ROTC, I never thought to put this into legislation for 15 years. So, what it does, it gives veterans preference also to National Guard members that serve our state and this country. And I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you so much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Representative, just want to verify with the Amendment. CMS is now neutral, correct?"

Chapa LaVia: "Correct. Actually, they're for it now."

Andersson: "They are a proponent now?"

Chapa LaVia: "Yes."

Andersson: "And any opposition that you're aware of?"

Chapa LaVia: "Not at all, Sir."

Andersson: "Thank you."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Gordon-Booth, Nekritz. Please take the record. There are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Feigenholtz, for what reason do you rise?"

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Representative Lang. I just want the Body to share with me a happy, happy birthday to

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Representative Ann Williams. Certainly a year wiser, my fabulous buddy and district mate who I love madly. Let's give her... have a great weekend, Ann."

Speaker Lang: "Happy birthday, Representative. And as a birthday gift, House Bill 3223, Representative Williams. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3223, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill is read... has been read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3223, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Birthday girl, Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill will seem familiar to many of you. This Bill provides for... it deals with MS patients and the ability to procure physical therapy services when prescribed by a doctor. In 2007, the Illinois General Assembly passed a Bill requiring insurance companies to cover physical therapy for MS patients because, if you know anything about MS, you know in many cases there is no treatment and of course, there is no cure. So, physical therapy is the only option for many patients. This Bill will eliminate many of the barriers that have been imposed by insurance companies that will limit patients' access to this treatment. And I will note, you can only get physical therapy services if, in fact, they're prescribed by a physician. So, that's always a safeguard there to ensure patients don't get more than they need. But again, this Bill is critical for patients who have

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no treatment and unfortunately at this point, no cure. I'll be happy to take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson. This Bill, Ladies and Gentlemen, is on Short Debate, but... excuse me, this Bill is on Standard Debate, but let's remember this is getaway day. Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "I wholeheartedly concur with that. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Thank you, Representative. So, what's the... what is the need to eliminate the... the limitation on the amount of services? I mean that... that's pretty typical in most insurance policies for most every service and treatment that's... that's required."

Williams: "But again, this is very... I would make it an analogy to a prescription medicine. For patients that have absolutely no treatment, physical therapy is, in fact, the only option for them, not only to improve quality of life but to address potential injury, injury prevention. It actually saves costs in the long run in addition to addressing quality of life issues. So, what we've done as a Body is, provided that MS is different than other conditions because it does have this direct correlation with benefit to the physical therapy option. So, it's just... I would say it's more like prescription. And if your doctor prescribes it, the insurance company should cover it."

Andersson: "So, under normal circumstances, I mean, if something is medically necessary, presumably it's prescribed. And I think most insurance policies will cover that. Your metaphor

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of medicine, I mean, if I take a regular medicine for blood pressure, they prescribe it if it's medically necessary. So, I'm not sure why.. what your Bill does that is different from the normal insurance process. Please.."

Williams: "Sure. As a practical matter, what some of the insurance companies have done is, reported by patients, is put a cap on the amount of physical therapy sessions that a particular patient could avail themselves of. For example, a patient may get 30 physical therapy sessions covered. Well, the doctor may say you need to go to physical therapy weekly in order to find benefit and success. So, patients, what we're finding, patients that are unable to provide for a physical therapy expense themselves are kind of rationing their physical therapy. So, even though their doctor has recommended they go every week, they're going maybe every other week. And it's just not been a good thing. Again, because of the lack of any other treatment options for these patients. And in fact, it's a big deal for injury prevention these patients.. if you know.. I'm sure you know about MS and.. and the devastating impact it can have on mobility, et cetera."

Andersson: "I.. I note that our analysis indicates that there's going to be a fiscal impact to the state because this will be a new mandate beyond the essential health care benefits benchmark in the ACA. Do you have any idea what the fiscal impact's going to be to the state?"

Williams: "You know, we had this same discussion. This is the Bill's second or third year in the mix. And there's some debate as to how it's covered under ACA. So, I've been unable to get a certain number."

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Andersson: "Okay. And..."

Williams: "But again, I just would submit that..."

Andersson: "Yes."

Williams: "...if you don't provi... get these services, you're going to end up costing the system more in the long run. It's kind of a penny-wise, pound-foolish idea to cut back on services that will really help a patient prevent injury."

Andersson: "Okay. To the Bill. And thank you for that, by the way. To the Bill. I think that what the Representative is working on is laudable. I understand that there's still substantial opponents to this Bill; the insurance companies, the Chamber of Commerce, NFIB, IMA. I also understand that there is a very similar Bill in the Senate, Senate Bill 193, that came out unanimously, that we've got every indication will pass and does largely what this does. So, with respect, I'm going to urge a 'no' vote on this with the hope that that Bill, when that comes over, can be fully agreed and hopefully address whatever's here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Stewart... does not wish to speak on this Bill. Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Representative Williams, can you explain to me how many states already do this?"

Williams: "You know, I did some research on this yesterday because that was a question that came up in committee. And all states structure their insurance programs so differently it was hard to make a apples to apples comparison. It's really more about what... how they handle physical therapy. In some states, it's what's called direct access where you can procure physical therapy services directly. In others, like Illinois, you need

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a referral from a physician. Actually, for this Bill, I think that you can argue that that makes it... there should be a higher comfort level because, again, in order to get physical therapy you must have a physician's prescription. So, I would argue that if you're an MS patient and you get a prescription for physical therapy, you need it."

Feigenholtz: "Yeah. I really don't understand why... I did meet with some of the proponents of this Bill who very articulately talked to us about how this was ve... our laws in Illinois were quite arbitrary in that this therapy is actually very, very helpful, is it not? It's often corrective. Can you explain that a little bit?"

Williams: "Well, there's two types of MS. The first is relapsing remitting and that provides... the course of that disease is what... you know, what the name would suggest. You have episodes and then you have, sometimes, a period where you go back to normal, sometimes not quite. But the physical therapy is the only option for the type of MS called progressive... primary progressive. And that's a disease that... that's a condition of the disease that progresses, again, as the name would suggest. So, there are numerous MS drugs available and the advances that science has made are quite stunning, but again, that only applies to the relapsing remitting form of MS. So, for progressive MS patients, this is the only option. Again, quality of life, injury prevention, and many other things that I believe save money in the long run."

Feigenholtz: "Can you tell me who the supporters of this Bill are?"

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Williams: "This Bill is supported by the... update... well, obviously the Illinois MS Society. And I would, you know, just reiterate this Bill is supported by the patient groups. The patient groups are not on board with the version that's passing out of the Senate unfortunately. The Bill was negotiated but it was kind of... the patients were negotiated right out of it. And that's... that's, I think, the problem with that piece of legislation. So, we're happy to keep discussing the Bill. It's certainly not in perfect form. It may not be in final form, but it's definitely a way to keep the patients in the conversation."

Feigenholtz: "Representative Williams, I think that this Bill is outstanding. I'd like to be added as a Cosponsor if I'm not on it already. And I think that you've done... this is certainly not the first year you've sponsored this and I know how committed you are to it. And I think it would be a fabulous birthday present to you if this Bill passed out of committee."

Williams: "Well, you know, that'd be great. But I will add one other thing. The Illinois State Medical Society, obviously a physician group, is in support of the Bill which I think is a... an important note."

Feigenholtz: "It's important for doctors to be able to take care of their patients without obstacles."

Williams: "Yes."

Feigenholtz: "I totally agree. I recommend an 'aye' vote."

Williams: "Thanks Rep."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams to close."

Williams: "Again, thank you for the discussion and debate. I just respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Bennett, for what reason do you rise?"

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Bennett: "Thank you very much. Gentlemen and Ladies of the House here, I'd like to introduce our Page for the day, Isabella Rose. She's from Gibson City. And her mom is upstairs to my right, rose as well. So, if you could please give them a welcome, a warm welcome from Springfield, Illinois, that'd be most kind. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield. Thank you for joining us today. Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Stuart: "I just wanted to share a little piece of good news from the 112th District. I, unfortunately, don't have the gentleman here today 'cause he's busy being a senior in high school and rounding down the year and getting ready for exams, but we have a gentleman named Mark Smith, who played for the Edwardsville High School Tigers, was a four-star recruit, high school basketball player of the year, and actually was named Mr. Basketball for the State of Illinois. This season

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he averaged 21.9 points, 8.4 assists, 8.2 rebounds. He has been heavily recruited... recruited by Michigan State, Kentucky, the Ohio State University, and Duke University, but on Wednesday he announced that he will be attending the University of Illinois. So, I was excited to have him join our team."

Speaker Lang: "Now there's some good news. Representative Barbara Wheeler."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Wheeler, B.: "I would like to introduce my constituents Dodi and Jeff Beaudette who are behind us in the gallery. Longtime friends from... wait a second. This gets better. Longtime friends from soccer with the Kiddy Kickers but besides that they also are the mother and father of our wonderful Jordan Ryan. So, welcome... welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Happy you're joining us today. Thank you. Mr. Halbrook."

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

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed."

Halbrook: "Yeah. I'm happy to be joined today by the Shiloh eighth-grade group and their teacher Keith Findley. Shiloh is in Edgar County in east central Illinois. Let's give them a warm Springfield welcome to the Capitol."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Good to see you here with us. Representative Bryant."

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Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you let the record reflect that my intention was to vote 'yes' on 3223."

Speaker Lang: "Record will reflect your intention. Mr. Skillicorn."

Skillicorn: "I rise personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Skillicorn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the House. I'm proud to announce that starting Wednesday, May 10th I'm starting the Stair Caucus at 7:30 a.m. I'm hoping to meet every Wednesday in May so we can go up and down those stairs and get a little exercise. It'll be the healthiest 20 minutes of your day."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Representative Williams is recognized."

Williams: "Hi there. I just wanted to welcome some of my constituents who may have just walked out of the gallery. But it's St. Francis Xavier Warde fourth-grade class. Go Jaguars."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Go ahead."

Welch: "Mr. Speaker, before I speak, may we have a little quiet in the chamber? Mr. Speaker, thank you. We're going to be here probably a little while today and then when we return, May is going to be quite busy for us all. So, I want to take a moment to talk about civility, respect, professionalism, and decorum. Civility is defined as formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech. I hope, starting here today, 'cause it hasn't happened so far this week. I hope, starting today, we can treat each other with civility and respect. The

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way the women of the Democratic Party and the women of this state have been disrespected this week is unacceptable. And we are going to demand respect, civility, politeness and decorum. We cannot talk over each other, be rude to each other, and be disrespectful. We all come down here. We're away from our families. We eat together; we have drinks together. We all have to treat each other like family when we're down here together. We have to look out for one another. We cannot be disrespectful to one another; and I'm telling you now, it will not be tolerated any further. It will not be tolerated any further. So, I am asking, on behalf of all of us who are elected to represent the people of the State of Illinois, that we show them that we know how to be civil, respectful, professional. And that we're going to give this great chamber the respect that it deserves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Wallace: "I would like to personally discuss the events of this week. It began when the women decided, and some of our male colleagues decided, that we would join our constituents, we would join members from across the State of Illinois outside at the Illinois... Illinois Women's March on Springfield. We left to go and to champion things that were related to equal rights for women, labor standards, economic policy, family concerns, criminal justice reform, issues that address the homelessness that occurs in our state. And when we did that,

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of course, you know, there was some contentious debates going on, on the floor, verification was called and we were attempting to come back into the chamber. But we decided to first stand in solidarity with Leader Feigenholtz as she gave her speech at the rally to the hundreds of people gathered here as citizens. Then, later in the week, we saw such discord and disrespect and condescension when Representative Moeller attempted to pass her Bill related to equal rights and equal pay for women in the State of Illinois. And then we go to yesterday when my own roommate, my colleague, my seatmate was attempting to bring back dollars to the schools that struggle in her district, demanding for TIF reform, and she was asked a question and as she attempted to answer her question, she was cut off, spoken over, and her voice was completely silenced and disregarded among... about the issue that she cared most about in her district. And I don't want to say that I'm speaking for any of those women, I can only say that being a witness to all of that this week and being a woman, and also being a woman of color, I am deeply, deeply hurt by some of the interactions that I've seen throughout this week. It's not that those interactions have not occurred before, they've been actually quite subtle, but this week was at an all-time high. I want to ask that we all decide that we will treat every person in this chamber with courtesy, respect, civility as Representative Welch just eloquently stated. But I can't stomach being here when such disregard occurs. And... and in this example, I only spoke of what I deemed to be institutionalized sexism. But throughout this week there were also tinges of institutionalized racism and subconscious

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biases towards race and gender sprinkled throughout lots of the debate that has occurred this week. It is disheartening. It is upsetting. It is heartbreaking. It's not something that we can't overcome and please note that I used the words 'institutionalized' and 'subconscious'. I am not making any specific, you know, statement for anyone to say, well no that's not me. I'm not that. But please look at what those things mean. Institutionalized racism. Institutionalized sexism. Subconscious racial bias. Subconscious sexist bias or gender bias. And please try to figure out ways that you cannot feed into that. I thank you for your time today. I stand here in solidarity with the women in this caucus, with the men in this caucus, and also with my colleagues across the aisle. We simply must be civil with each other. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sauer."

Sauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We've had a couple of comments. I was raised with a quote which was, 'be the change you wish to see in the world'. So, this morning, there were a few of us that went out and ran. And I know I've talked to a couple Members on the other side and a couple Members on this side to maybe come together in a civil way, come together in a bipartisan way, come together to maybe run off some of the aggression that happens in this chamber. But if anybody, on either side of the aisle is up for it, I'm going to run. I know some Members that ran with me this morning are going to run and maybe that'll help cooler heads prevail. We can get out there on the trail early in morning and then we can come in here and do the peoples' business and advance some good

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legislation... excuse me... advance some good legislation for the people of Illinois. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed please."

Andersson: "I... I'm pretty dismayed by this for a number of reasons. One, as the Floor Leader for the GOP I have strived to treat everyone in this room, everyone in this room, with nothing but respect. And now, I'm being told that we're uncivil. I'd like to think that what I say has a little impact on my caucus. Does that mean everybody is civil all the time? No, but you know what, that's true of your side too. We get bullied from your side too. People yell across at us when we're talking. So, it goes both ways. But I have struggled to represent civility in this... in this House. And I'm going to keep doing that, but it is difficult to hear what I just heard. I was proud... I was actually thinking about standing up and saying how proud I was of the whole chamber this week. Did we have debates that were contentious? Yes. Is that going to continue? Yes, because you have passions for what you believe in and so do we. And sometimes those passions boil over. That's... I think that's okay as long as we can pull it back. But I want to give you two examples that I was particularly proud of. One of them was Senate Bill 40 (sic-House Bill). In my entire term... entire time here, which is admittedly only two years, I have never seen the chamber more attentive. Practically everyone is in their seat. No one was talking about other Bills. Everyone was paying attention on

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both sides. Was there contention? Absolutely. Wouldn't you expect that on an abortion Bill? It... but it was a great debate. It was healthy and it was respectful. Everybody was paying attention. That was an example of good, professional, civil debate here. And the second one, which I am... I can't believe that my caucus has been accused of being sexist. The proudest Bill that, in my opinion, we did this week was Representative Moeller's Bill. I spoke to it, many of my Members spoke to it but more importantly, more than half of our caucus supported the Bill. Do not tell me that we are sexist when more than half of my caucus came to your side, fully supported that Bill. There was... I was so proud of that Bill. I was so proud of my caucus. You probably didn't even need our votes for it but you got them because it was the right thing to do. So, please don't call us sexist. Please don't call us racist. We are not. We want to work with you and we're going to continue to work with you and we're going to do it in a civil way but don't tell me that we're being uncivil. We are not. Last thing. I'm sorry. This is upsetting to me. I'm sorry. I've lost my train of thought. I would just ask you to reflect on this week and recognize that I think it was an example of a good week. Does it mean we're agreeing all the time? Nope. That's not going to happen. But it was a good week of civility. Let's keep that going. So, Representative, I agree with the civility part. I disagree strongly that we have disrespected women. We have not. We have supported women. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

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Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 28, 2017: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 173, Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 1273, Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 2402, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2428, Floor Amendment #4 to House Bill 2515, Floor Amendment #6 to House Bill 2774, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3185."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a request of the Chair. When we are on Short Debate, can we ensure that when questions are asked, that people are actually answering the questions that are asked? I just want to ensure, especially when we're in a short time frame that people are not expounding on something that has nothing to do with the question that was asked. A lot of times when we have a short amount of time, a lot of our time is eaten up by answers to questions that someone may want to answer as opposed to the question that was asked. So, I request that we stick to the questions that were asked. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "It's a reasonable request, but it's not up to the Chair to control what Members say, Sir. But I... it's an interesting point you made. Representative Bryant."

Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Bryant: "I'd like to address some of the things that have been said today regarding how the women in this chamber are treated. And there... there's just a couple things that came up

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that I would personally like to address. First of all, in regard to how people are treated whenever they speak. You know, yesterday Speaker Madigan came out and addressed the chamber and, for the most part, everyone in this chamber was quiet and gave him the respect for being the Leader of the Caucus on that side of the aisle. But when the Leader from this side of the aisle spoke yesterday, very little quiet came from the other side of the aisle. So, respect has to be given on both sides. I would also like to say that I... I believe that I have built some great friendships on the other side of the aisle. Representative Moeller was... was mentioned in previous comments. I count her to be a... certainly a positive acquaintance. I would hope a friend as well. And I don't know how she feels about this, maybe she's going to speak to it, but I for one don't expect to be treated differently when someone disagrees with my Bill just because I'm a woman. And I don't think Representative Moeller was expecting that either. So, to expec... to say that if somebody disagrees with your Bill because you're using a tone that it might, you know, might be different because you're with a woman is offensive to me as a woman. I want to be treated like a person in this chamber, not as a feminine person in this chamber, but as a person, not distinguished for my gender. And lastly, I want to say this. When we're talking about respect for each other, during the... during the... the instance that was mentioned previously where some folks who were downstairs and the question... previous question was called. A Member of the other side of the aisle, who I take to be a gentleman most of the time and generally is, and I

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don't believe that he intended it to be so, but the person who called that question happened to be a woman and in response to that that individual came charging across the aisle, chest puffed out, fists clenched, saying you shouldn't do that. Don't do that, don't do that. Well, I will tell you that it was a little bit intimidating and I'm not easily intimidated. So, sometimes things get charged up in here and I understand that and we do need to be civil with each other, but don't say because I don't agree with a Bill, a certain Bill, especially if it has to do with women's rights, and I vote 'no' on a Bill, that I'm against women. Which was the other thing that was charged over here. I would hope that everyone in here is treated as a human being and as a person not looked at as what our gender is. We're all here to serve our constituents regardless of what our gender is. And I hope that we can have that respect for each other because we're all here to serve our districts and our constituents. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Brief point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please."

Mitchell, C.: "So, I actually want to respond directly to Mr. Andersson. I've said this to you in private. I'll say this to you in public. I think everyone on this side of the aisle would agree that as it relates to civility, treating people well, making sure that your questions are fair and equal to everyone regardless of... of their gender or their race, you, Representative Andersson, have succeeded. You have absolutely

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succeeded and deserve a round of applause. And I mean... and this is... this is a genuine round of applause from this caucus because regardless of who the questioner has been, you have always been respectful, you have always been fair, you have treated everyone equally. That is, however, not true of everyone on your side of the aisle. So, you should not be taking the bullets for actions that were taken by people other than yourself. I know as Floor Leader that's part of your job, but I needed you to hear it from me and from this caucus that you are not the person that we are talking about, Sir. The way on the other hand, and he's a friend of mine and a fellow graduate of a Catholic school, that the Leader treated Representative Moeller the way that Representative Ammons was treated on her Bill, that is the behavior we're talking about because that is not the way that individual would question another Member or has in the past. That is not the tone that would be used by that Member to question other Members. That is what we are calling out. So, respectfully, Sir, you have done a fantastic job. I am proud to call you a colleague and a friend. You, Sir, are not the person we're talking about. I hope that everyone, on both sides of the aisle, will use your example as the way to be a Leader on this floor. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brady. Mr. Brady, we'll hold you for a moment. Representative Willis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

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Willis: "I think as we are finishing up today, which will probably be a very long day, many of us are here because we are passionate about what we do. We would not be here if we were not leaders in our own right. We would not be here if we were not passionate about things in our own community, but it is important to keep that civility out there. I think Representative Mitchell was very eloquent and I was going to... I'm going to second his thoughts on that. Floor Leader Andersson, you do a wonderful job on your side. You are a fair individual. You are very good at what you do. But we also know that there are times when we all are contentious and we are passionate about our own Bills. Sometimes we're passionate against somebody else's Bill. We can go and bring that passion out but continue to remember that we are all individuals. We are all doing the best we can here. We all have a purpose here and we need to be respectful. We often are respectful when we go and have dinner together afterwards, but we need to be respectful and watch that center aisle and work across it continuing that way. We haven't always seen that here and it's not necessarily from you, Sir, but there are certain Members that take it beyond passion. And that's what we need to be careful about. You can be passionate but you can be respectful. We can agree to disagree on things, but remember, at the end of the day, we are all doing what we feel is the right thing. So, I urge you all to choose your words wisely as I oftentimes told my students and tell my children. Make sure that we, at the end of the day, can look each other in the face and still go on and do what we want to do. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Sosnowski: "I think a comment that Representative Wallace made may have indicated something that I may have done in debate yesterday and I want to, just on the floor, apologize to Representative Harper. My intent was not to be rude or cut off the debate, but as was mentioned, we do have a limited amount of time to speak and we were on a clock. I asked a question and I apologize if that was taken as rude or that I was cutting you off. I did not feel that my question was answered and I did have limited time. So, I did want to continue talking. So, I just want to apologize in front of this Body. I'll also walk over and personally apologize to you, but if there was any construed intent that I was trying to be rude or cut you off, I did not want to do that. I was only trying to state my point so that we could continue on with debate. So, I do apologize."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andrade."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Andrade: "Thank you. I've been here for just a couple of years, three years, and some people know me and.. and my thing is I'm very observant and I've seen from both sides, and I just want to clarify Mr. Andersson, we, all of us respect you and respect many Members but I just want to say that even I stood.. when leadership is.. I believe in seniority. I believe in leadership, I believe in respect for our senior Members. And that's correct. I don't see it even from both sides sometimes."

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And I just... I just want to say that, you know, I've gone over and apologized for our Members. I've seen... I've seen some of our Members be mistreated by some of our own Members and other... both sides. And so, I just... I just want to say, sometimes if some... if we see something going on that we might not know why they're doing that because there's actually another situation that caused that situation. So, I just want to say that we really need to treat, on both sides, with respect and our own Members because we all... we all deserve it. So, I just want to say thank you very much and I hope we can go ahead and everyone treat each other with respect. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I think the debate this morning has been good. I think that all of us as I started the debate on my remarks on House Bill 40, that respect is the most important thing in this chamber. And for all of us, on both sides of the aisle as everybody has said this morning, I hope that we can move forward because on both sides of the aisle I think there have been hurt feelings this week. And others maybe don't even recognize when that concern happens on both sides. So, having served here 18 years, I appreciate all the friendships that I have on your side of the aisle and respect everyone's opinion. Even though we don't agree, as everybody has said, the respect is the most important thing and going forward to look at the most important issues addressing both sides of our aisles is what we're all here to do. And moving forward today, I think this discussion has been good and we look forward to working with

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you on every issue that's coming forward before we end in June. Thank you and I appreciate the debate that we have had today but recognizing what Representative Andrade said also, both sides of the aisle, all of our concerns are important. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead, Sir."

Batinick: "You know, it's kind of coincidental, I guess. During this debate I got a Facebook message of a special needs student and from her mother. And it said, this is Joanna. She deserves more. If I could, just a little bit attention. It's important... it's important for us to respect each other but this entire Body, this entire building, has disrespected the State of Illinois by not passing a budget. And as we go into this break, I know we talked about a lot of important Bills. I'm hoping that we can reach out in those relationships to each other, put some ideas together, take some stances and give some respect back to the people of Illinois 'cause, God bless it, they deserve it. And we have... and we, on both sides of the aisle and the entire building, has not... have not done that. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes Mr. Brady. Can we please have order in the chamber?"

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you would stand with me. And let's let this Body come back together. Let us stand together as this Body does in times of tragedy, in times of loss, no matter what district you represent, we stand and we stand united when we lose someone

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who's paid the ultimate sacrifice. And in my case and in my district, please join me in honoring for a moment of silence 22-year-old Army Ranger, and Bloomington native, Josh Rodgers, who was killed in com... in a combat mission Wednesday evening in a fight with ISIS in a strong-hold ISIS area in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan. Josh, a 2013 graduate of Normal Community High School is survived by his loving family. And was a young man who was described as a hero, patriot, who stood on principle to serve his country and protect the freedom so many of us take for granted. He's paid the ultimate sacrifice and the Bloomington-Normal community and the State of Illinois and a grateful nation expresses our gratitude for a job well done. Our deepest sympathy to his family who has given so much, and now has lost so much. Duty, honor, country. Josh lived and served by those words. May his soul, and all the warriors that have preceded him in Josh's death, and their souls to the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen. And now, if you'd join me in a moment of silence as this Body comes together in a time of tragedy and loss."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Brady. Members may be seated. Members, we had our points of personal privilege. We had our say and now, we've got a lot of Bills on the Calendar and what I would suggest is that we respect the clock. You be in your chairs and be ready to call your Bills because we're not coming back to them today. So, please be in your chairs. But before we do that, Representative Hurley."

Hurley: "Just one more point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Make your point."

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Hurley: "My... it was my intention to vote 'yes' on Senate Joint Resolution 28."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention. House Joint Resolution 40, Mr. Beiser. Please proceed."

Beiser: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This designates the Centennial Bridge in Rock Island as the Master Sergeant Stanley Talbot Memorial Bridge. He was an Illinois State Trooper. And on June 23, 2001, while supervising a road safety checkpoint, he lost his life. I'd ask for its adoption."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Members, I'm only going to say this a couple of times. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. The Chair is not going to wait two minutes for each vote. House Bill 3780, Mr. Burke. Please read the Bill. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 540, Representative Kelly Burke. Out of the record. House Bill 3908, Representative Conroy. Please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please put this Bill back on the Order of Second Reading for an Amendment and read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3908, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment... Floor Amendment #1 was adopted previously. Floor Amendment 2, offered by Representative Conroy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Conroy."

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Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment... the Amendment #2 basically becomes the Bill. And it just fix... fixes a technical problem. What this does is... it eliminates pensions for all members of forest preserves. It eliminates part-time, elected, or appointed members of a governing body of forest preserves from future participation in IMRF and defines part-time as work that accumulates less than a thousand hours per week."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3908, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. I basically described the Bill in the Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thanks, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Once again, we're doing things piecemeal here. I'm going to vote for this Bill, but we should be doing this for every part-time elected official and instead we're just doing it for one body. No part-time elected official should receive a taxpayer funded pension, but I do support this. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? One more time. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are

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111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2907, Representative Bellock. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2907, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Bellock, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2907, the Amendment, removes the provision requiring the health professional to be physically present in the same room as the patient when the patient is receiving tele-psychiatry services. And the definition of tele-medicine is no longer in the original part of the Bill. That's the Amendment."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2907, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I want to thank all the people from both sides of the aisle that have gotten on this. I think tele-health is something that's extremely important and looking forward to the health in the State of Illinois especially in the rural areas where we don't have as many doctors and especially psychiatrists. So, what this Bill

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does is, again, what I said in the Amendment. It removes the provision requiring that the health professional be physically present in the same room as the patient when the patient is receiving tele-psychiatry services."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd like to thank Representative Bellock for bringing this Bill. And I would like to encourage everyone in the... in the Body to please support it. This is incredibly important for mental health access in our state."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. There are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Resolution 100, Mr. Crespo. Mr. Crespo. Out of the record. House Bill 3897, Representative Gabel. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3897, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Representative Gabel, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment was supported by the Department of Labor. It makes them neutral and it moves this trampoline into the Amusement Code."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. Excuse me. Mr. Andersson, did you wish to speak to the Amendment? The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3897, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "So, this Bill adds trampoline parks to the amusement park regulation. There have been quite a few of these trampoline parks set up. They're growing rapidly. In 2... 2011 there were 35 parks across the country. Today, there are 450. Injuries are surging and this is an issue of public safety."

Speaker Lang: "This Bill is on Standard Debate. Hopefully, we won't need that much time. Mr. Andersson is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "So, I want to understand who's opposing your Bill. It looks like the Department of Labor is neutral."

Gabel: "Correct."

Andersson: "Is that correct?"

Gabel: "Correct."

Andersson: "Do you have any opposition to the Bill?"

Gabel: "I... I don't."

Andersson: "And how are we going to... is DOL going to establish the rules for how this is going to be implemented?"

Gabel: "Yes."

Andersson: "Okay. And are you aware of any cost implications to the Bill?"

Gabel: "I asked the Department of Labor that question and they said it would probably cost the park about \$135 a year to be

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regulated. He didn't... he said there was no... he did not say there was a cost to the department itself."

Andersson: "DOL said there was not a cost to the department?"

Gabel: "Correct."

Andersson: "And 135 bucks to the amusement park?"

Gabel: "Correct."

Andersson: "Is that per year or?"

Gabel: "Per year."

Andersson: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Gabel: "You're welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ives: "I was just wondering if the Representative has ever visited a trampoline court of this type?"

Gabel: "I have not."

Ives: "So, I have. And I've brought my kids there and other kids there. And are you aware that they have to sign a requirement that on liability when they go to enter the court?"

Gabel: "That's fine."

Ives: "Okay. And so, have you ever been to, for example, a rock climbing place?"

Gabel: "I have not."

Ives: "Okay. So, at that place also parents have to sign a release of liability. So, my point is, I think that this is already self-regulated."

Gabel: "Well, it is..."

Ives: "Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. So, we already regulate these in many other ways. And in fact, the insurance agent... industry

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itself regulates them through premiums that they have to do for liability, through legal systems. There's all sorts of safety measures. In fact, there's spotters. On every single trampoline court that I went to there was a spotter. Somebody, a kid that they're paying good money, to make sure that everybody is safe. In fact, you can't go on those courts unless the spotter is on that court. If they don't have enough participants, they actually close courts so they can move spotters to where the most activity is. So, as far as I can tell, this industry is very much aware of the hazards that go on. They probably have a huge liability insurance payment and they are very proactive in monitoring safety. We... there's no need for the... for the General Assembly in the State of Illinois to get involved in mandating additional safety requirements and then, also, requiring an inspection which, 1, we don't know what that's going to cost. And we don't even know if we have the people to even enforce a law that we... that you guys probably intend to pass today. So, my point is that, if you've never been to one of these courts, I encourage you to visit one of these courts prior to running legislation on it because they are very much monitored for safety at all times. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Barbara Wheeler."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like... will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you. Representative, to the previous speaker's point, if you've never been to a trampoline park, what... what

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ma... we're so often vested in our Bills. What made you interested in carrying a Bill such as this?"

Gabel: "This Bill was brought to me by... by a constituent who's a physician who has seen many people who have been injured at trampoline park... on trampolines. And the prob... the issue isn't that this is... that they are amusement parks and they should simply be regulated under amusement park regulations. You know, the other piece with amusement parks is that that they also do background checks on employees. And that's a requirement in the... in the amusement park regulations. When I went to the Depar... the Department of Labor came to me and said we have been looking at this issue for a while and thank you for putting this Bill in. It just gives us a little more impetus to move legislation."

Wheeler, B.: "So, you had a conversation with a doctor because he had patients coming from the trampoline parks that had injuries. How will this... by regulating, what sort of regulations are going to keep the... the children safer?"

Gabel: "Well, the department will make those regulations 'cause we changed the Bill. We didn't put in those strict regulations. We simply moved it into the amusement park regulation part of the... of the law, but you know, I'm hoping that they do things like make sure that they have enough adult spotters per children... per child in these parks. Things like that."

Wheeler, B.: "So, it'll regulate the number of employees that they'll have in order to spot them? This is... this is what the doctor said was in direct..."

Gabel: "Yes. Yes."

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Wheeler, B.: "...indication of how the child hurt themselves. Okay."

Gabel: "That is... Yes. That's part of the understanding with trampolines is that you need a certain number of adults there to be able to do that."

Wheeler, B.: "So, it also says that it creates a trampoline court safety fund. Can you tell me where that money's coming from?"

Gabel: "That's not in the Amendment. No, it is. It comes from the registration fees from the facilities."

Wheeler, B.: "The registration fees into..."

Gabel: "From the facilities."

Wheeler, B.: "The new registration fee from the new regulations?"

Gabel: "Correct."

Wheeler, B.: "And the fee... and how much are those going to be?"

Gabel: "I asked the department. They said they thought a total of \$135 a year."

Wheeler, B.: "So, we're not over... not only regulating businesses further but we're creating a fee. And the fee is to go..."

Gabel: "The fee is with every... every amusement park pays a fee. A hundred and thirty-five dollars is not a..."

Wheeler, B.: "And this goes to the..."

Gabel: "...huge fee to be regulated."

Wheeler, B.: "Per trampoline? Or is it per business?"

Gabel: "Per business."

Wheeler, B.: "So, the fund is actually for purposes of regulating trampoline courts in Illinois. What's a trampoline court?"

Gabel: "A facility that houses several trampolines."

Wheeler, B.: "What?"

Gabel: "For children to jump on."

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Wheeler, B.: "So, if someone gets hurt... All right. To the Bill. I think it's obvious that the State of Illinois is overregulated and overburdened with fees and costs. So, I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Martwick."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Martwick: "Representative Gabel, so, there's much concern about overregulating trampoline courts, I guess. I guess we regulate too much in Illinois, but I have a question for you. Currently, can you tell me what kind of amusement rides we already are subject to safety inspection?"

Gabel: "Large scale amusement parks like Six Flags. Things that use bungee cords, ski lifts, inflatables, slides."

Martwick: "Inflatables, slides, pulled carts."

Gabel: "Jumping houses."

Martwick: "Jumping houses. Okay. So, we regulate all of those already and... and they're subject to safety inspections. Do you know... are you aware of a Bill that I passed four years ago that helped increase the number of safety inspectors that Illinois Department of Labor has? Are you familiar with that Bill? Can I tell you a little bit about it?"

Gabel: "Tell me."

Martwick: "And Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, especially those of you who are opposed to this, maybe you should think about listening to this as well. So, six years ago at a small indoor amusement park in my district, a three-year-old boy got on an indoor kiddie rollercoaster, stood up in the rollercoaster, fell out and was beheaded. He was beheaded. Did you hear that?"

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Are you listening? If you're worried about too much regulation, a three-year-old boy at an indoor amusement park fell out of a rollercoaster and was beheaded. Okay? So, the Department of Labor was called into question and said where are all of your inspectors that should be inspecting these amusement rides? And we found out, there were five in the whole state. Yes, our budget problems in Illinois had reduced the number of safety inspectors to five to inspect every amusement ride in the State of Illinois. So, in an initiative of the Department of Labor that was, get this, this was in conjunction with the amusement industry, we passed a Bill that was agreed to and went out on broad bipartisan support that created a fee structure specifically to increase the number of safety inspectors so that children that ride on amusement rides could.. we could be.. we could do a better job of assuring their safety. This Bill is taking one new craze, trampoline parks, where there is a history of injury and all it's doing is it's adding them to that Bill. This is a good idea. We should all be in support of this. If you don't like regulation, that's fine. But then turn to all the parents in your districts who have kids that get on rides and tell them that we're going to do away with all safety inspections 'cause that's deregulation, but leaving one person out of an Act or one type of amusement ride out of an Act makes no sense whatsoever. So, please remember that young three-year-old boy who died in my district when you think about voting this. Or if you want to think about forwarding, you know, like the Illinois Policy Institute cartoon that made fun of this issue.

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'Cause you know what, it wasn't funny when that kid died.
This is the right thing to do. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Skillicorn."

Skillicorn: "Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Skillicorn: "I'd like to thank the Representative from the 18th District for putting this forward. I sat in the committee and listened to this and there's some very valid points and some interesting testimony. And then after that hearing, I went and surveyed my local villages. And I talked to some trustees and leaders and one thing that they were very concerned about is they're liking these type of parks because they're offering economic opportunity. And these villages that I represent have very... quite a few vacant big box stores and shopping malls they're having trouble with. And they were just concerned that they have blighted buildings and then, there's tenants that want to come and rent them. So, I look at this as an economic development issue. I would prefer not to TIF these buildings; I would prefer not to use corporate welfare. I'd prefer to have more of... attractions like this to fill these buildings and offer economic opportunity to blighted areas that need them. So, I do rep... I do just ask for a 'no' vote. And I do want to thank the Sponsor for putting forth a good idea but something that I don't think is ready for prime time. Thanks."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer, we've already had three in opposition. Do you rise in opposition?"

Davidsmeyer: "Yes."

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Speaker Lang: "Then I'm going to have to go to Representative Gabel to close. Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, this Bill... as new amusement park rides develop and that... that will happen, they need to be included in the amusement park regulation. We are looking at... and especially things like trampoline parks. I mean, there have been... according to a study in the Journal of Pediatrics... in 2014 there were approximately 7 thousand E.R. visits due to trampoline park injuries. We are... we are asking that trampoline parks just be regulated as all other rides are in amusement parks. A hundred and thirty-five dollars a year is not an oppressive amount to pay to be regulated to operate a business in the State of Illinois. I think... I don't think that... And actually, the International Trampoline Parks called me the other day and we are going to be continuing to work on this in the Senate. They support this. They support regulation. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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 this question, there are 64 voting 'yes', 46 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2959, Representative Fine. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2959, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are in uncertain times when it comes to the future of health coverage in Illinois and around

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the country. According to the Kaiser Foundation, if the Affordable Care Act is overturned and preexisting conditions are no longer covered, 2 million, 38 thousand nonelderly adults in Illinois who have a preexisting health condition could be declined if they apply for a policy in the individual market. As a state, we knew... we need to do what we can to protect our residents. According to the polls, the two most appreciated parts of the Affordable Care Act include keeping your children on your policy until you're 26 and having coverage for preexisting conditions. Illinois is ahead of the curve... Illinois is ahead of the curve because in Illinois it is in our statute that we can keep our children on our policies until they are 26 years old. Now, we need to take the next step and ensure residents who have a preexisting condition can afford their health care. Prior to the Affordable Care Act, these preexisting conditions ranged from everything from arthritis to sleep apnea to cancer. Being on medication for autism, angina, or anemia could also eliminate you from coverage. This is ess... an essential Bill that will allow people in Illinois with a preexisting condition to get the health care coverage they need. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson. This Bill is on Short Debate."

Andersson: "I'm... I apologize, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "So, currently, the Affordable Care Act does provide for this... this coverage. Is that correct?"

Fine: "That is correct."

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Andersson: "So, your concern is if that gets repealed that at that point we would lose that coverage?"

Fine: "Correct. And so, I just feel like we should be ahead of the game instead of behind the game so we can protect the people in the State of Illinois instead of trying to play catch up."

Andersson: "I... I respect the point. I think it might be a little premature. I don't know that anything's moving in the Federal Government. It looked like it failed when they tried. I don't know if they're going to try again. I just... I think it's a little premature, but I certainly support the concept of protecting preexisting injuries. Thank you."

Fine: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "This Bill is on the short... Order of Short Debate. Representative Bellock, do you rise in opposition? Do you rise in opposition, Representative?"

Bellock: "Yes."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate it. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Bellock: "Representative, I applaud your efforts in this respect. I just think that with the Affordable Care Act really still on the table it sounds like in the Federal Government right now and talking... you know, we've had a lot of discussions with the medical field about the repeal and the replace Bill that I think... Oh. Can I move for Standard Debate?"

Speaker Lang: "You may. The Bill is now on the Order of Standard Debate."

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Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. My thought is at this time that we would hold off on this until we saw what the Federal Government does because that may be within the next two or three weeks. And if they're going to take care of this, which I cannot believe that they would take this out, then that would already be cared for and we wouldn't have to address that issue in our own Legislature. If not, later on I would address that issue, but I think that we will probably know within the next three weeks if the feds are going to come back with a repeal and replace then I would assume would have this in there. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Willis. Representative Batinick."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Batinick: "Thank you, Representative. Does this affect all plans or ERISA plans, non-ERISA plans?"

Fine: "This affects individual and group policies."

Batinick: "Okay. I want... I want to go to the Bill. I think this is an important... and I wish this Bill would have come through the Insurance Committee. This is an important concept for us to understand. Just like we... when we pass banking Bills, we are only affecting state chartered bank not federally chartered banks. The same thing works with insurance. When we pass these insurance regulations... I think we passed one earlier today... it's only affecting a small percentage of the plans. It's not affecting... figure out, you know, the big corporate plans. So, what happens is, is these sorts of Bills put a squeeze on individual policies and small business owners. This has... these sorts of things have a direct affect

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of driving people into large corporations and out of individual plans and small... and the type of plans that small business owners have. While these things are often well intended since you're affecting a small percentage of... of the economy, rates skyrocket for those people making those kinds of jobs and those kinds of businesses not... not possible to exist in Illinois. And I believe it's part of why our job climate is as negative as it is. So, understand... I just want everybody to understand that when we're passing these Bills, we're not passing them for everybody. We're passing them... we're passing these added regulations on individuals who have insurance plans... individual plans, and small business owners. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Lady yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Flowers: "Representative, are you codifying existing law?"

Fine: "I'm sorry. Could you repeat that?"

Flowers: "Are you codifying existing law in regards to discrimination regarding preexist... preexisting condition?"

Fine: "Correct."

Flowers: "So, that's all this Bill is doing?"

Fine: "All this Bill does is say if you buy... and I'm finding out it includes large group plans as well... a health care policy in Illinois and you have a preexisting condition, you cannot be discriminated."

Flowers: "Okay. And the Affordable Care Act says that as well?"

Fine: "It is currently in the Affordable Care Act right now. But the main topic of the conversation on the Act is taking away

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this protection for people. And so, I just feel it's important for the State of Illinois to be ahead of the game instead of trying to play catch up. Because..."

Flowers: "You're absolutely..."

Fine: "...if we're even a year behind, that could cost a lot of people a lot of issues."

Flowers: "Absolutely. And I rise in support of the Lady's Bill. She's trying to protect people's lives and livelihood. I would urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Fine to close. Representative Fine to close."

Fine: "Oh, I thought you said Representative Feigenholtz. I'm sorry. Again, this piece of legislation just puts in statute in the State of Illinois that if you have a preexisting condition, you will still be able to get insurance coverage in our state just like you can already keep your child on your plan until they are 26 years old. This will keep us ahead of the game and protect consumers in the State of Illinois. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 75 voting 'yes', 33 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. D'Amico is recognized."

D'Amico: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

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D'Amico: "Up here in the gallery on the left hand side up there I have Sauganash School from my district down. Let's give them a big round of applause. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the Illinois House chamber. Thank you for joining us today. House Bill 3649, Mr. Crespo. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3649, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 3649 creates the Debt Transparency Act. It seeks to provide a more accurate accounting of bills being held by state agencies. The reports under the Act would be shared with the public. The Bill's supported by the Better Government Association. There are no opponents. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Chapa LaVia: "Representative Crespo, what is the current backlog right now?"

Crespo: "The current backlog according to the most recent report is 13 billion 215 million out of which 7 billion, 722 million are sitting at the Comptroller's Office. We... we think there's like approximately 5.5 billion sitting in the agencies right now."

Chapa LaVia: "And it's interesting because what you said you think. How do we currently estimate the backlog?"

Crespo: "Usually, there's conversations going between the Comptroller's Office, COGFA, and CMS. In some cases, they

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find out through other reports. So, it's... I won't say it's a guessing game. There's some conversations, but it's not exactly accurate numbers. It's an estimate."

Chapa LaVia: "Okay. So, this piece of legislation would correct that?"

Crespo: "Absolutely."

Chapa LaVia: "So, it would make it streamline. Make sure we get the most accurate information. So, around the state when we say something, we know we have the facts behind us. I think this is a really good piece of legislation. Not only at the time that we're in right now, the dire straits, but going forward as a state, it makes us very competent. And I ask for an 'aye' vote to support this. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson for two minutes."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Thank you. Representative Crespo, so this... it looks like with the Amendment this Bill does three things. Current state liabilities have to be reported by the agency by fund source; 2) whether the liabilities are appropriated; and 3) an estimate of the interest penalties under the Prompt Payment Act. Is that correct?"

Crespo: "That's correct."

Andersson: "And so, we're going to have this done monthly by every agency?"

Crespo: "Correct."

Andersson: "Do we have any estimate on the amount of time that this is going to take for each agency to provide this

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information 'cause, as you point out, there's a whole lot of money there."

Crespo: "Well, I sure hope most of these agencies come before my Appropriations Committee. Those numbers are readily available so I know the intent is to create a sure point access to make it very easy for them to report the numbers so the numbers..."

Andersson: "I... I only have..."

Crespo: "...are available."

Andersson: "...I only have a minute, so I do apologize for kind of cutting you off there. But one of the points there was whether the liabilities are appropriated. So, presumably, they're accruing liabilities that have not been appropriated. So, I think it's not quite as easy as you propose. My concern here is that we are creating an administrative burden and I'm not sure how big it is. It might be easy, but it might be very difficult. We all know our computer systems in our agencies are different, outmoded. That's one of the things we'd like to try to improve, but we're not there yet. I respect what you're trying to do. It's a transparency Bill, but I am concerned about the fact that... I'm... I'm concerned that we're just going to be adding to the burden of already overburdened agencies. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Costello, we've already exhausted the number of speakers on this Bill. Thank you. Mr. Crespo to close."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. I'm just asking for an 'aye' vote. I think this is the right thing to do. Our liabilities have actually increased almost 100 percent in the last couple years. We sure hope we have a budget in place. I think having a budget in place would definitely improve the situation, but

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in the meantime, I think it's extremely important that we keep track and we know in real time how much money is owed by the state. So, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. One last time. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 70 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3488, Mr. Brady. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3488, a Bill for an Act concerning health. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Brady, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. The Bill... House Bill 3488 is referred to as the Disposition of Remains Act. The Amendment simply clarifies the medical and mortuary facilities involved and puts a five-year sunset on the Act itself."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Representative, you have another Bill, House Bill 3486, that deals with pre-need funerals. Does this Bill have anything to do with that Bill?"

Brady: "No, it does not."

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Andersson: "So, there is zero, no connection, between the two Bills?"

Brady: "That is correct."

Andersson: "This is an entirely different subject matter?"

Brady: "Yes."

Andersson: "Thank you."

Brady: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wallace."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Wallace: "I just wanted to say to Representative Brady, thank you for working so hard with the Human Services Committee on this particular Bill. I know that we had quite a few issues related to the aspect of donating bodies to science. Can you speak a little bit to how you were able to come to an agreed upon Bill with the committee?"

Brady: "I'm sorry, Representative, I caught part of that. I think you said..."

Wallace: "Well, I was thanking you for your hard work..."

Brady: "Oh, thank you."

Wallace: "...on this Bill to remove some of the concerns that the Human Services Committee had. And I was wondering if you could walk people through the things that you put in place to help remove the opposition that was initially stated during your time discussing the donation of the bodies to science, et cetera."

Brady: "Sure. Sure. What... what some of the concerns were was a time frame and the ability for whole body donation. And also some of the confusion that this is not donation through gift

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of hope or something along those lines. This is whole body donation. And this comes in situations that are very unfortunately where the individual either has no next of kin, cannot be identified, or the next of kin has no private funds available and simply has no means for assistance of any other means of final disposition. Through the Coroner's Association, the Medical Association who supports this legislation, they simply offer this as a means of final disposition. And then, also, if it's a state facility where the state has responsibility of that individual through a state mental hospital, through some other means of guardianship, this is something that shall be done after a period of time if no next of kin will claim the remains. And then, through a Amendment that was put on, would hold the remains, prepare the remains by means of embalming, and hold the remains for an additional 30 days as this whole process is tried to play out of finding a next of kin. It's something that is seen to be helpful from the standpoint of some of the things in particular Cook County sees. And so, we're looking forward to hopefully and see if this will be of service."

Wallace: "So, in total how many days will that body be saved.."

Speaker Lang: "Representative, please bring your remarks to a close."

Wallace: "How many days?"

Brady: "Initially 72 hours."

Wallace: "Okay."

Brady: "And then an additional 30 days. So, a whole month. A month and a few days after that before any of the process could occur."

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Wallace: "Thank you so much."

Brady: "And that's only if no family comes forward."

Wallace: "Thank you. I appreciate it."

Brady: "Thank you. Thank you for your comments."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi, we're still on the Amendment. Can you wait for Third Reading? Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3488, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brady, you've already explained the Bill, correct?"

Brady: "Correct."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Thapedi: "Leader Brady, could you explain where you actually came up with this idea to bring this piece of legislation forward?"

Brady: "Sure."

Thapedi: "'Cause obviously I'm a little bit... you know, it peaks my interest because you're talking about the remains of indigent persons and..."

Brady: "Correct."

Thapedi: "...I'm always concerned about historically what has happened to indigent people. While science is a wonderful thing, while medicine is a wonderful thing, while I encourage

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anatomical analysis, I want to make sure that bad things are not happening to indigent people."

Brady: "Absolutely. The Cadaver Act which has been on the books into statute for many, many, many, many years here in the State of Illinois is just woefully out of whack, if you will, in the way things are done and the way that means of final disposition can be carried out. So, it was through the anatomical gift, through the attorneys for our medical schools that have a Cadaver Act and operate under the Cadaver Act of the State of Illinois that sought to try and have changes. So, that's where the initial legislation idea came to me, Representative."

Thapedi: "So, is this still accurate? And again, my analysis may not be up to date, but I do see three different opponents to the piece of legislation including the Illinois Funeral Directors Association. Does that still remain intact? Is this an accurate list?"

Brady: "I... I was not aware in any committee hearings that the Illinois Funeral Directors was opposed to this legislation, 3488. The only one that I knew was opposed was a... I'm sorry... a for profit corporation that I did not ever have any contact with. So, being the fact that if that shows in your analysis, they've never spoken to me about the Bill. Standing here before you today, I was not aware of any opposition other than that one corporation. And the Coroners and Medical Examiners Office of the State of Illinois Association is in favor of..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi, are you finished? Mr. Brady to close briefly. We've already debated the Bill."

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Brady: "Okay. Thank you very much. I certainly ask for an 'aye' vote on House Bill 3488. And again, some of you have asked me and out of clarification, I do have another piece of legislation dealing with pre-need. This is not that Bill. This has nothing to do with that Bill and it won't have anything to do with the Bill. It's simply trying to enact means and bring our Cadaver Act into compliance and to bring it into the 21st century. Thank you very much. And I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Last try. Have all voted who wish? Conyears-Ervin, Crespo, Harris. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 89 voting 'yes', 15 voting 'no', 4 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Resolution 100, Mr. Crespo. Mr. Crespo. Out of the record. House Bill 2589, Mr. Jones. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2589, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Jones."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2589 is a Bill concerning juveniles in the Department of Correction. This Bill, as amended, provides the Department of Children and Family Service assign a caseworker to attend any hearings and after... well, juveniles in aftercare. There was a fiscal note filed on this Bill, but House Amendment #1 took care of the fiscal note concerns. And the Department of Children and

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Family Services is now neutral and in support of the Bill. I know of no opposition. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson for two minutes."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Thank you. I just want to verify. It looks like with the Amendment that DCFS's opposition has been removed?"

Jones: "Yes. Yes."

Andersson: "And are you aware of any opposition?"

Jones: "No. There's no opposition to the Bill."

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

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Batinick, Harris. Please take the record. There are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 470, Mr. Davidsmeyer. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 470, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 470 is an initiative of the Pittsfield High School FFA and their Ag in Government class. They actually came over and spoke during... during committee and they answered a few questions and even a question from the Majority Leader. So, this Bill just makes corn the State Grain. It was a great process, a great thing for them to see this Bill all the way through the process. I

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was hoping to have them here today, but they were able... unable to make it. Hopefully they'll get to see it come through the Senate. So, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Representative Davidsmeyer, I remember last Session a group of kids up there, very excited when a similar Bill came through and made corn the State Vegetable."

Davidsmeyer: "Sweet corn."

Andersson: "So can..."

Davidsmeyer: "And it's a grain not a vegetable."

Andersson: "So, is this repealing the vegetable Bill?"

Davidsmeyer: "This is... it does not remove that. If anyone would like to propose that Bill, they're more than welcome. This just makes corn the State Grain."

Andersson: "So, corn is now both the State Vegetable..."

Davidsmeyer: "Sweet corn. 'Cause people eat it as a vegetable, I think people think that it's a vegetable. It's actually a grain."

Andersson: "Thank you."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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 this question, there are 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2390, Representative Kifowit. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2390, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is a Bill that pertains to hate crimes. In essence, what it does is it includes an educational component with regards to an individual who commits a hate crime. And it also talks about civil action."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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 this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3444, Representative Lilly. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3444, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Lilly. Out of the record. House Bill 2630, Representative Mah. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2630, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mah."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. This Bill is simply a renewal... routine renewal of the Acupuncture Practice Act. Acupuncturists have been able to receive their license in Illinois for the last 20 years. This is simply a way to ensure that they will continue to do so. It includes some updates and modernizations with respect to

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the practice in... in modern health care. And I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. McAuliffe, do you rise in opposition?"

McAuliffe: "I don't think so, but I need to ask the Sponsor a question."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

McAuliffe: "Representative, in committee you agreed to hold this on Second following a trailer Bill. That trailer Bill was passed out, House Bill 1276, out of committee today, correct?"

Mah: "That is correct."

McAuliffe: "If this Bill passes and can you let the Senate Sponsor know not to push this Bill forward unless the trailer Bill that is still, I believe, on Second Reading comes... comes past the House?"

Mah: "Yes. We are in discussions with stakeholders with regard to the trailer Bill which has to do with the... the expansion of the scope of practice for physical therapists to include dry needling. And we are in discussions to ensure that the Bills that are passed are satisfactory to everyone with regard to the specifics in terms of the educational requirements in training for physical therapists in... with dry needling."

McAuliffe: "Okay. I'm not sure if there's going to be a deadline extension. Could you even go further and write asking the Clerk of the House if they can extend the deadline on House Bill 127... 1276?"

Mah: "Yes. Every effort will be made to do that."

McAuliffe: "Okay. Under those conditions then, I support the Bill. Thank you."

Mah: "Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Hammond, do you rise in opposition?"

Hammond: "Mr. Speaker, I rise with a question of the Sponsor, please."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed. The Sponsor yields."

Hammond: "Thank you very much. Representative Mah, is it my understanding that with your Amendment that becomes the Bill that we are currently going to be voting on, there's no opposition to your Bill?"

Mah: "That is correct."

Hammond: "Thank you very much for your work."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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 this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2756, Mr. Fortner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2756, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Fortner, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. Floor Amendment 1 represents agreed language between the Department of Natural Resources, the Realtors, the Soil and Water Districts and the Drainage Districts. And I move for its adoption."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2756, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 2756 acts upon a report that was requested by this Body of the Department of Natural Resources. And they found that there would be benefit from having stormwater management available to counties throughout the state. Right now, we have a limited number of counties that's available. As amended, it identifies 11 additional urbanized counties that would be available for this; plus, extends to the other counties the ability to do it by referendum. There will be additional tweaks. There's some language that came to us after the filing deadline for the Bill and that will be addressed in the Senate. I'd be happy to answer questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Costello."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Costello: "Can you tell me, is the Illinois Farm Bureau still opposed to the Bill?"

Fortner: "Yes. They were in committee today and I've spoken to the Farm Bureau. They are opposed to the Bill in its current form but agreed that it should continue moving and we'll address their language in the Senate."

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Costello: "So, there's a commitment to address their concerns in the Senate?"

Fortner: "There is and the Senator who will have the Bill has made that commitment as well."

Costello: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mitchell, Zalewski, Olsen. Please take the record. There are 100 voting 'yes', 11 voting 'no. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1125, Representative Manley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1125, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Manley."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1125, this Bill simply extends the sunset date from April 30, 2017 to May 31, 2017. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Wheeler."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Wheeler, K.: "Representative, we talked about this a little earlier today. This is a one-month extension to the current EDGE system we have in place now. Is the intention going forward we'll be able to continue working together to try and find a solution... a long-term solution to replace EDGE?"

Manley: "That is the intention."

Wheeler, K.: "With that, I urge an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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 this question, there are 107 voting 'yes', 3 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2572, Representative Jimenez. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2572, a Bill for an Act concerning land. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Jimenez."

Jimenez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Military Affairs needs authorization from the General Assembly in order to transfer real property to another public body. And the department nee... requires this legislative approval. The Armory in Delavan is no longer necessary as the Federal Government moved that unit out in August. And the legislation would allow the department to transfer the property, if the city would like to take it. And I'd appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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 this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2028, Representative McCombie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2028, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by

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Representative McCombie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. I'm requesting the Amendment be adopted for HB2028."

Speaker Lang: "Brief explanation, please."

McCombie: "This amends the expiration date from January 31 to March 31 for 13 different licenses and permits. It's a DNR initiative."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2028, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative McCombie, did you just explain the Bill to us?"

McCombie: "I did."

Speaker Lang: "Those in... Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "So, I understand that this is your first Bill. Is that correct? And just a moment ago, I asked you if it was and you tried to get past me, didn't you? You said no."

McCombie: "Well, I... I was just... I've been duped being here so I thought I would dupe you as well."

Andersson: "Well, nice try but you failed. So, tell me a little bit about your Bill."

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McCombie: "It's a DNR initiative. It's a... the purpose is to streamline processes and in turn increase efficiencies and hopefully save the State of Illinois some money."

Andersson: "We're going to save money?"

McCombie: "I'm hoping so, yes."

Andersson: "All right. Let's vote for this Bill."

McCombie: "Thank you."

Andersson: "Congratulations."

McCombie: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Not so fast. Mr. Wehrli is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields briefly."

Wehrli: "So, Representative, could you please tell me how one gets a Mussel dealer permit in the State of Illinois?"

McCombie: "How... say... pardon?"

Wehrli: "Could you explain to me how one gets a mussel dealer permit in the State of Illinois?"

McCombie: "Well, you would go online and you would apply for that through the DNR website."

Wehrli: "Would that be the same for a taxidermist or an aquaculture permit?"

McCombie: "Yes, Sir."

Wehrli: "Thank you."

McCombie: "You're welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Do you wish to close, Representative, on your first Bill?"

McCombie: "I please urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "That was good. Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Coneyears-Ervin, Cavaletto. Mr. Clerk... What's all the excitement? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Congratulations, Representative. Representative Ives is recognized."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to request that I be recorded as a 'no' vote on HB1125."

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

Ives: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "...your intention. Mr. Morrison is recognized."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for the same point. I wish to be recorded as a 'no' on 1125."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect that intention. Mr. Olsen is recognized."

Olsen: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish the record to reflect that I intended to vote 'no' on 2756."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. The record will so reflect. Mr. Sauer. Mr. Sauer does not wish to speak. Mr. Long."

Long: "Thank you, Speaker. I appreciate it. And I'd like to make it known... notable that I'm changing my vote on House Bill 2756 to 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Record will reflect your intention. House Bill 3712, Representative Mayfield. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3712, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3712, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Yes. This Bill simply provides that DOC provide tablets with content-control information to inmates as either a privilege or as part of a reward program. I do notice that on our side of the aisle that the Department of Corrections is listed as an opponent. That is incorrect. They are actually neutral. I'll give you time if you want to text them, but they are actually neutral. And there are no... there's no opposition to this Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Standard Debate."

Speaker Lang: "That will be granted. Please proceed."

Andersson: "Thank you. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Andersson: "So, Representative, we... we are gr... we are giving video and tablet equipment. We're giving tablets to inmates. Is that what I'm to understand?"

Mayfield: "As part of a privilege or a reward program through DOC and they are fine with that. Other states have done this. This is not anything that is new. This has been done nationwide through several counties. Some of them very conservative counties throughout the nation and it has served as a really good program. And it is content controlled."

Andersson: "It's content controlled."

Mayfield: "Correct."

Andersson: "Is it given out to each individual?"

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Mayfield: "No. It is, as I said, IDOC's discretion who gets these.
So, it's not every inmate that receives them."

Andersson: "Right. I..."

Mayfield: "DOC decides who would receive them."

Andersson: "Right. I understand that, but once they do it's not like a library where they go check them out. It's, you know, if an inmate qualifies, they are given one and allowed to use it with content control?"

Mayfield: "That also is at DOC's discretion. They could be in the... in a secured room. Or they, depending on the level of security at that particular facility, you know, they may want to do that as opposed to just giving them to that individual to take back to their cell. But again, that's at DOC's discretion."

Andersson: "And what is the estimate cost to the state for doing this?"

Mayfield: "There is no cost to the state."

Andersson: "How?"

Mayfield: "That's what the fiscal note... there was a fiscal note that was filed and there is no cost to the state. Probably because the tablets cost a lot less than the computers that are housed in the libraries."

Andersson: "But... but we have to buy them, right?"

Mayfield: "Pardon?"

Andersson: "We have to buy them. They have to cost money."

Mayfield: "Well, but we're not mandating when they buy them. So, when they do their... computers have a shelf life of about five years. So, at that time, if DOC chooses to purchase the

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tablets, they can do so at that time. But we're not saying that they have to buy them today."

Andersson: "Is this a mandate in the sense that we are requiring this program? Are you saying DOC is just now authorized to do it if they wish to do it?"

Mayfield: "Well, no. We are asking them to do it and they are fine with that. They like the idea."

Andersson: "Well, I think my... my report indicates that DOC is neutral. I don't... I don't see fine."

Mayfield: "Right. They're neutral but, you know, here. Let me look. Hold on. 'Cause I do have my text message from DOC here. I'll be happy to read it and share it with everyone here. And it basically... it says, Representative Mayfield, IDOC's position on House Bill 3712 tablets is neutral. Sorry for any confusion in the analysis. And it is signed by Jon Gaeta, legislative liaison for IDOC. So..."

Andersson: "So, they're neutral."

Mayfield: "Yes. They're neutral."

Andersson: "Not fine, neutral."

Mayfield: "So, meaning that they really don't have an issue. They... they're not actively opposed."

Andersson: "Okay. Thank you for that. I honestly don't know how this can't be interpreted as an expense and I'm a little concerned that... that we're spending money and we don't even know how much it is. Thank you though for the answers to the questions."

Mayfield: "You're welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bryant."

Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question of the Sponsor."

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Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Bryant: "Representative Mayfield, this does not require the department to give tablets. Is that correct?"

Mayfield: "It does as part of a reward program, but it doesn't say when they do it or how they do it. We want to be certain that we did not add that language. It just asks that they provide this as part of a... their incentive program. So, they were okay with that."

Bryant: "But it does require them to give them 'cause I... 'cause I thought..."

Mayfield: "Right. But it doesn't require that they buy a certain number or that they give... require that they give them to a certain number of inmates. It does not require that."

Bryant: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield to close."

Mayfield: "This right here is a good program. It has been done nationwide in several counties throughout the United States. It has proved a very successful program as far as providing incentives for good behavior to inmates to help them on their road to rehabilitation and to becoming productive citizens. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Hurley. Please take the record. There are 60 voting 'yes', 49 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2388, Representative Moeller. Representative Moeller. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2388, a Bill for an Act to provide information on individuals with respect to whom an indicated report of child abuse or any other violations has been made and who are licensed providers through the Department of Children and Family Services. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2388 is a... the product of a collaborative effort with the Department of Children and Family Services to provide information to families who are seeking child care services to provide information on whether a licensed child day care provider has been... has had their license revoked in the past or have... has been the subject of investigation for child abuse and neglect. Essentially, what the Bill does is it requires the department to provide on their current database that's accessible to the public information on whether a licensed provider or a former licensed provider has ever had a license revoked, suspended or surrendered under investigation of child abuse and neglect. This measure will give families the ability while they're doing research on child day care providers the assurance in knowing that they're... they're not hiring or using services of a provider who may have been investigated or had a license revoked. There is no opposition to this Bill. I thank the department for their efforts in crafting the legislation. And I'm open to questions."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Lilly,

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Stewart, Batinick. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Demmer is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. We shall do that. House Bill 539, Representative Stuart. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 539, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 539, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "This... this Bill will allow money saving measures. It will allow... sorry... county boards to appoint only three judges instead of five for an emergency referendum in odd-year regular Election or a special Primary or special Election. It... this will not apply to the two counties and seven cities that have board of election commissioners. I just think this is a smart, cost saving measure. And I would appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

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Andersson: "So, our analysis shows that it's for Primary Elections, but I think what you just said it felt more limited than that. Can you repeat?"

Stuart: "This is for Primary Elections. I stated some of the times when it's already allowed."

Andersson: "Oh, I see."

Stuart: "This would extend it. I'm sorry. I was a little unclear."

Andersson: "That's okay. And so, we're reducing from five to three for... for Primary Elections."

Stuart: "For Primary Elections, yes."

Andersson: "Okay. Do you know what the judges make or what... I understand there's a cost savings. I'm just wondering is it hundreds of dollars or?"

Stuart: "That depends on the county. But I know that there... there's a lot of work and time involved just getting those election judges and finding them to put in that time."

Andersson: "And I understand there may even be difficulty at times getting election judges?"

Stuart: "Often difficulty, yes."

Andersson: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Stuart: "Yes. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. There are 99 voting 'yes', 11 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 140, Representative Williams. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 140, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill simply creates a single filing portal pilot program so that Illinois charities that wish to register with the state and also with... register with other states can use one single electronic filing system. Illinois is seeking to be part of a pilot program of 13 states and if all goes well, hopefully, this will streamline the filing for charities throughout the country."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Lilly. Please take the record. There are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3773, Representative Willis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3773, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 3 and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment 3 is offered by Representative Willis."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Willis."

Willis: "I recommend Floor Amendment #3 be adopted. And I'll discuss it on debate later, please."

Speaker Lang: "Without objection, those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Willis and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Same request?"

Willis: "Yes."

Speaker Lang: "Without objection, those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3773, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Willis."

Willis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is the Smoke Alarm or Detector Act. What it does is it updates some of the things that we've been doing. And it is a agreed upon Bill after much work by Members of the Fire Caucus. To give you some background, since 1988 all Illinois dwellings have been required to have smoke alarms or smoke detectors in them. Technology since then has changed and unfortunately, what we find is, in some of the older buildings smoke alarms are being disabled because of that annoying battery that beeps and gets in there. And people are taking the batteries out for other things. We have found that, unfortunately, Illinois ranks second in the most numbers of residential fires. Certainly in 2017. We had 42 deaths since January on smoke... fires in residential residence. This Bill will hopefully cut down those deaths by putting in a much more efficient smoke alarm into homes. We're asking for a smoke alarm that is a self-contained battery smoke alarm. We have gone and taken into

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account many, many concerns that people have. One of the things is that we have put in a five-year phase in period. We have also taken in... And we have made the fine permissive. If you are fined for not having the correct thing in your home and you can prove that you have updated it, the fine is taken away. One thing that I actually learned through all of this is that the standard old-fashioned smoke alarm actually only has a 10-year life span on it. So, this is going to actually, in the long run, save people money because these new alarms cost between 17 and 20 dollars and they do last for 10 years anyway. I urge an 'aye' vote. And I'm willing to take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "Hello. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize. At the beginning of the debate, I heard Floor Amendment 3 get adopted. Did Floor Amendment 4 also get adopted?"

Speaker Lang: "Yes, Sir."

Andersson: "Thank you. I apologize. I did not hear. I have no questions of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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. There are 102 voting 'yes', 7 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 649, Mr. Turner. Please read the Bill. Please put the Bill on the Order of Second Reading at the request of Sponsor, Mr. Clerk. And please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 649, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Turner, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Turner."

Turner: "Floor Amendment 2 is a technical... technical Amendment that just creates some... corrects some language in the Bill."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 649, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Body. House Bill 649 is an initiative of the Cook County Sheriff's Office with the goal of reducing prison population and expediting the process by which individuals receive mental health treatment. The Amendment represents an agreement with DHS and there are no known opponents at this time. House Bill 649 amended creates a formal process for the sheriff of a designated correctional facility and the Department of Human Services to handle the custody of defendants found either unfit to stand trial or found not guilty by reason of insanity. 649 provides that when the court orders an individual placed in the custody of DHS, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall send DHS the information necessary to evaluate the defendant within 5

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days. DHS shall evaluate the defendant within 20 days to determine which secure fil... facility to transfer the defendant to and notify the sheriff of the designated facility. Upon receiving that notice, the sheriff shall promptly transport the individual to that facility and must contact a specific, designated person within DHS. If DHS fails to notify the sheriff within 7 days, the sheriff shall notify DHS that the individual will be transported to the nearest, secure mental health facility. And within 2 business days of the sheriff notifying DHS that the individual is being moved to the nearest facility, DHS notifies the sheriff that the individual should go to another facility, the sheriff shall transport the defendant to that facility. Again, this is an agreed language from DHS and I appreciate the support with them helping me work through this Bill. And I'd ask for an 'aye' vote from our Members. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Hernandez. Please take the record. There are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3794, Mr. Turner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3794, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner."

Turner: "Mr. Speaker, can we take this Bill out of the record? Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 3464, Mr. Meier. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3464, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3464, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Meier."

Meier: "Yes. This Bill simply amends the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act by adding that the Department of Corrections employees' time as an employee there could also count towards the necessary training time."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Ammons, Davis, Stuart. Please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3419, Mr. Andrade. Mr. Andrade. Out of the record. Oh, Mr. Andrade was on the Republican side. Careful, Sir. Be very careful. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Gentleman moves that the Bill go back to Second Reading for an Amendment. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill on the Order of Second Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3419, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. This Bill was read a second time a previous day. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Andrade, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andrade."

Andrade: "Thank you. There is Floor Amendment 1. I move for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3419, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andrade."

Andrade: "Thank you, Speaker, Members and Gentlemen. Floor Amendment 1 has removed a lot of the opposition, but House Bill 3419 prohibits the state from doing business with or investing in expatriated entities that incorporate in foreign countries in an effort to avoid paying state and federal corporate income taxes and requires the Illinois Investment Policy Board to identify expatriate entities so that retirement systems can engage in shareholder activism and divest from expatriated entities if shareholder activism is unsuccessful. I know people are reading their analysis, so I just want to go through the... the CMS has moved to neutral. IRMA has moved to proponent; IMIA has also moved to proponent. And one of the things that this Bill does is also give the opportunity that, instead of direct and immediate divestment, there is a period of over a year that the pension board can work with the company and... and hopefully they can change their

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ways in order for the... so the pension board does not need to divest. I respectfully request an 'aye' vote. If... I'm sure there's going to be some questions and to move along, we'll just proceed with the questions, if..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "So, this deals with those corporate inversions I think that have become popular over the last few years?"

Andrade: "Yes. What this does, exactly what the Federal Government does with the Department of General Services, Department of Defense. And that is correct."

Andersson: "And so, I'm not very conversant to be perfectly honest with corporate inversions. Is that costing the state tax dollars by that inversion?"

Andrade: "It is. It is costing tax dollars. It's cost the Federal... the Federal Government and the State of Illinois because they're avoiding to... to pay our taxes in the state."

Andersson: "Okay. I understand the logic of it. I do... I do want to just point out a few companies that we're going to be prohibited from investing in. These are... although with the inversion, I guess they're not, but these are listed as Illinois corporations: Horizon Pharma, AON, Accenture, and Chicago Bridge and Iron Company. So, I get it, but at the same time we are eliminating some of our own companies even though they've done this. I'm not urging a 'no' vote. I'm just... I want Members to be aware of the circumstances."

Andrade: "And that's why we've given the shareholder activism a period of over a year to work with these companies so it's

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not a direct divestment. You know, in the procurement part we did exclude pharma... some of the pharmaceutical companies and the medical equipment."

Andersson: "Okay. And is there any opposition to the Bill?"

Andrade: "The only person that... entity that is still against the Bill is the Illinois Chamber. And the only reason that they stated they're against it is because, unfortunately, the Tax Code allows people to legally evade taxes, but that doesn't mean that it's moral correctly to purposely evade taxes."

Andersson: "Thank you for the answers to the questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I may, a question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, there's been some confusion about this Bill. And let's see if we can't clarify it a little bit so that the folks on the House Floor get a good understanding of what it is. First of all, when we talk about an expatriated entity, that's a... that's a definition, if you look at the Bill, that is pulled from the U.S... United States Code. Is that correct? We are referencing the United States Code as they define a foreign, inverted company, correct?"

Andrade: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "Okay. So, we are not doing anything that, in terms of definition on a company, that isn't already done at the federal level?"

Andrade: "No. We are using the exact..."

Harris, D.: "Right."

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Andrade: "...definition of Homeland Security that the Federal Government uses."

Harris, D.: "Right. And you talked about the shareholder activism on the part of the pension company. What you're saying is that the pensions... pension systems would have to divest themselves of a company that does this. However... however, there's a period of time where they could engage in shareholder activism to get the company to make a change before they have to divest. Is that correct?"

Andrade: "That is correct. A year."

Harris, D.: "Okay. And the... the... as I understand the... while the Chamber still has reservations about this, it's my understanding that the... the Manufacturer's Association is okay with this now. Is that correct?"

Andrade: "Yes. They actually filed a proponent."

Harris, D.: "Okay."

Andrade: "And IRMA."

Harris, D.: "Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, just very briefly, if I may, to the Bill. When this Bill started out, with all respect to the speaker, it was a terrible Bill, okay? They have made substantial changes by this Amendment. What we are doing here or what this Bill does here comports to what is happening at the federal level and what the Department of Homeland Security defines as, what we would call, an expatriated company or a company which has engaged in an inversion. So, we're... we're not doing anything that is more extensive than what's being done at the federal level. I realize there may be some... some reservations about the Bill still, but I'm comfortable in urging and recommending a 'yes' vote and hope you would vote..."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Meier, Unes. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 79 voting 'yes', 28 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Feigenholtz is recognized."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the record reflect that Representatives D'Amico, Arroyo, and Kelly Burke will be excused for the rest of the day?"

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Mr. Demmer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. House Bill 3909, Representative Conroy. Out of the record. House Bill 2762, Mr. Davis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2762, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Davis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much. Floor Amendment #2 is just some clarifying language that was given to us by the Hospital Association that allows flexibility that when someone presents that the facility that they present is not immediately required to not admit them if necessary but allows them the flexibility to find the appropriate place for them to be taken care of, if one exists."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2762, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis, did you already explain the Bill, Sir?"

Davis, W.: "Well, just a very brief explanation. So, what this Bill essentially does, it prohibits hospitals from enacting what appeared to be do not admit lists that they are... that are kept to sometimes suggest that if a... if a individual has presented themselves numerous times at a hospital or they may be difficult patients, hospitals unfortunately maintain lists that they will not admit an individual. So, this is essentially designed to prohibit those lists from being enacted. But again, allows flexibility that if someone presents at a hospital that there is an opportunity for that doctor to find the appropriate place for them to be cared for, if neces... if one becomes available."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hays."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Hays: "Representative, would... would the list that you're describing here, would that be something kind of separate... not to put words in your mouth, but it sounds to me like the list that you're describing would be, for lack of a better term, kind of frequent flyers or folks who present maybe many, many, many times during the year. Would this be different

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than a list that sometimes the security folks at a hospital would keep of people who would perhaps not be admitted to the building because of... they're bad actors, so to speak and for the safety of patients and employees? Does that... am I making sense with the distinction? I want to make sure that I'm clear on the nature of the list that you're describing, I guess."

Davis, W.: "Well, I don't... I think the list may be a variety of things. So, it may include, for lack of a better way of putting it, the frequent flyers as you indicate or the folks that present frequently, which probably speaks to a bigger issue that exists relative to how individuals access health care, where they try to access it through an emergency room versus having a primary care physician. But there are also some circumstances in which individuals may present at a... what I would characterize as a smaller hospital with very extraordinary circumstances. And I think generally, a hospital may not want to admit that individual because they feel like they can't care for them. So, I think the Amendment is trying to deal with that situation, saying that you're not necessarily forced to admit them but you must work actively to try to find a better location. But if you're not able to and that individual does need care, you have to admit them."

Hays: "Okay. And so, would it be fair to say then the list that you're describing would be individuals that are... that are seeking medical care and this... and that would be totally separate from..."

Speaker Lang: "Please bring your remarks to a close, Sir."

Hays: "...totally separate from individuals who perhaps have been problematic in terms of maybe they've brought a weapon into

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the hospital or maybe done other things that would cause the safety of other patients and staff to be in question."

Davis, W.: "I don't... I don't think that we're trying to take that flexibility..."

Hays: "Okay."

Davis, W.: "...away from a facility but just recognize that there is care needed, that they should be working aggressively to either admit that individual to that facility or find the appropriate place for them to go."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis to close."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Halbrook. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting 'yes', 4 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Turner in the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "House Bill 2953, Representative Evans. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2953, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. House Bill 2953 amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act, amends the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Act, and Local Mass Transit Act District. Basically, what this Bill does is it aligns the small purchase

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threshold for RTA, CTA, and local mass transit districts with the Federal Government. Number, the current threshold amount is 40 thousand. It would increase this amount to 150 thousand. I request your support."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Ives."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Ives: "Representative Evans, this came through the Mass Transit Committee and we had a lot of testimony on this. So, just for the record, could you tell me simply because we're raising their borrow... their bidding limit, it doesn't mean that the projects that they're talking about buying aren't bid. Is that correct? They still have to have a bid process."

Evans: "Without question. This does not evade in any way the bidding process. It's just expediting the bidding process for these small purchases. We've all... many of you all have been in local government or your own businesses and buying ink or used things that you have to do over and over again, you can avoid the RFP process for the smaller purchase. We chose the amount to mirror the Federal Government amount because the majority of these transportation dollars are federal dollars anyway."

Ives: "That's right. So, the federal limit says that for these types of organizations that they have to, for public transportation, they have \$150 thousand bid and anything over that bid, they still have to go through a formal bidding process to receive that. So, they still have to get quotes for items and I believe the testimony in committee was that they have to have quotes for things like train brake pads,

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signal parts, maintenance equipment and parts. So, it's very specific and it's high dollar value items for transportation. Is that correct?"

Evans: "Yes, without question, yes."

Ives: "And then, the other thing that came out in testimony and if you could verify that this is also what you heard, is that when they do go out and get quotes, they have... they've already certi... they've had to have certified folks get these quotes and in fact, what they do is, they circulate among those who are... who they're getting quotes from for the next iteration so that not... you're not always going to the top three people. They're actually circulating around their quote list or their bid list. Is that correct?"

Evans: "Yes, without question. There's a standard process. The process helps minority businesses; the process helps expedite the process for these agencies. All this Bill is doing is increasing that amount because costs are going up and we want to keep the flexibility for our agencies."

Ives: "Right. So, this basically helps the RTA and the CTA save money because now, when they go out to bid, they don't have to look at two different things, the state requirement for bidding at 40 thousand or federal one at 150 thousand. Regardless, they're still getting quotes on all this... all this equipment and in the end, the board is still approving the purchasing of all this... these items that are specific to transit. Is that correct?"

Evans: "Without question. No oversight is avoided. It's just increasing the threshold."

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Ives: "Okay. So, just to the Bill. This makes a lot of people nervous, I guess. But I think I want to just tell the Body here that they are still having to get quotes; they're still having to go out and get a variety of them. They have a list of bidders that they circulate from to make sure that the same people are not getting the ability to... for purchasing the contracts and that all this has to be through board approval. Essentially, we're saving them a lot of time and effort by aligning the federal requirement with the state requirement. I would support a 'yes' vote here."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Evans to close."

Evans: "Thank you for your support."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2953 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 74 voting 'yes', 31 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2953, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Demmer is recognized."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representative Morrison for the day."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. House Bill 159, Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 159, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Representative DeLuca, had been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative DeLuca."

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DeLuca: "I move to adopt Amendment #1. I can explain it on Third."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 159. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please read this Bill for a third time."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 159, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. House Bill 159 is titled Keystone Properties. And this is an incentive that is created for the benefit of a company that's looking to locate in the Village of Park Forest. They've identified a location in Park Forest after looking at other states. That this property within Park Forest works for them; however, it would require an incentive to make it financially feasible for them to make this investment of which will be \$8 million to renovate the property and get the business up and running. It'll create 40 jobs initially with the potential of going up to 100 as they move along. And what the legislation allows for is, it's a 12-year incentive package for qualifying properties. The property must be greater than 100 thousand square feet, greater than 5 acres in size, the structure must have been built greater than 30 years ago, the property must be vacant for no less than 5 years, and the property must not be located in a TIF in... a TIF district. And I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the Sponsor has really done an outstanding job of crafting a piece of legislation which is very narrowly defined to the piece of property in... in Park Forest. It is a unique piece of property that the... the developer, the business has already come in and said we're going to redo this entire building. It is going to create jobs, it is going to create some economic vitality in that area, which is really needed. What he did not mention was that this type of a procedure has been used twice before. Once for the redevelopment of the United Center and then another time up in Glenview when, apparently, the Glenview Naval Air Station closed. So, this is not precedent setting. Again, it's very narrowly crafted. I applaud him for the way he's put the Bill together. I urge... strongly urge a 'yes' vote on this Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative DeLuca to close."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And General Harris, I appreciate those comments. I'd also like to mention that we are in the process of receiving letters of support from the taxing districts in the area. They all... the village has already received a few letters and the rest will be forthcoming and I'll be having those available. And I also want to mention that there are some concerns on a few issues that I'm making the commitment to work on it in the Senate once it's over there and make sure that any of those concerns are addressed. So, thank you and I ask for your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 159 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is

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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 94 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 159, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2831, Leader Lang. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2831, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This is a Bill that's been worked on for some time regarding the encouragement of alternative energy and improvements by our local businesses. This would create a program where local communities, not mandated but optional, can provide dollars to local businesses that want to put alternative energy into their businesses and have the money paid back through their property taxes. There'd be assessments, appropriate liens, et cetera. And I do believe it's been worked out amongst all the parties. I know of no opposition and would ask your support."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ives is recognized."

Ives: "I ask this be moved to Standard Debate."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing enough hands, this Bill will be moved to the Order of Standard Debate. Representative Ives for five minutes."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Ives: "Representative Lang, considering that this Bill is going to require the government to set up program managers that then go out and do the bonding to put these projects in place,

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do you believe that this Bill would require prevailing wage rates on the contracted work?"

Lang: "I believe the answer to that question is, if these are not public projects then they would not fall under the Prevailing Wage Act."

Ives: "Okay. Considering the government's involved, do you think that it could be construed as a public project that... in the instance with them doing the bonding, the public is a backstop in the end should some of these projects fail. Would that... does that... do you... I guess the question is, you don't... you don't really know one way or the other, correct?"

Lang: "I gave you the best answer..."

Ives: "Okay."

Lang: "...I have, Representative. It is my understanding, I suppose someone could prove me wrong, but this is not a public project in the way that the Prevailing Wage Act defines it, I do not believe. And therefore, I believe it is not under the Prevailing Wage Act."

Ives: "Okay. This Bill allows the expansion of government functions down to even the township level. Do you think that they have the resources and knowledge to implement this program?"

Lang: "I believe that lots of people around the table for a very long time, Representative, and I heard of no objection from any municipal sources of any kind as to the Bill. So, I'm quite certain that anyone who's covered under the Bill believes they can do it."

Ives: "Okay. Why aren't equity lines provided by traditional lending companies sufficient to finance these upgrades?"

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Lang: "Many of the traditional lenders haven't provided loans for these projects. Additionally, this is win-win. It allows the municipality to encourage alternative energy and it allows the business to pay it back within their property taxes, thus creating a... a tax credit for them in a way that simply paying interest at the bank would not."

Ives: "Okay. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Okay, first of all, this Bill creates a whole new level of bureaucracy. This Bill requires governments to become the intermediary between property owners, contractors, and financiers for a wide variety of improvements under the general title of energy efficiency improvement. These improvements include a number of things. So, they include insulation in walls, storm windows, doors, heat absorbing stuff, automated energy control, energy efficient heating, vent... ventilating, air conditioning, just a number of items that really aren't what you would consider solar panels, wind turbines, or anything like that. It's a number of stuff that just upgrades a facility. Things that a consume... that a property owner should be responsible as... on their own. So, I don't think that we... this is our responsibility as government to get doing... to do. And additionally, all these improvements do not require government to oversee or bond out or be the financial backstop for which is essentially what's going to happen in the end. We will become the financial bock... backstop for much of the stuff once it's put in place. And in fact, once we hire a program manager, that program manager can then siphon off those bore... bonds to another entity, a third party entity, at which point we have little control over that. Should these

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projects fail, should they go belly-up, should the... the final customer not be able to pay this lien that goes on to the property, the people responsible in the end would be the taxpayers because it's the government that is putting... taking out these bonds on it. Additionally, this distorts the property tax market. You're going to have to have more work for your assessors and everybody else. And it distorts the energy market. It pushes rate increases off to the average consumer 'cause once you put solar panels on some of these projects, they're going to take the federal subsidies, they're going to start... start trying to push their power back to the grid, which means all other ratepayers pay more, and this also maligns the property tax system. It creates unfunded mandates on county treasurers and assessors to handle the property taxes. So, we have to wonder, why are we doing this in the State of Illinois? If this is really about green energy, let them do it on their own. Let them stand on their own and... and since they're heavily subsidized anyway. In fact, solar subsidized three times more than coal or natural gas, wind is cost twice as much as actually coal or natural gas. The subsidies are huge. That should be sufficient to put these projects in place. What you're doing here is you're setting up government control and... and you're having the government actually go to the bond market, get financing for projects that make no sense because in the end the government has to do all the credit history on these people, they have to look in all the finances, they become the backstop for this. This is something that we..."

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Speaker Turner: "Final remarks, Representative. Representative Ives, just complete your sentence."

Ives: "So, in the end, you got to be very careful when you're voting on this legislation. It does a lot more than what you think and in fact, the *Wall Street Journal* called this America's fastest growing loan category, which is this PACE... these PACE loans has eerie echoes of the subprime crisis. So, I... I would urge a 'no' vote. We're not ready for this in the State of Illinois and our governments certainly don't have the wherewithal to handle this, nor do our taxpayers."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Breen, do you rise in support or opposition to this Bill?"

Breen: "Mild opposition. So..."

Speaker Turner: "Please... please proceed, Sir."

Breen: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Breen: "Thank you. Representative, I had a question put to me. It was kind of an interesting question. Because the PACE area is defined as a... that a local unit of government may create more than one PACE area and PACE areas may be separate, overlapping or coterminous, if a county sets up a PACE area and a city sets up a PACE area, can a landowner use both PACE areas?"

Lang: "I don't think there's anything in the Bill that would prohibit that. I do think though that counties and cities would want to get together and make sure that a particular business enterprise was fully capable of repaying the loan. Remember that this is voluntary. So, the previous speaker raised all sorts of issues that are really not relevant to

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this Bill. This is a voluntary program for municipalities to help expand businesses within their communities."

Breen: "Certainly. And... and I think the reason I said mild opposition when I got up was I... I worry that sometimes anyway, I'm a lawyer, so I think... think about bad things happening and always what's the worst thing that could happen. And I mean, it is true that the municipality or the county is the final guarantor of the bond. I mean, so at some point it could come back to the unit of government if... if, you know, if the savings aren't achieved, if the improvement is, for whatever reason, made obsolete..."

Lang: "However..."

Breen: "...down the road."

Lang: "Representative, if I may just interrupt you..."

Breen: "Sure. Go ahead."

Lang: "...and I apologize. Remember that these municipalities have a lien on the property. So, the property has some value and so I presume that nobody's going to do these PACE loans for somebody whose property is not sufficient to cover the loan in the case of default."

Breen: "Right. And that... this is some of the issue. And that was the issue about overlapping PACE's because I know you've got a 25 percent limit on the property value for the program and I was worried that if you've got multiple... if you can move to multiple units of government, you might then get yourself up to 50 percent which starts to sound like something that may not be sufficient to... possibly not sufficient to cover the cost of a loan or cover that cost of that bond that the

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municipality or the county has to go out and issue in order to pay for the project."

Lang: "Representative, I'm sorry. I missed your question."

Breen: "Okay. So, as I understand it, you got a 25 percent limit in the Bill of property value. Am I correct about that? I think it's 25 percent."

Lang: "That is correct."

Breen: "The project can cost up to 25 percent of the property value. And that to... to your point, if the lien is going to mean anything it's got to be on a piece of property that's got some value to it. But once you start getting, if you can overlap PACE projects and then start taking that 25 to 50, you're starting to get to a place where you might not be able to recover your lien if a property value diminishes, we have another crash like 2008, things like that."

Lang: "Well, certainly though when the scenario you've painted, and by the way, no one has brought this up, not that it isn't an important question. But it's not like in the three or four years I've been working on this anybody has raised this as an issue they're worried about. But you would think in that scenario, the second municipality in line would make sure that they were covered before they went through the process."

Breen: "Sure. Okay. Thank you. Just to the Bill. Again, I said mild opposition because this is a good idea in general. There are just a few concerns about it and if it does make it over the Senate, I hope that maybe they'll be able to address some of those issues of the overlapping PACE and what have you. I believe there's another speaker, maybe Mr. Wehrli who might want some time, if I could yield to him."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Wehrli is recognized for a final minute."

Wehrli: "Thank you. My remarks should be brief. I rise in, I believe, moderate support. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Lang: "A little moderate support and a little moderate opposition."

Wehrli: "There you go. So, this looks a lot like an SSA, a Special Service Area. And my question, Leader, is under an SSA, the formal one, you need to get 51 percent support of that geographical area. How is this different in the amount of support required to form a PACE area?"

Lang: "This is not an SSA. And a municipality can do this on their own. They don't... no one has to vote. Except a municipality has to approve it."

Wehrli: "So, the property owners don't have to do anything?"

Lang: "The... you mean, the adjoining property owners?"

Wehrli: "Anyone inside this PACE area. Or is it only for a single occupant?"

Lang: "It is for a single applicant. And the... the municipal board, whether it's a county or a city, will make a decision at a one by one basis."

Wehrli: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Fortner is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Fortner: "Representative, we've heard comments about this creating some large bureaucracy for municipalities. As the previous speaker just noted, a lot of municipalities use

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things like Special Service Areas, TIF districts, as tools when they want to do a public improvement and they want it to tie into the property rather than to the specific owner of record at that time. Isn't that correct?"

Lang: "That's absolutely correct, Sir."

Fortner: "So, any municipality that would be entering into the kinds of developer agreements that use those already existing tools is probably already capable and has staff to manage something like PACE which falls along the same type of thing where all we're doing is we're simply saying the municipality, this is the type of improvement that should run with the property rather than running with the owner at the time the improvement is made. Is that a fair assessment?"

Lang: "That's a very good point. And additionally, if you take your comments and Mr. Wehrli's comments together, this doesn't require a lot of oversight for all the other people that would be, let's say in an SSA. This is just one business, one location, one piece of property."

Fortner: "Thank you and I would... I would completely agree. I stand in strong support of this effort. I think this is really just adding another tool, not unlike other tools that a municipality already has at its disposal in order to encourage certain types of development, improvements to property that improve the value of the community and often times is used to target business. And this one is narrowly constructed just for commercial properties. It doesn't apply to residential. Isn't that correct?"

Lang: "That is correct except for larger residential buildings."

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Fortner: "Sure. But the commercially owned. It would be rental; it would not be condominium, as I understand it."

Lang: "That would be correct, Sir."

Fortner: "So, this is just another tool like many other tools that municipalities have at their disposal. So, if those municipalities can handle their existing tools, this will not create some new bureaucratic burden for the municipality. It will not create some unusual oversight that they don't already have to handle with the tools already at their disposal. I think that this is a very reasonable type of approach to apply that simply opens up one more tool like those others. Again, I strongly urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie is recognized. I'm sorry. Representative Andersson, we've had three people rise in opposition or mild opposition to this Bill. Do you rise in support?"

Andersson: "Thank you. If there was mild opposition, I am strong support."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Andersson: "So, I'll speak only to the Bill. I think the important things to understand is 1) this is 100 percent voluntary; 2) it's a good initiative. It's encouraging green energy. It's encouraging refits to make our buildings more efficient and it's doing it in core areas that need it. And 3) and I think that this is most important and this is my own experience. I'm the municipal attorney guy, right? We do this work. Municipalities know how to do this work. It's not new. It's not novel; we can make it happen. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Barbara Wheeler, we've already had three people rise in opposition to the Bill."

Wheeler, B.: "I would like to argue that point. I think there were two in opposition. One was mild."

Speaker Turner: "Ives, Breen and Grant Wehrli."

Wheeler, B.: "No, I believe Grant Wehrli was in support. He clearly made an excellent argument."

Speaker Turner: "I... I'm sorry. I apologize. Representative Barbara Wheeler."

Wheeler, B.: "Okay. I would like to yield my time to Jeanne Ives."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you very much. There's been a lot of discussion about these PACE programs. To the Body. If you have not looked into exactly what is in the details of this Bill, I encourage you to not support this Bill at this time. There's an inordinate amount of mon... information that needs to be collected by government. And the truth is, the bottom line here is that the companies that would take advantage of this, the commercial, industrial business owners, the multifamily owners of property that would take advantage, those are obviously going to be those who have low equity positions in their own businesses. Otherwise, why would they take on a loan that is likely to have a six to nine percent interest rate attached to it and put it on their property if not... if it weren't to maybe just make some money on the side versus renewable energy credits, selling energy back to the grid, or just getting other people to kind of... or attaching this to their property which may be very close to going under anyway. Because what you're doing here is you're crowding out the

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market in... for bankers who provide these equity lines already. And essentially, what you've really done is, you... you've really had basically the makers of renewable equipment outsource their whole financing department to taxpayers. So, that's essentially what's going to happen here. Now, just to give you an idea of the level of detail that a government has to go into, some of the things that government would be responsible for would... they would have to find out if there's any delinquent taxes, special assessments, water and sewer charges on the property. They'd have to find out if there's been delinquent assessments on the value of the property. They have... they have to find out if there's assessments for existing water or energy use. They have... before they enter into agreement, the record of owner has to provide them all the information on their loans and the loan services and existing mortgages and all that. And oh, by the way, that's if you can find the owner of record. I dealt a number of times with SSAs in the City of Wheaton and I'll tell you right now, it was very difficult to find the record... owner of record. And in fact, the county recorder of deeds had a hard time identifying owners of record. And this thing specifically talks to the owner of a record. It doesn't say, the person who pays the property taxes on it, which is usually the person occupying the building. And oftentimes, the property tax owner is different than the owner of record. So, I foresee a lot of difficulty in collecting this information and getting it... getting it correct for the taxpayers. I... I don't think this is a good idea. I think it crowds out something that the private market should be doing. And the worst thing about it

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is, is the backstop when these start to fail... oh, excuse me... the backstop when these start to fail is actually the taxpayers of that entity. This is an ill-thought-out idea at this time in Illinois when we have the highest property taxes. You're distorting the market. You're adding to the property tax burdens that may, in the end, if that... that property is foreclosed on, the taxpayers will have to pay for it. And if you can't foreclose on that property quickly, if you have to hold it before it's sold again, those taxes go unpaid and again the taxpayers have to pay for it. It's just not right for Illinois. I urge you to... to again, stay off of this Bill because there's a lot more to it than what meets the eye."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Lang to close."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was asked to read something into the record for legislative intent. Nothing in this Bill precludes a county or municipality for administering a PACE program on its own without involving a third-party program administer. Having... having heard the debate, I appreciate the debate, I appreciate the strong support on both sides of the aisle on this Bill. Let's remember this is voluntary. It's a voluntary program to help our businesses find alternative energy programs. It will create jobs, it will help expand businesses and it will encourage local communities to encourage these businesses to grow. All these concerns belie the fact that this is a voluntary program. This is about local control, local control, local control. And I sometimes find it interesting that people talk about local control on this floor and then when they have a Bill that deals with local control, they're AWOL. They're not interested in local

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control when they have something else they want to say or some other philosophy they want to espouse. This Bill's about a voluntary program, local control, to help local business grow and save money on their energy costs. I would recommend an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2831 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 73 voting 'yes', 28 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2831, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Currie is recognized."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Dan Burke, Evans, and Williams are excused for the rest of the day."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. House Bill 512, Representative Olsen. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 512, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Breen."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment was a... an initiative of the County Clerks. It was their language to attempt to bring some flexibility to the posting time of public questions. When we extended the time of early voting and things to 40 days, we never extended the public question time. So, that's what the Amendment does, merely to add that 60

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days instead of 30. Would appreciate adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amen... Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 512. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read that Bill for a third time."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 512, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Olsen."

Olsen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Breen I think adequately explained the Amendment. This adds flexibility to our... for our County Clerks when they're administering elections. I ask for your support."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 512 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 102 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 512, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2510, Representative Feigenholtz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2510, a Bill for an Act concerning health. This Bill was read a sec..."

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Speaker Turner: "Out of the record. House Bill 243, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 243, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 243 creates a program with the Chicago Police Department. And it's a training program for... with the Chicago Police Department and CPS. And I'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "This Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. Representative Andersson is recognized."

Andersson: "I move to Standard Debate."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing the requisite number of hands, this Bill is moved to the Order of Standard Debate. Representative Andersson is recognized for five minutes."

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

Flowers: "Yes."

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Andersson: "And I apologize because I'm going to ask you to repeat yourself. It was a little hard to hear. Can you give me a little bit more description of what we're talking about here?"

Flowers: "Yes. The purpose of House Bill 243 is to create a program in the schools that would encourage a relationship with the Chicago Police Department and young people. In Chicago, I'm sure you may be aware of the stories that's been in the newspapers. And a lot of the police officers have never come in contact with another African American or a minority before they became police officers. What this Bill intends to

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do is to merge or cause a relationship between the two so young people who aspire to be police officers can have an intern program at the police station and police officers can get to know the young people in the community and the young people of the community can get to know the police officers. Because there is a negative opinion about the police officers that the young people have and then there's a negative opinion that the young people have with the police officers. So, hopefully, House Bill 243 would try to do something that the police training program has not been very successful at doing because in order to train people to get along with other groups of people, you have to come in contact with them. You have... they have to be your neighbor. You have to go to school with them, you have to have some type of relationship in order to respect that particular community."

Andersson: "Thank you for that. Is the program... would it be housed in the police facilities or in the schools?"

Flowers: "It could be both."

Andersson: "Could be both?"

Flowers: "You know, when you think about training and intern programs in schools..."

Andersson: "Right."

Flowers: "...kids go to school during the day and then for their job program or their intern program, they go to the site."

Andersson: "Right."

Flowers: "This particular site could be at the police station."

Andersson: "Okay. Is the... is the program... is this only for Chicago or is this statewide, or..."

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Flowers: "This is a statewide program and there is a Metro-East Cadet police initiative that started in... started last year. Chief Nicho... Chief Gailius is from Representative..."

Andersson: "So, it sounds to me like our analysis is telling us that there might be a threshold of 175 thousand or more county it would apply to. So, certainly more than Cook but maybe not all 102."

Flowers: "Right."

Andersson: "Does that sound right?"

Flowers: "Yes. It's more than Cook, yes."

Andersson: "Okay. And is the program mandatory? In other words..."

Flowers: "No. it's not mandatory. There was an Amendment that took 'shall' and made it 'may'. Amendment #3."

Andersson: "So... so, if any of the police departments or schools elect not to do it..."

Flowers: "It's okay."

Andersson: "...they don't have to do it?"

Flowers: "They don't have to do it."

Andersson: "One moment. Thank you very much for the answers to the question. I appreciate it."

Flowers: "It's my pleasure."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Costello is recognized."

Costello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I'm familiar with Chief Nick Gailius in Fairview Heights, the program that they run. It's a terrific program. It's really helped with relationships between the community and law enforcement. And I think this is a great Bill. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Pritchard is recognized."

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

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Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Pritchard: "Representative, your Bill I think still calls for funding, setting up an account within the State Treasurer. Where is this money going to come from?"

Flowers: "Well, the funding is already in the Chicago Public Schools. That's number one. But also, the Bill calls for donations that can be made and scholarships that can be given. But this is not taking any moneys from the MAP program or any other entity."

Pritchard: "And in committee we talked about the fact that this was limited just to law enforcement. Is there a reason that we're not opening up career opportunities for other vocations?"

Flowers: "Given the opportunity, if you help me pass this one, you and I can work on the next one."

Pritchard: "Well, many of our schools downstate already have programs like this."

Flowers: "Well, that's good. So, you're..."

Pritchard: "So, we're requiring another program?"

Flowers: "...if that is the case, Representative, your schools need not apply. I am trying to address a problem in the area... in areas of this state that don't have this type of program and that are in need of these types of services."

Pritchard: "And you've got organizations lined up to help fund this?"

Flowers: "Of course. There's programs and the Chief from Metro East came to testify that there are federal moneys to help subsidize and donate to this type of program."

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Pritchard: "Well, I mean that's our concern, is that the organizations won't follow through and we'll have the shell of a program that the school district then feels they have to pick up without funding."

Flowers: "Well, you know what, Representative, you shouldn't speak for all the schools. And it's not a problem because I just stated that there are federal funds for this and people do donate and can contribute. And organizations who want to sponsor scholarships, they are at liberty to do so."

Pritchard: "And this program is still voluntary, correct?"

Flowers: "Yes it is."

Pritchard: "Thank you very much."

Flowers: "My pleasure."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Crespo is recognized."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. The Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Crespo: "Representative Flowers, I just want to make sure we're very clear on this. This Bill came before our committee twice. And I just want to make sure that everyone understands that this is not... it's not a mandate, correct?"

Flowers: "I'm sorry, Representative. I didn't hear you?"

Crespo: "I said the Bill is not a mandate."

Flowers: "No, it's not a mandate."

Crespo: "Okay. I want to thank you for making the changes. And I stand in support of the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Flowers to close."

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would appreciate an 'aye' vote on House Bill 243."

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Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 243 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 91 voting 'yes', 7 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 243, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2376, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2376, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #4 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read this Bill a third time."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2376, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Speaker, I would appreciate it if you would take this Bill out of the record."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please take this Bill out of the record. House Bill 3462, Representative Zalewski. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3462, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3462 extends the Pharmacy Sunset Act for two years. It was a collaborative effort with Representative Flowers. We... it sets up a pharmaceutical task force to address any number of issues. We

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are putting this sunset on a shorter program than we otherwise would because of issues raised in the public sphere about the issue of de... prescription discontinuation. So, this is a good Bill and I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3462 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 101 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3462, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2439, Representative Parkhurst. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2439, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read that Bill a third time."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2439, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Parkhurst."

Parkhurst: "This is a simple good government reform Bill. It amends the Energy Efficiency Building Act to eliminate a conflict of interest. The Bill will now prohibit members of the council from receiving state grants to teach the Codes that they decide to implement themselves. There's no fiscal impact and there's no opponents that I know of. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson, this Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Please proceed."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is this your first Bill?"

Parkhurst: "This is my second."

Andersson: "What?"

Parkhurst: "Yes. My fingerprint was my first Bill."

Andersson: "Never mind. But it's got a great list of Sponsors so..."

Parkhurst: "Yes, it does."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Guzzardi is recognized for two minutes."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Guzzardi: "Representative Parkhurst, really quick. Is this based on... has this happened? Is this based on a factual instance or is this preventing in the future?"

Parkhurst: "My understanding is that a... one of the constituents is a former Member of the House of Representatives and felt that that was a clear conflict of interest for the energy council to be able to set the Codes and then apply for a grant and be able to teach those Codes that they selected themselves. So, that's what it's intended to cure."

Guzzardi: "Got you. Thanks, Representative."

Parkhurst: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Parkhurst to close."

Parkhurst: "I just encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2439 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 102 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2439, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 795, Representative Halpin. Out of the record. House Bill 1785, Representative Greg Harris. Out of the record. House Bill 2878, Representative Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2878, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an initiative of the Associated Beverage Dealers of Illinois... or the Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois. And what it would do is make sure that any violation from the Liquor Control Commission is specific in the violation, as well as, it sets out a statute of limitations and it indicates that two years from the time that the Liquor Control Commission knew of it, they can bring a violation. I know of no known opposition. And the... the Liquor Control Commission is in support as well."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2878 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 85 voting 'yes', 17 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2878, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Currie is recognized."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Zalewski is excused for the rest of the day."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. House Bill 3072, Representative Martwick. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3072, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Representative Martwick, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3072 is an initiative of the Motor Vehicle Ancillary Products Association. And it's... it's in the form of a trailer Bill to House Bill 1416 of the 98th General Assembly, which among other things, permitted service contracts to provide for protective chemicals, substance, device or systems installed on or applied to a motor vehicle..."

Speaker Turner: "Excuse me, Representative. This is the Amendment we're talking about."

Martwick: "Pardon me?"

Speaker Turner: "This is the Amendment we're adopting right now."

Martwick: "I apologize, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I do have to adopt..."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1..."

Martwick: "...Floor Amendment #1."

Speaker Turner: "...to House Bill 3072. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read that Bill for a third time."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3072, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize. I went right to the nature of the Bill. It was a gut and replace. So again, this is an update. There was a drafting error in the Bill that was written in 1998 that accidentally exempted vehicle protection products from the Insurance Code instead of the Service Product Act within the original provisions of the Bill. And so, this is now making some changes to bring this all into compliance. This is an initiative of the, as I mentioned, the Motor Vehicle Ancillary Products Association. It is supported by the Illinois Department of Insurance, Property Casualty Insurance Association and there are no opponents. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3072 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 102 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3072, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lilly, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to rise and say I intended to vote 'no' on 2762, House Bill 2762."

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Speaker Turner: "Thank you and the Journal will reflect your request. House Bill 2664, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill, 2664. Please move this Bill back to the Order of Second Reading and read the Bill. Thank you."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2664, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Representative Davis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Mr. Speaker, I move to adopt Floor Amendment #1. This is a gut and replace. So, I move to adopt the Amendment which becomes the Bill and I can debate it on Third."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2664. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please read this Bill for a third time."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2664, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 2664 represents work from myself with the help of Representative Lilly as well as the Illinois Department of Transportation to try to better make... or should I say to make the relationship between contractors and subcontractors a little better. It suggests that under certain... certain circumstances that sometimes our prime

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contractors unfairly treat our subcontractors. And there is challenges there. So, what this suggests is that we are making sure that the relationship between the two works well and suggests that under certain circumstances when contractors either don't pay or late pay or don't pay our subcontractors, that they have recourse. But it also suggests that in certain circumstances, when the subs don't perform appropriately that the contractors have a recourse with regard to them as well. So, that being said, I'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "This Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. Representative Andersson is recognized."

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

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

Andersson: "Representative, it looks like with the adoption of the Amendment that the objection of both IDOT and the Associated General Contractors of Illinois has been removed and are now neutral. Is that correct?"

Davis, W.: "I believe so."

Andersson: "And are there any other opponents that we're aware of?"

Davis, W.: "None that I'm aware of."

Andersson: "Thank you very much. Appreciate the clarification."

Davis, W.: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Pritchard is recognized for two minutes."

Pritchard: "Thank you. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

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Pritchard: "Representative, would you just clarify for the Body again why this legislation is necessary?"

Davis, W.: "Well, it's unfortunate, but I guess we've seen situations with regard to how the interaction between contractors and subcontractors. So, for me, I'm trying to do what I can to make sure that when subcontractors are given the opportunity to work on projects that they are paid in an appropriate way or promptly. So, all of the efforts of this Bill impact the... what we call the Prompt Payment Act in statute, that suggests that when subcontractors perform the work, that they should be given the opportunity to be paid without any delay, without any challenges. But again, it works both ways. So that when a subcontract... excuse me... when a contractor, the prime contractor feels that a sub has not done what they were supposed to do, it offers them reasonable cause in which to delay payments to the subcontractor, but creates a process by which, you know, if the subcontractor still feels that they should be paid, it creates a process by which they can appeal through the Department of Transportation ultimately to get paid. And the one piece that was most important to me, with regard to this and how this Bill started, is something involving liquidated damages. So, in a case where a prime contractor unfortunately does not meet whatever their goals that have been outlined by the Department of Transportation, subcon... contractors can be assessed what are called liquidated damages. So, it's a penalty that comes ultimately out of what they would get paid having performed on the contract. Unfortunately, we've seen, and these are limited circumstances, but unfortunately what

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we've seen is that in a case where liquidated damages have been assessed to the prime vendor that they simply are making the argument that, well, if IDOT is not going to pay me, I'm not going to pay the subcontractors even though they are technically responsible for... by whatever means to pay the subcontractors. And the subcontractors would then have to proceed through going after their bond in order to get paid. And I apologize, Representative. I've..."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Lang in the Chair. Pritchard. Mr. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Please bring your remarks to a close."

Pritchard: "Right here."

Speaker Lang: "This is what happens when you come in, in the middle of a Bill. I apologize, Sir."

Pritchard: "Representative, you gave a very thorough answer and I appreciate it, but you consumed most of the time. The other question I was going to ask is what improvements have you made that took the General Contractors off of opposition?"

Davis, W.: "To be honest with you, Representative, I have no idea what I did that removed their opposition. So, I'm assuming that the Amendment that we filed is with their input, with the Department of Transportation. So, I'm going to assume that that Amendment has removed their opposition."

Pritchard: "And that's the point I wanted to make. We often have legislation that has opposition from some of the business community. You're a good example of trying to work with them and listen to their concerns and respond accordingly. Thank you."

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Davis, W.: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis to close."

Davis, W.: "Ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. The hour is late. Jesiel, Mah, Mitchell. Please take the record. There are 90 voting 'yes', 12 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair recognizes Representative Manley."

Manley: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed."

Manley: "Up in the gallery, if you would all welcome the very, very impressive and charming members of DuCAP, their leaders, Joe Johnson and Jimmy Barber. I just want to quickly tell you what their mission is. Uniting families within communities to resources, services, and education that will provide a positive impact to their daily lives and further promote a healthy environment in which children can live and grow successfully. Now isn't that something. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Happy to have you here. Thank us... thank you very much. House Bill 1560, Representative Mayfield. Representative Mayfield. Representative Mayfield. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1560, a Bill for an Act concerning business. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been

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approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Mayfield."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield on the Amendment."

Mayfield: "I.. which Amendment are we doing, #1 or #2?"

Speaker Lang: "Number one."

Mayfield: "Number 1 adds language that would extend out the warranty period and adds the approved language which just allows for the warranty to be in a separate document and then..."

Speaker Lang: "Those in..."

Mayfield: "...2 corrects it."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Mayfield."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Floor Amendment #2 takes out the language that was not agreed upon and leaves in the language that was."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1560, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield."

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Mayfield: "This Bill simply allows businesses to save money by not reprinting all of their forms to provide for the warranty language but allows them to do it on a separate form."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Andrade, Lilly. Please take the record. There are 102 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 659, Representative Nekritz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 659, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In 2015 the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy was developed to implement Federal EPA plan that requires states along the Mississippi to reduce hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico. The Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy calls for Illinois to reduce its nutrient dump into its rivers, primarily phosphorus and nitrogen, by 45 percent. This legislation anticipates the rules that will be necessary to implement the strategy and allows the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to participate in a nutrient trading program, if such a program is implemented under the strategy. I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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 this question, there are 102 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3001, Representative Rita. Please read the Bill. Please put the Bill on the Order of Second Reading for an Amendment, Mr. Clerk. And please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3001, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. This Bill was read a second.. on a previous day. Floor Amendment #2 was adopted previously. Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Rita, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rita."

Rita: "I move for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. It's a gut and replace.. or #4, which includes the language for #2 but does a bunch of technical and drafting errors that were in the.. in the Bill. And we could go on to..."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment.. Sorry, Sir. Didn't mean to..."

Rita: "And if we could go on to the Bill after, when it's on Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "That's what we're about to do, Sir."

Rita: "All right."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3001, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rita."

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Rita: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 3001 is an initiative... initiative of a constituent of mine which makes some changes in the way that security deposits are refunded. It makes some changes by adding words like 'postmarked' instead of 'mail'. It goes on to allow for a ledger of expenses instead of receipts due to a... a issue that happened with a constituent and how they returned a security deposit. It also has language that I worked with Representative Breen to tighten up that language so that it's not just everybody using the ledger and not providing receipts when they're not available. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 102 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1954, Mr. Brady. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1954, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Brady, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 19-4 (sic- 1954) simply seeks with the Amendment, to make it become the Bill, deals with duplication of notice of cancellation of mortgages and lien holders. It simply seeks to clarify conflicting statutes that we presently have from an

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electronic to paper copies. And I'd be happy to answer any question on Third Reading."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1954, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brady, have you already explained the Bill?"

Brady: "Yes."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Ammons. Please take the record. There are 99 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3298, Representative Scherer. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3298, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I'm presenting 3298. It... we have a huge problem with substitute teachers and this will hopefully help alleviate that by refunding the state application fee after 10 days of service. I'm open to any questions and request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Flowers."

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Please take the record. There are 99 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3369, Mr. Sims. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3369, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sims."

Sims: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3369 allows for the State Board of Education to make resources available for the teaching of high-skilled manufacturing in high schools and vocational education programs. I'd be happy to answer any questions and ask for its passage."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Is there any fiscal impact to this, Representative?"

Sims: "No."

Andersson: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? McDermed. Please take the record. There are 102 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3371, Mr. Sims. Mr. Sims. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3371, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sims."

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Sims: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3371 provides that required training in suicide awareness and prevention techniques shall last at least two hours, that training be included under the continuing professional development Section requirement... requirement under Article 21(b) of the School Code. I know of no opposition and ask for its favorable passage."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Certainly... by the way, I support the concept. My analysis shows that the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Ed remain opposed after Floor Amendment 1 because of the two-hour time limit on training. Is that your understanding?"

Sims: "That... that isn't... that was not my understanding. My understanding was that the language clarification when we tweaked it, removed all opposition. So, that... that's news to me."

Andersson: "Okay. And is there any, again, I like to ask this question, any fiscal impact going on with this?"

Sims: "There is no fiscal impact to my knowledge. This merely clarifies and codifies existing training requirement."

Andersson: "Great. And thank you for bringing the Bill. Anything that we can do on suicide awareness is key. I appreciate your work on it."

Sims: "I appreciate that. Thank you so much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you. Would the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "Representative, have you worked out the agreement with the Management Alliance and their concerns for the hours of training?"

Sims: "Again, Representative, that... that... my understanding was that the language that we... the Amendment that we put in clarified and addressed all issues and concerns. This is... that was news to me."

Pritchard: "Well, they seem to be still concerned about the hours and how that is going to be calculated and who's going to provide that. So, as you move through to the Senate, I hope that you can clarify and work with them to remove that opposition."

Sims: "Representative, you know me and I'm always open to making sure that we continue to work together. If there are issues, we will certainly address them in the Senate and get the clarification necessary."

Pritchard: "And I think that that had to do with it's part of the their continuing improvement... continuing training development. So, I hope you can work with them. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davidsmeyer: "I've got a Bill, House Bill 2545, that I'm working with the School Management Alliance to ensure that it is not only... that it is in no way an unfunded mandate. It does not add additional time. I've got a constituent that's working with EdNetwork to include the suicide awareness and prevention training within the current training. And I've got

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an Amendment for it that we're going to work on the other side, so it will not add additional time to the current training that... that's involved. I will be voting 'no' on this because the extra two hours does add a... an unfunded mandate on the school districts themselves because of the time required. But I will be moving my... my Bill, which I'm working with School Management Alliance to alleviate those issues. So, my... when I originally started working with them, their concern was the additional cost. The concern for my school districts was an additional cost. Have you talked to any of your school districts or... or School Management Alliance specifically about the two-hour requirement?"

Sims: "I've certainly talked to my school districts about the requirement. And let me be... let me back up. It's not a requirement. This is permissive language."

Daidsmeyer: "Okay."

Sims: "So, it works within the existing professional development requirements that a school district already has and says that they can outline the training... training relative to suicide awareness. So, I'm certainly... I'm open to working with you or whomever about these issues. But again, this is... this is permissive language. This is not a mandate."

Daidsmeyer: "So... so, you're requiring two hours though, correct?"

Sims: "Within the existing guidelines."

Daidsmeyer: "I don't unders... where did... where did the two hours come from?"

Sims: "That was... that was a recommendation that the training..."

Speaker Lang: "Please bring your remarks to a close, Sir."

Daidsmeyer: "Okay."

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Sims: "...that the training relative to suicide awareness would be for at least two hours. It is permissive language."

Davidsmeyer: "So... so, really quickly. As I stated before, I have a Bill that I'm hoping to hear a little bit later that will... it's actually a mother who lost her son who had this, a similar Bill drafted in Tennessee. They passed it. They included the training there. She's working with Ednetwork, which is free to all of our school districts for the training. So, I... I'd like to work with you on this. If my Bill comes through, it won't cost anything. It won't add any additional time. And maybe yours won't be needed. If we can work out some way to... to alleviate that conflict, I would really appreciate it."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Cavaletto."

Cavaletto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I happen to think that this is a very good Bill. And a fact that down in my district in Marion County, since I've been there in 35 years, we've had several young kids hang themselves. That's a mental health problem. And we have a lot of mental health problems in our schools now with a lot of kids who need... need parenting and need guidance. And I think the second catch for us and our kids are the teachers who are observing these kids and their attendance in schools and their behavior. So, I think it's very... very important for our teachers to know something about suicide and kids who are troubled and report them, try to take care of these things. And the training is very much worthwhile if you save one kid's life. So, I... this is a good Bill and I urge you to vote for this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sims to close."

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Sims: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think Representative Cavaletto's points to the Bill point to exactly why we're trying to do this. Our teachers are our front line making sure they see children on a day-to-day basis. And we want to make sure they have the tools necessary to prevent... prevent our children from engaging in these activities. If we can save one life, we've done our job. So, I'd vo... I'd ask for your favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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 this question, there are 99 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3903, Representative Stratton. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3903, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Stratton."

Stratton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3903 amends the School Code and provides that no student booking station shall be established or maintained on the grounds of any school. I want to express my extreme gratitude to my Cosponsors on this Bill for the broad-based bipartisan support and the willingness of the Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Police Department, and the Illinois Chiefs of Police who have worked with me and the advocates to negotiate Amendments which would remove all of their opposition. I respectfully request an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Hernandez. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 100 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2937, Mr. Sauer. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2937, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2937, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sauer."

Sauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2937 is an initiative of the Illinois Toll Highway Authority. It changes the land disclosure requirements currently included in the Toll Highway Act. The purpose for the change is to require only disclosure of material real estate ownership interest instead of requiring 100 percent disclosure. The legislation mirrors legis... disclosure statutes that are followed by IDOT and other local transportation agencies. I'd humbly ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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 this question, there are 78 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received

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the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair recognizes Mr. Cavaletto."

Cavaletto: "Mr. Speaker, my switch is not working. So, I intended to vote 'yes' on that Bill."

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

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I intended to vote 'present' on House Bill 2762 due to the conflict of interest."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention. House Bill 3436, Representative Soto. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3436, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3436, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Soto."

Soto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3436 would allow parent and community resident members of local school councils, LSEs, within Chicago Public Schools to be employed by the Chicago Board of Education under certain conditions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Standard Debate."

Speaker Lang: "This will be moved to Standard Debate."

Andersson: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Soto: "Yes."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

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Andersson: "So, thank you. So, Representative, you said under certain conditions. What are those conditions?"

Soto: "Well, I have the detailed analysis here. It says House Bill 3436 would allow parent and community resident members of local school councils to be employed by the Chicago Board of Education if the members assigned to work at one of the more attendance centers and it is not assigned to be spent in the majority of their employment at the attendance center for which they would serve as local school members. Currently, traditional public schools within CPS have LSEs, which are responsible for approving how school funds are... and resources are allocated. CPS has a student-based budgeting system which allocates funds to schools and per pupil basis. LSEs approve the school budget for the amount they receive from CPS as well as any local revenue primarily obtained for a leasing property."

Andersson: "So, we are... should the Bill pass, we're allowing school employees to serve on the boards that govern the school."

Soto: "Correct."

Andersson: "But not the school they work at. Is that correct?"

Soto: "This would be at the... at the school they work at."

Andersson: "It would be at the school that they work at. Is that right?"

Soto: "Yes."

Andersson: "Okay. So, isn't that..."

Soto: "So, I'm... can I just say, I'm carrying the Bill for Sonya 'cause she had a few Bills. So, I'm going to have her help me out on this 'cause I just picked it up from her."

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Andersson: "Sure. So, was your answer... does your answer stand?"

Soto: "So, they would be part-time teachers and... it would be for substitutes."

Andersson: "Right. But in the school... so, they can be on the educational council on the school that they work at. Is that correct?"

Soto: "Yes. That is yes."

Andersson: "Okay. So, I'm concerned. It sounds to me like we're leading to a conflict. We typically don't like the employees of a local government to be able to be also on the governing board of it. It's kind of like, you know... Well, I don't think metaphors are needed. I think you understand my concern. How are you addressing the conflict aspect of this?"

Soto: "Okay. So, we're not seeing this as a conflict of interest. Sometimes these teachers work part-time and they're substitutes. And some... they don't have a lot of participation in the community sometimes or at the local school councils. So, this is a reason for this Bill because it would help then the school."

Andersson: "Okay. I'm getting a report that the answer about whether they can... they are going to work at the school... whether they can be on the council where they work, we're getting the exact opposite answer. Can I urge you to pull this out of the record until we get some clarification?"

Soto: "Okay. Yes. I'm going to take it out."

Andersson: "Thank you, Ma'am."

Soto: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The Bill will be taken from the record. House Bill 3644, Representative Stratton. Please read the Bill. Mr.

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Clerk, please put the Bill on the Order of Second Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3644, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Stratton."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Stratton."

Stratton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 2 simply added some additional appointees to the task force."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment 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. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3644, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Stratton."

Stratton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House. House Bill 3644 amends the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act to create the Trauma, Resiliency and Recovery Task Force under the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. It passed out of committee with bipartisan support. And I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Members, please record yourselves. Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 53 voting 'yes', 48 voting 'no'. And do you wish Postponed Consideration?"

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Stratton: "Postponed Consideration. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. House Bill 3447, Mr. Welch. Mr. Welch. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3447, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Welch."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch."

Welch: "Mr. Speaker, House Floor Amendment #1 is a negotiate... is a negotiated Amendment with the public universities in this state. And I ask for approval."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment 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. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3447, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3447 is an attempt that I think all of us would be pleased at. It is the creation of the Tuition Reduction Act of 2017. Our goal, when we do get a budget, is to bring our students back to Illinois. Bring them back to our public universities. Stop the out-migration and rebuild our public university system. The State of Illinois support for higher education has been cut by 1.39 billion or 41 percent from fiscal year 2000 levels when adjusted for inflation. This decrease in state support has resulted in higher tuition costs for all of our students,

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leading many to leave our state. The combination of increased tuition and the uncertainty surrounding the funding of the Monetary Award Program, the MAP program, must be addressed as well. And by creating the Tuition Reduction Act we will provide much needed assistance to our students. It will require that 50 percent of all new money over the fiscal year 2002 appropriation levels be used for tuition reduction assistance to our students. And I would ask that we all join in approval of House Bill 3447."

Speaker Lang: "This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for this to be put on the Order of Standard Debate."

Speaker Lang: "And it will be. Proceed."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Thank you. So Representative Welch, we... you picked FY02 as the calculating baseline. Is that because that was the high-water mark?"

Welch: "That is correct."

Andersson: "So..."

Welch: "That is... that's the number that the university systems felt very comfortable with. I initially had 2015 in the Bill, but 2002 is the number that everyone agreed upon. It was a high-water mark and if we ever reach that mark again, it's... it's the number that exceeds the 2002 number."

Andersson: "So, in a sense, this Bill is hopeful in planning that we'll reach that level, but right now it won't have any effect, unless and until we exceed that 2002 level."

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Welch: "That's correct."

Andersson: "Okay. And then, I want to understand the exact impact then. So, let's say we do that. Let's say we give a university in 2002, we gave them \$20 million."

Welch: "Yes."

Andersson: "Now we give them \$40 million. The extra 20 is now dedicated to tuition reduction. Is that correct?"

Welch: "That's correct. And that \$20 million will be distributed to the students of that university. And so, and the number of students is calculated based on the number of students that were in attendance after the 10th day after school has started."

Andersson: "To avoid the early drop outs and stuff like that?"

Welch: "Correct."

Andersson: "And does it apply to in-state and out-state or just in-state?"

Welch: "It just applies to in-state, the public universities here in Illinois."

Andersson: "So, it's benefiting Illinois students?"

Welch: "That's correct."

Andersson: "Okay. And I guess my only concern... I'm really... I want to listen to the debate if there is more, is what about the circumstance where the Legislature really wants to increase just the general funding for the university? 'Cause this is really saying anything over that 2002 level is specifically directed to one thing. Do we have any mechanism for addressing that where we really want to give them something that wouldn't go to tuition reduction?"

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Welch: "Well, one of the things that we put in the Bill, and again, it was negotiated with the universities, was that this would be a... it's basically a pilot initiative. After four years it will be reevaluated to see if it's working. If it's not working, we'll do something else. I also wanted to point out that in the Amendment that we added to the Bill... the Bill, the increases in funding only apply to operations funding and exempt capital appropriations, pension funding, and health care contributions."

Andersson: "So, capital... capital projects, capital plans, that's totally exempt from this. They can use that money for those intended purposes."

Welch: "That's correct."

Andersson: "Okay. And you said... does it have a four-year... a-four year sunset?"

Welch: "Yes."

Andersson: "So, unless we... unless we get ourselves a budget, we're never going to get to see how it works. So, I hope we get a budget."

Welch: "We're going to work together and help... hope to get that done."

Andersson: "Indeed. Thank you for the answers to the questions."

Welch: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "This Bill is now on Standard Debate. We've had one in response. The next person in response is Mr. Wehrli."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Wehrli: "So, Representative, your... your endeavor here is to lower the cost of tuition for in-state only or for anyone?"

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Welch: "This is a... the goal is to bring back students to our public universities in the State of Illinois."

Wehrli: "So, this is just directed at in-state residents and their fees for tuition, correct?"

Welch: "Correct."

Wehrli: "Okay. Do you know what we happen to spend for total higher education funding in 2007 as percent of the total on pensions?"

Welch: "I do not know that, no."

Wehrli: "It was about 10 percent. Do you know what that number is in 2015? The total of all our higher education dollars that went... that now go to pensions in 2015, you know what that number is?"

Welch: "I do not."

Wehrli: "Forty-four percent. So, I... I applaud what you're trying to do here, but we have other pressures on our... on our higher education system in Illinois that simply are exploding before our very eyes, driving these very students that we want to keep here, my 19-year-old son for instance, we're driving them out of the state. So, what you're trying to do is a good idea, but until we can actually get a handle on our pension runaway freight train here in higher education, we have, you know, this is... this is a problem that's not going to go away. Do you know in 2015 where the state ranked as far as net tuition as percent of total education revenue to a university? Do you know where we were on that?"

Welch: "The amount that we gave to universities in 2015 was the question?"

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Wehrli: "No. Where we rank as far as the total tuition accounting for the... all the dollars into the higher education? So, what percentage of tuition actually, comparable to other states, does Illinois provide in tuition?"

Welch: "Well, I know between the years of 2008 and 2015, Illinois ranked 49th out of 50th in how we fund our higher education system."

Wehrli: "Right. Right. Admittedly, we do not do a very good job, but from a tuition..."

Welch: "We do a horrible job."

Wehrli: "...from a tuition standpoint..."

Welch: "And we need to do a better job."

Wehrli: "...from a tuition standpoint, we're the fifth lowest, believe it or not. So, we have... we have exploding costs that the state's responsible for in other areas of education here. So, I applaud what you're trying to do, but this is... this is literally rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. We have such structural problems that we need to face that I applaud your efforts, but let's get real about how we're going to fund higher education."

Speaker Lang: "We have had two speak in response. There are still six people who wish to speak. The next person in line is Representative Hammond."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Hammond: "Representative Welch, I want to thank you for your work on this. I know that this is a passion of yours and you have worked very hard on this. And you've made some changes at the suggestion of a number of entities. But I will repeat again

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what I did in committee. This is an issue that I believe that we should be having this discussion once we have a balanced budget and certainly once we have a budget for higher education. And I look forward to having that discussion with you at that time. Thank you."

Welch: "Thank you, Leader."

Speaker Lang: "We've had three speak in opposition. Mr. Pritchard, I assume you're in opposition? Mr. Demmer, are you in opposition? I think you're in opposition. Mr. Reick, I believe is in opposition and Mr. Brady is, no doubt, in opposition. That... that... Mr. Demmer, who is waving."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... I voted 'yes' in committee on this Bill and I just have some questions following up from that."

Speaker Lang: "I'll let you ask some questions."

Demmer: "Thank you. Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Demmer: "Representative, as I mentioned, I voted in favor of this in committee, at least the first time through. I wasn't there for when you brought the Amendment back. And so, I just have a couple of questions. When we talked about this the first time, one of the concerns that I brought up was that I didn't want to disincentivize the university from, you know, having to come to Springfield and ask for, you know, more money than it actually needed because part of it had to be... had to be sent back in tuition reduction. I know you mentioned that you exempted capital projects. What was... what else is exempted?"

Welch: "So, the Amendment that we added to the Bill did four things. The threshold we changed from 2015 to 2002 because

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that was a significant contribution from the state to our public universities. The increases in funding only apply to operations funding and exempt capital appropriation, pension funding, and health care contributions. That was very important to the universities. The amount of students that receive the reduction is the number of students that are enrolled on the tenth day of class so that we don't count people that have dropped out. This is a widely accepted standard in education K through college graduation. And IBHE again, we put in the Bill that it's going to be reviewed after four years. And you know..."

Demmer: "I... and I appreciate that."

Welch: "...go back to the..."

Demmer: "So, one question I guess would be, if a... if a university was going to open a new department or a new school or a new campus, the capital portion of that may be exempted, but you know, for instance, the University of Illinois is developing a new medical school. If that comes with increased costs, I mean, they're offering a new service, something they didn't offer before, it may lead to an increase in overall state funding, but it's not... it's not necessarily something they could dedicate portion of that back for tuition assistance. Have you addressed any of those concerns?"

Welch: "I think the language that's in the Bill addresses it."

Demmer: "For the capital portion of that but not necessarily the labor, the staffing, the if... if a..."

Welch: "Well, the language..."

Demmer: "I notice... I mean, IFT's in support of this and..."

Welch: "You know, at the 2002 level was about \$2.4 billion."

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Demmer: "Okay."

Welch: "And what's in the Governor's proposed budget right now is 1.76. That's a significant..."

Demmer: "Okay."

Welch: "...level."

Demmer: "I appreciate that and thank you."

Welch: "So..."

Demmer: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to yield the remainder of my time to Representative Pritchard."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Pritchard."

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

Speaker Lang: "He will."

Pritchard: "So, Representative, I think your concerns are very well placed in looking at the higher costs for education in Illinois, but aren't there significant reasons for that higher cost that this Bill does not address?"

Welch: "Such as?"

Pritchard: "Such as unfunded mandates that we've placed on universities. The procurement process that we've placed on the universities. The fact that we've had truth in tuition and it's widely accepted that that's led to the increase in tuition costs as they try to anticipate what the limits are going to be in six years. Is there a reason you didn't address these kinds of concerns that would actually help the university lower its operating cost?"

Welch: "Well, I think we can continue those discussions. I think this is just one step of many that needs to be taken to get the cost of tuition under control. And I'd be happy to partner

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with you on the efforts to continue to improve our higher education system."

Pritchard: "And I'd be happy to work with you on that. But as for this Bill today, there's a number of universities that are still in opposition. Isn't that not correct?"

Welch: "I... I've only been told that the Illinois State University is opposed. And it was only philosophical. Illinois State said that they just didn't believe the General Assembly should be telling them what do. And I... my response was, I think that's exactly what we're supposed to do, especially when it comes to setting the policy that we want students coming back into our state and not out-migrating."

Pritchard: "And I think the state has a right to set policy goals for our universities, but when we tie their hands and limit their ability to manage their operations, I think we set an awfully high hurdle for them. There are a number of universities that object for the reasons that have been stated. That they have been cut back for a number of years and they need whatever additional revenue we may be putting to just maintain some of the programs that they have. So, I would urge that we continue to work on this and try to address the real issues of higher cost of education."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch to close."

Welch: "Mr. Speaker, House Bill 3447 is the Tuition Reduction Act. It is a negotiated Bill with the universities and it takes into account many of the concerns that were raised here today. The fiscal year 2002 levels is the very critical mark that we should really be paying attention to because that's when the universities were funded at about \$2.4 billion. This

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only kicks in if we do our job, get a budget, and fund them beyond the 2002 appropriation level."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 58 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And the Gentleman moves for Postponed Consideration. Mr. Drury is recognized."

Drury: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Drury: "I'd like to introduce some visitors we have to Springfield today. Up in the gallery on the Democratic side, we have two grandparents who were kind enough to bring their grandchildren down. I first want to introduce the grandparents. We have Bud Murdock, he's the former Dean of the Loyola Law School, and his wife Moni Murdock. They're both residents of Wilmette. And standing next to me, our Pages for the day, we have Sean Doyle from Chicago. He's a constituent of Kelly Cassidy. And Cara Murdock from Glencoe who's my constituent. Can we all give them a big round of applause and Springfield welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thanks for joining us on the House Floor today. House Bill 165, Mr. DeLuca. Mr. DeLuca. Out of the record. House Bill 3437, Representative Soto. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3437, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous

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day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3437, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Soto."

Soto: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This Bill would require that CPS notify parents of students at a charter school of any impending closure at least 60 days prior to the closures."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Soto: "Yes."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "So, all we're doing is we're providing a notice provision in the event of a charter school closure, correct?"

Soto: "That is... that is correct. So, in the past we had some 50 schools close in Chicago and a lot of families weren't notified. So, we don't want that to happen again."

Andersson: "And this... does this only apply to the City of Chicago?"

Soto: "Yes, it does."

Andersson: "Okay."

Soto: "And only charters."

Andersson: "Only charters..."

Soto: "Only charters."

Andersson: "...and only City of Chicago."

Soto: "Correct."

Andersson: "And are there any opponents to the Bill?"

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Soto: "None."

Andersson: "Thank you very much."

Soto: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bryant."

Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Bryant: "I have been contacted by a lot of... of homeschool folks.

Does this discriminate against homeschool families? Because they seem to think that it does."

Soto: "Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. It doesn't do anything with homeschool."

Bryant: "Okay. Okay, thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wallace, does not wish to speak. Representative Soto to close. Do you wish to close, Representative?"

Soto: "Yes. Thank you. Please, this is a good Bill. And I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Conroy, Mayfield, Sims. Please take the record. On this question, there are 90 voting 'yes', 8 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Currie is recognized."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Mayfield is excused for the rest of the day."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you very much. House Bill 2856, Mr. Unes. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2856, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Sosnowski."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "I'd ask that we adopt Amendment #2 which is a minor clarification to the underlying Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment 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. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2856, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Unes."

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2856 is an effort to help our convention bureaus with economic development. What this Bill does is just allow for the promotion of kickboxing as a sport around the state for convention visitors bureaus. I appreciate all the work that Representative Sosnowski has done on this. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Conyears- Ervin, Mah, Mitchell. Please take the record. There are 98 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Currie is recognized."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Soto is excused for the rest of the day."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect that. Thank you. House Bill 1252, Representative Lilly. Representative Lilly. Out of the record. House Bill 3251, Representative Winger. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3251, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Winger."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Winger."

Winger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3251 Floor Amendment 1 becomes the Bill. It's a result of a collaborative effort with the ACLU and COMTIA and other tech companies which essentially improved the Bill and removed all opposition. The Bill allows for cyberstalking to include when a person installs spyware on another individual's device secretly with intent to harass. It's... and that is the Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment 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. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3251, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative, you've already explained the Bill to us?"

Winger: "Yes, I have."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ammons: "Thank you. Representative, can you back up just a little bit and explain a little bit more about the details of this Bill and the need for it?"

Winger: "Sure. What it attempts to do is put... protect people that are a victim of domestic violence. So, what's been happening is that possibly a family member or a spouse that is meant to harass the significant other will install spyware on a device and then that person is tracked. And they're not even safe then in a shelter because the perpetrator can find the person. So... so, what this is doing is, it is protecting people from this type of harassment."

Ammons: "So, I believe that there is already software that is available at retail to not only track individuals, but they can be used to track your children, where they drive. How does this differ from that and does this create a new class of penalty in this area currently?"

Winger: "Thank you for asking that. And this is essentially updating the cyberstalking part of the Criminal Code to include this type of harassment. And the crime would only occur when this is done in a harassing way. So, with the intent to harass."

Ammons: "And so, just a final question on this provision. Is there laws that exist similar to this around the country that you ran into as you was working on this for Illinois?"

Speaker Lang: "Please bring your remarks to a close, Representative."

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Ammons: "I'm sorry. Representative, just a final question is, were there other states that have similar laws like this or is this the first of its kind?"

Winger: "Yes, there are similar. So, when I met with the other tech companies and COMTIA, one of my questions was am I the leader in this or are there other states doing this? And they said there are other states doing this and we are on the right track."

Ammons: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andrade, this Bill's on Short Debate, but if you're brief I'll let you speak. Thank you."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to... the Sponsor will yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andrade: "I just want to commend the Sponsor for working with ACLU, with COMTIA, Google, Facebook. We looked into this Bill and I just... there was a need for it because of the changing of the technology. And one of the... yes, there is software that exists right now but what the problem is, is that the software for tracking is being installed without the knowledge of the person and that would be... create the... the crime is that it's used to track them down. And one of the... there was a case that when the lady went to get a order of protection, her abuser actually knew she was getting an order of protection before and he would call her. So, that's what it's just trying to do is prevent the unintentional and... of stalking. That's why it's needed to be added. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The... Mr. Davis, this Bill is on Short Debate. Do you persist and I'll just put it on..."

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Davis, W.: "I'd like to."

Speaker Lang: "...Standard Debate. The Bill's on Standard Debate.
Go ahead, Mr. Davis."

Davis, W.: "Representative, and I may have misunderstood... I'm right over here... the answer to the previous question. But at least in our analysis, it indicates that you are creating a new cyberstalking offense. Are you creating a new offense that then subsequently has penalties against someone that could be accused and prosecuted on this?"

Winger: "Sure. And I was disappointed with the summary of this Bill. And it... it does say those words and I did ask for them to be removed. Because what I am doing, is I'm taking the existing cyberstalking part of the Criminal Code and in that there were I believe three circumstances where cyberstalking would apply as a crime. And now, this Bill... now there would be four. There would be four circumstances where cyberstalking would be a crime."

Davis, W.: "So, you're saying, no, it does not create an additional offense?"

Winger: "Correct."

Davis, W.: "Are you sure?"

Winger: "I... what I'm saying is that there is not another offense in the Criminal Code. I... I am... essentially, there's four circumstances now where cyberstalking would apply when initially there were three."

Davis, W.: "So, you're... so, well, you're adding to the circumstances in which someone could be charged with cyberstalking, then?"

Winger: "That's a fair assessment."

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Davis, W.: "Is that... is that a true assessment?"

Winger: "Yes."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, where there were three ways in which someone could be accused of cyberstalking, you're actually adding a fourth one that someone could be accused of?"

Winger: "It... so, another way of saying that is it's an expansion of the current offense, not a new offense."

Davis, W.: "Okay. Not a new offense but you are expanding the current offense?"

Winger: "Yes."

Davis, W.: "Okay. To the Bill very quickly. So, as the speaker just said, she's not creating a new offense. Apparently, cyberstalking does already exist in statute, but what she is doing is adding to the circumstances by which someone can be accused of cyberstalking. If I heard her correctly, so while we didn't get into, I guess, that circumstance and what that is and I apologize, I guess this is what we need to be cautious of because we're now expanding it. So, maybe under these circumstances, I would probably encourage a 'no' vote. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you. Just in part to... to the Bill and to respond to some of the previous lines of questioning. In the area of cyberstalking, like so many areas of technology, that technology rapidly changes and it is always a challenge for us as lawmakers to stay on top of that. I think what the Representative has presented here in the Bill before us is our best effort to stay on top of technology. As she has pointed out, it doesn't create a new crime. It does expand

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the definition but in a very narrow and very specific way in that it identifies that now this can occur through certain types of electronic monitoring software or spyware. This is now becoming a problem where people can have this spyware put on there. Our current cyberstalking was silent as to whether or not that constitutes cyberstalking. I think this is the right thing we do to try to say, hey, this technology is out there now. We have to worry about the use of spyware as a tool for cyberstalking and simply identify that it is one of the things, along with the other types of... of mechanisms that are currently used in cyberstalking. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Winger to close."

Winger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is intended to protect victims of abuse by prohibiting their abusers from installing stalker ware on their digital devices. Cyberstalking has become a standard weapon in the arsenal of abusers. A recent survey indicated 85 percent of domestic violence shelters said that they're currently working with victims whose abusers tracked them with GPS. In 75 percent, they are helping victims whose abusers eavesdropped on their conversations remotely using hidden mobile apps. These eavesdropping apps were installed on victims' cell phones and allowed abusers to listen in on victims' conversations at any time. And this is a bipartisan supported Bill. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Conyears-Ervin, Gordon-Booth, Lilly.

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Please take the record. On this question, there are 89 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Demmer is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. House Bill 2545, Mr. Davidsmeyer. Mr. Davidsmeyer. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2545, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "The original Bill only applied to grades 5 through 12. This makes it K through 12."

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

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2545, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the Bill that I was referring to earlier, House Bill 2545. I'm working with a woman who lost her son to suicide. She worked with the Tennessee Legislature to make sure that suicide prevention

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training was included in... in teacher training, not only teacher training but all staff that have contact with students. So, this would apply to bus drivers and lunch staff, cafeteria staff, things like that. It would not apply to accounting staff or anybody who does not have contact with students. As I said before, I'm working to ensure that... this is already included for free within the EdNetwork training that's provided for free to all the school districts through the department... through the Board of Education. And I'm working on an Amendment over in the Senate with the Management Alliance to make sure that this does not include an additional mandate of time. So, this... this will fit within the current time frame of training. So, we will add that Amendment on the other side. I want to thank Representative Crespo who has worked with me through his committee to ensure that this can move forward. And I would take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sims."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sims: "Representative, we talked briefly about the Bill..."

Daidsmeyer: "Yes."

Sims: "...following the passage of the other. So, are you willing to work on the Bill in the Senate to try and figure out something combined where we can work on these two items together?"

Daidsmeyer: "Yes. Definitely. And I'd be happy to add you as a chief cosponsor or a cosponsor to this Bill as well. I think we're trying to accomplish the same thing. The main thing that I'm trying to accomplish is to provide this training,

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useful training, that does not create an additional mandate on time for... for our school districts."

Sims: "And in the interest of our continued civility within the chamber, I'm not going to ask you to pull the Bill from the record. So, we'll just work on this together."

Davidsmeyer: "Yes. I... and I appreciate that. And that's the... what I afforded you as well."

Sims: "Absolutely. Absolutely."

Davidsmeyer: "I didn't want you to have to pull yours from the record either."

Sims: "But, thank you, Representative. I look forward to working with you on this Bill."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Willis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Willis: "Representative, I appreciate what you're trying to do, but my concern is you... you keep insisting that it is not going to cause any additional time in the training. Well, the only way that's going to happen is if you take something out of already what we have in this standard training time. So, what do you feel that's in this training right now that we're doing for our school employees that can be taken away?"

Davidsmeyer: "I'm... I want to make it clear that I'm saying I don't want an additional unfunded mandate. And you're correct. I don't want to make an unfunded mandate on time as well. So, what we're doing is we're working directly with EdNetwork, who currently provides all the training for free to all the districts, to include this within the current training."

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Willis: "Right. We're looking at two different things. You're talking about cost, which is free for the package of training, online training or whatever."

Davidsmeyer: "And time, which they have to pay wages."

Willis: "But if you're going to do time..."

Davidsmeyer: "Yes."

Willis: "...no matter what you're going to do, it takes time. You... you can't just say here's a book, read it, but it's not going to take time. It's going to take time. And in order to make sure that people are adequately trained, it's going to take time. Suicide prevention is such an important issue that we need to make sure that we have this in there and I think... you know, I probably am going to support your Bill because I do believe that suicide prevention and training for suicide prevention is important, but I question your thoughts on how it's not going to take time."

Davidsmeyer: "I'm just saying... I'm not saying that we have to take anything out. I'm working directly with the School Management Alliance as well to see what we can do. If we can provide efficiencies in other trainings to consolidate things, we can do that. We are currently providing some forms of suicide prevention training right now. So, we may be able..."

Speaker Lang: "Please bring your remarks to a close."

Davidsmeyer: "...we may be able to consolidate this directly into the current suicide training right now."

Willis: "Well, I guess I'm still questioning your thoughts of while you're not calling it a mandate, it is going to be a mandate. And it is going to take time. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "This Bill's on Short Debate. Mr. Davidsmeyer to close."

Davidsmeyer: "I under... sorry... I understand that there's... I had the same exact concerns that Rep... Representative Willis spoke of, but what we're trying to do is make the training more efficient overall. My goal is to ensure that we do not create additional time on teachers. And that's what we're working directly with the School Management Alliance to ensure that that is possible. So, I would encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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 this question, there are 96 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1273, Representative Mussman. Please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please put this Bill on the Order of Second Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1270... 1273, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Mussman, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. So, House Floor Amendment #3 basically just makes modifications to the existing Pawnbroker Regulation Act. It does not change the underlying law. It just clarifies the language to indicate

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that when an investigation identifies the owner of stolen property, said property shall be returned to the owner at no further cost to them. But if the investigation is closed without finding the owner, the property in question shall be returned to the pawnbroker. I'm happy to answer any questions. There's no opposition at this time."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1273, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative, did you already explain the Bill?"

Mussman: "I did. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Feigenholtz, Mah. Please take the record. There are 96 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3032, Mr. Butler. Please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please put the Bill on the Order of Second Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3032, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Butler, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Butler."

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Butler: "Floor Amendment 2 allows for the Adjutant General to make an appointment as a vice-chair to this committee. It also clarifies the concerning unexcused absences to the committee. And I ask for its approval."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3032, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Butler."

Butler: "House Bill 3032 is an initiative of the Lieutenant Governor's Office. It renames the Interagency Military Base Support and Economic Development Committee as the Military Economic Development Committee. The Bill strengthens the mission of the committee to preserve, protect, expand, and attract new military missions, assets, and installations in Illinois. It encourages defense related business to expand or relocate to Illinois. I'm happy to answer any questions. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Conyears-Ervin. Please take the record. There are 96 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2702, Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2702, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2702, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a bipartisan Bill. Leader Durkin and I, as well as Representative McAuliffe, sponsor this Bill. It regulates the issuance of closing protection letters by independent escrowees, individuals or business entities who are not title... title underwriters or title insurance providers. They do it now; and this clarifies for the department as to the ability of them to do that."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Guzzardi: "Really quick, Jay. The Land Title Association is opposed to this. What's their beef?"

Hoffman: "They're opposed to it 'cause they would like to defeat competition in this area."

Guzzardi: "Uh-huh. Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Breen, Long, McCombie. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 93 voting 'yes',

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1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1910, Mr. Sosnowski. Mr. Sosnowski. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1910, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Sosnowski, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill has to do with allowing a rescue squad district, which provides only ambulance service, to be able to go to referendum for a certain tax levy. This just makes it equal to what fire protection districts can go to referendum for, for their ambulance service. I appreciate Chairwoman Willis having worked with us on this. There is some concerns which you'll see in your analysis, but we've worked everything out. We have agreed upon language from the fire fighters which we will remove a couple sentences. They will be fine. We also are working with the ambulance services and Department of Public Health. And we're just going to redo some of the definitions within the language that will remove everybody's objection. But just in essence of time and being able to move this, we want to be able to take care of that in the Senate. So, Chairwoman Willis, I pledge to you and the rest of the Members of this Body, we will do that as I mentioned in committee. And I'm available for any questions. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Willis."

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Willis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Actually, just to the Bill. I want to commend Representative Sosnowski. He has taken to heart all of our suggestions on this. We do have his commitment that they will be some tweaks that will be taking place in the Senate. That will take care of the concerns of the AFFI and the Ambulance Association. With that promise from him, I would also recommend to this Body that we do support this Bill. It also will be beneficial as I am also the Chair of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Task Force, that is looking at how do we make sure that we have emergency medical services to those in rural areas and the rescue squad districts are integral in that. So, I do urge an 'aye' vote from everyone. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. I'm sorry. That was an Amendment. Those in favor of the Amendment will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. I think we've had a thorough debate. Those in favor of the Bill will... Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1910, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "How about now, Mr. Clerk? Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. The hour is late. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 92 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received

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the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Reick."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Bill 2702, I intended to vote 'present' on that. I have a conflict."

Speaker Lang: "Record will reflect your intention, Sir. House Resolution 100, Mr. Crespo. Out of the record. House Bill 2367, Mr. Ford. Mr. Ford. Out of the record. House Bill 198, Mr. Guzzardi. Out of the record. House Bill 2762, Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis. Out of the record. House Bill 263, Mr. Harris. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 263, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 263, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill, it would allow families of those who may have been convicted of certain offenses to continue to receive TANF assistance. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "What's the estimated fiscal impact of this?"

Harris, G.: "I... since TANF is a federal program, there would be very little other than administrative costs to the state of this."

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Andersson: "What... our analysis shows that DHS has filed a fiscal note estimating the legislation would cost the state \$3.2 million. Do you disagree with that?"

Harris, G.: "I've not seen the note. I have no reason to agree or disagree with it."

Andersson: "Okay. Well, as usual, my answer is the same on this. We don't have a budget. We don't have any money and we're now proposing to spend more. So, respectfully, I must urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lang: "This Bill was on Short Debate, but I see a couple of lights on so I'm going to put it on extended debate. Representative Ives is recognized."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. The whole problem here with TANF and identifying it as if you're eligible for TANF, then you're... which this Bill would make certain people eligible for TANF again, that also is an indicator for other items such as how much school aid you get. It feeds into that funding formula. It also can be... goes to whether or not you're eligible for other benefited programs. It's one of the qualifiers. If you're eligible for TANF, you're then eligible for other items. So, possibly that's where the \$3.2 million figure is coming from. I'm not sure. I'm sure not from the school eligibility list but certainly DHS is looking at other benefited programs. And I just wanted to make the Body aware of it, that being designated to receive TANF support also means you're designated to receive other support and it effects the general state aid formula."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reis."

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

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Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Reis: "Now, when you say they will still be eligible for TANF benefits if they were convicted of certain offenses, is this only drug or other criminal offenses?"

Harris, G.: "There are some that are excluded such as Class X and Class 1 felonies, as I read the explanation here."

Reis: "But drug offenses would be... they would still be eligible for TANF benefits if they were convicted of drug?"

Harris, G.: "Yes."

Reis: "And that's not current law now?"

Harris, G.: "They would... this would be a change in law and it would be to be sure that the families that they are the breadwinner for would not, you know, people who were not involved in that particular crime would not have to suffer for it."

Reis: "Well, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, to the Bill. You know, in some respects we should be going the other way. And there's many people in this chamber that feel that drug testing and things should be a... prerequisite to getting TANF and SNAP benefits. You know, if you're not putting other things on the table and taking care of your family, you've got the money to buy these drugs. And why should someone that'd be taking drugs be getting these benefits? People at home... taxpayers all over this state are irate over this. So, it's bad enough the way we are now. I don't think we should be passing a Bill that enhances it and makes it even worse. I would encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

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Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. This legislation is extremely important. Given the current state of affairs in a lot of our districts in relationship to people with severe heroin addiction and many who may have unfortunately been sent to prison for that heroin addiction as opposed to sending them to a rehabilitation center. So, there are thousands of Illinois residents who have had unfortunate addictions that have led them to do things that many of us would not think thinkable in a clear state of mind. But this Bill does change eligibility for those who come out of institutions with little to no resources or support. And because of the implication of policies, purposefully or not, that made this class of people subhuman in our society, we've denied them access to jobs, we've denied them access to housing, and now we deny them access to a very bare minimal level of support from the state. And so, this Bill is actually a critical Bill to provide a bridge for those who are coming out of our institutions attempting to reclaim their lives and to serve as good citizens of the State of Illinois. This actually is a very good Bill in line with what was talked about all week about providing people an opportunity to reclaim their lives. And if we believe that to be true and we don't want to create a permanent underclass as we have since 1985, then we do want to begin to roll back the policies that make it difficult for people to just get by. Let me just tell you in closing that there is a gentleman who is on parole, who was released to our community, who at the same time were required to go and find employment, but he couldn't find employment because there is a restriction on the number of hours for which he

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had to work with. And at the same time, he also didn't have any money to provide basic necessities for himself to pay for that hotel for which he was paroled to. So, we have two problems going on. One, he doesn't have housing. So, he has no resources or job and he can't pay for the basic subsis... subsistence living he has. And he doesn't exactly qualify for state support. This is a good Bill to help people bridge that gap. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris to close."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. I believe the Lady from Champaign summed up the intent of this Bill very correctly. That as folks come out of the corrections system, we are asking them to rebuild their lives, start new futures, but if we deprive them of even an opportunity to feed their family, to obtain employment and to go through a rest... restorative justice program, how do we ever expect people to do anything but what they are used to do to survive and take care of their loved ones. Ladies and Gentlemen, I think that this is a compassionate Bill. It is in the spirit of criminal justice reform and helps with the restorative process. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Feigenholtz, Rita. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 36 voting 'yes', 56 voting 'no'. And the Bill fails. Leader Currie is recognized."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Phelps is excused for the rest of the day."

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Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Leader. House Bill 3528, Mr. Rita. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3528, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Rita, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 becomes the Bill. If we could get it adopted, we can debate this on Third Reading."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3528, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an initiative of the Illinois Realtors. This Bill, as amended, is agreed. It makes some... a number of changes in terms of education and their licensures and obtaining a licensure. It's agreed by both the department and the realtors. I'd ask for its passage."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Feigenholtz, Severin. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 94 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3374, Mr. Sims. Out of the record. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 3750, Representative Stuart. Out of the record. House Bill 3514, Mr. Breen. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3514, a Bill for an Act concerning business. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Breen, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would move for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1, which was agreed language with the Secretary of State's Office to remove their opposition to this underlying Bill."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3514, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a Bill based on the fact that under current law and probably, unintentionally, we charge expedited service fees of 25, 50 dollars or more to everyone who wants to electronically file with the Secretary of State's Office. This has kind of given us a perverse situation where folks are actually encouraged to use handwritten forms submitted by postal mail instead of using e-filing when dealing with the Secretary of State's Office."

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And so, what this Bill does is changes the statute so that an e-filed document is not expedited unless you actually specifically request it. As well, we had some concerns from the Secretary of State's Office about loss of revenue. We've made sure to hold them harmless. Folks, ideally this... this could very well save us millions of dollars. So, I would say it's a sally... salutary reform and one that will help us to encourage everyone to e-file, lowering costs and saving money for our businesses and nonprofits."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Conyears-Ervin, Feigenholtz, Gabel. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 93 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3648, Mr. Welch. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3648, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this... this Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3648, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill was actually brought to me by a constituent, but the more I looked at it, the more I liked it. Constituent had an experience with the Commission on Human Relations in the city. He did some research and found

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that non-lawyers were making actual legal decisions. And they were doing so without any deference to prior precedence. So, what this Bill does is it requires all commissioners who make decisions and issue legal rulings on pending cases be licensed attorneys to practice law in the State of Illinois. That's all it does. I'm not aware of... well, I do believe the City of Chicago's in opposition, but I ask for approval. House Bill 36..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I think it's an excellent Bill. I'm glad that you brought it, Representative Welch. I think that requiring attorneys to be the decision makers in legal cases like this will improve the quality of those decisions. So, I thank you for bringing it. I also thank you for the bipartisan nature of the... of the Bill. I see that you and Leader Durkin are both on it. So, I congratulate you on all counts on this one. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons, this Bill is on Short Debate. Are you speaking in opposition?"

Ammons: "Slight."

Speaker Lang: "Slight opposition."

Ammons: "Slight."

Speaker Lang: "Then you get to speak slightly. I'll give you 15 seconds."

Ammons: "Thank you very much. To the Bill. To the Sponsor, just a clarifying question. So, on other commissions in the City of Chicago or even State of Illinois where they are making decisions and rulings in relationship to things that may not be within their... the individual's wheelhouse, how will this

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Bill effect those by only allowing people with legal degrees to be on a commission of such?"

Welch: "This Bill only addresses the City of Chicago and the City of Chicago's Commission on Human Relations. They are issuing legal opinions and issuing monetary awards in cases and I believe that it's just appropriate that licensed practitioners are issuing these rulings."

Ammons: "And so, where there are other Human Relation Commissions in other parts of the state that may not have people who are lawyers on those, wouldn't you agree that this would impact the operations of those as well?"

Welch: "This Bill as written would not impact those. And I don't believe there are any commissions that are directly analogous to this particular one."

Ammons: "And so, does this particular commission operate differently from other Human Rights Commissions around the state?"

Welch: "I'm not aware of any that operate like this one."

Ammons: "That has binding rulings. Is that what you're saying?"

Welch: "Correct."

Ammons: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch to close."

Welch: "I ask for approval of House Bill 3648."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Feigenholtz, Harris, Hoffman, Hurley. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 93 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby

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declared passed. House Bill 531, Representative Willis.
Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 531, a Bill for an Act concerning
criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Willis."

Willis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill has gone through a lot
of hard work by a lot of Members and a lot of organizations.
This Bill is what we are calling the First Responder Criminal...
let me grab it. I took my glasses off. Pardon me. It has been
called the First Responder Endangerment Act. And we have gone
and put this in as a Memorial Act to fire fighter Daniel
Capuano, who was tragically killed in a respond to a building
fire where the owner of the building was going through and
doing renovations and had covered up that they were doing
renovations, never got a permit and tragically fire fighter
Capuano fell through a elevator shaft and was killed. And we
found that there was no way to hold the building owner
responsible to it on a criminal level. There's certainly an
opportunity to do civil charges but no criminal charges. And
so, we've gone and worked with many different agencies and we
have gotten to where everybody is neutral on it. I did do a
small change that I will be having unchanged over in the
Senate for CMS to be then again neutral because we did put in
there... they wanted in there that it was subject to
appropriations to have them to secure the building. And we
went round and round on it and we both agreed that it would
probably be best to keep that in there even though we both
know that they will probably still be doing anything to make
the building as safe as possible if they could. I would

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request an 'aye' vote on this and take any questions as necessary."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Frese, Lilly. Please take the record. On this question, there are 95 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Demmer is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. House Bill 1853, Representative Jesiel. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1853, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Jesiel, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Jesiel."

Jesiel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment is to extend the sunset date for the Human Trafficking Task Force. I move that we adopt the Amendment."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1853, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Jesiel."

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Jesiel: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Harper, Sims, Stratton, Tabares. Please take the record. There are 93 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2626, Representative Fine. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2626, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Fine, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill creates the Parental Rights for the Blind Act. It... oh, the Amendment takes away all the opposition. I'm sorry."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2626, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, this Bill creates the Parental Rights for the Blind Act. And what it does is it says that blindness cannot be the reason for denial or restriction of parenting time, allocation of parental responsibilities, foster care placement, or denial of

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guardianship or appointment. It's a nationwide movement of the National Federation for the Blind."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "So, you... you indicated that the Amendment removed all opposition. Is that correct?"

Fine: "That is correct."

Andersson: "Okay. We are creating sort of a special class with this with regard to two categories of decision making with regard to parental responsibilities. Is that correct?"

Fine: "I... I'm sorry. I don't understand what you mean by a special class?"

Andersson: "Well, right now in determining parent... the assignment of parental rights, the court has a wide degree of discretion and is allowed to take into account anything and everything the court deems appropriate, in the best interest of the child. That's currently the law, correct?"

Fine: "That's correct."

Andersson: "Okay. So, now we're adding a special category, if you will, for these particular circumstances, blindness and deafness?"

Fine: "No. What they're saying is right now there are unfortunately legal cases pending where a child has been taken away for... from a parent for the sole reason that the parent is blind. And what we're... this Bill is saying is that is an extenuating circumstance but that can't be the only circumstance. There has to be another reason that a child is taken away from their parents except for their blindness. If

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this wasn't happening nationwide, this wouldn't be a Bill that we would be bringing forward. But unfortunately, it's a problem we're trying to address."

Andersson: "But when we're... when we're talking about taking parental rights away, a court is making that determination, correct?"

Fine: "I'm sorry. I still can't hear you."

Andersson: "When we're talking about terminating parental rights, taking a child away from a parent, we're talking about a court determination, correct?"

Fine: "Well, but what we're seeing with this is, for example, a child might be taken away from a parent in the hospital. DHS might be called or DCFS might be called in for the sole reason that that parent is blind. And so, what this legislation is simply saying is there has to be an extenuating circumstance that that person is not fit to parent."

Andersson: "For DCFS action? Is that... is that what this is limited to?"

Fine: "Well, it's... it's for all actions be..."

Speaker Lang: "Please bring your remarks to a close."

Andersson: "May I move to Standard Debate please?"

Speaker Lang: "If you must."

Andersson: "I must."

Speaker Lang: "Okay. Please proceed."

Andersson: "Thank you. So, what I'm trying to understand is, a court right now can take into account multiple factors. You referenced DCFS as taking a child, you know, from the hospital. That would appear to be a temporary, if you will, removal of parental rights by an agency. So, I'm wondering is

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this Bill addressing that sort of agency action or are we effecting a court's ability to make that determination?"

Fine: "I... it's... I believe it's both. Because it also has to do with when a couple goes to court if they're getting a divorce, when it comes to guardianship or who's going to have the rights to the child, that blindness cannot be the sole issue. Because what they're finding is a couple might be fine, they have a child, the blind parent is the sole parent who cares for the child and then all of a sudden there's a divorce and a custody case, and now blindness becomes the issue."

Andersson: "Right."

Fine: "So, what we're saying is blindness cannot be the only issue. There has to be another reason that that parent would be unfit."

Andersson: "Okay. Thank you for that answer. To the Bill. I'll be very honest. If this was only about the DCFS sort of temporary taking, I would totally support this Bill. My concern is the court aspect. This is already embodied in our existing law. The courts have the ability to weigh and balance and in fact, must weigh and balance all of the factors. I don't think that we need to carve out a special exception in the court process. So, I very much respect what you're trying to do. I just think that aspect of the Bill is a mistake. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Quick question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davidsmeyer: "So, basically, you're trying to say that they can't be denied access to a foster child or to adoption or things

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like that simply because they have a blind child and someone believes that they don't have..."

Fine: "No. That the parent is blind."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. Am I misunderstanding?"

Fine: "Yes."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

Fine: "What this is saying is that if the parent is blind, they can't be denied their parenting rights on the sole factor that they're blind. There have to be extenuating circumstances to show that they're an unfit parent. Unfortunately, there are cases pending in court right now where children have been taken away from their parents for the sole reason that they're blind. And so, we're not saying that because you're blind, you can't be an unfit parent, but that can't be the only reason that they're saying that you are not capable of parenting."

Davidsmeyer: "Yes. They have to prove that you are unable for other reasons?"

Fine: "Correct."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Fine to close."

Fine: "I ask for your 'aye' vote. Like I said, this is a national movement by the National Federation for the Blind and I'm hoping that we can resolve this problem here in Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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 this question, there are 86 voting 'yes'; 6 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Demmer is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "We can do that. Thank you, Sir. House Bill 2898, Mr. Crespo. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2898, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. Last year we passed Senate Bill 2440 which allows school support personnel to obtain a principal endorsement on a professional educator's license. The goal was to increase a pool of principal candidates. The Bill had a sunset date of June 30 and this Bill basically just removes the sunset date."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. 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 this question, there are 90 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3820, Mr. Crespo. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3820, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. Senate Bill 3820 is a clean-up Bill for the State Board of Education, which makes changes to professional license requirements pretty much streamlining the process. Some of the cleanup includes such things as

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making it easier to renew technical licenses and brings the renewal process for school psychologist licenses in line with the process for other school support personnel. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Moylan. Please take the record. On this question, there are 93 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1896, Mr. Halbrook. Please read the Bill. There's an Amendment on this Bill. Mr. Clerk, please put the Bill on the Order of Second Reading and please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1896, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 2... Floor Amendment 2 was adopted previously. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Halbrook, has been approved for considerations."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Halbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill... or this Amendment adds to the Bill. We just codifying the law. Illinois Supreme Court case is capping township funds at two and a half times the average of the last three years excluding the capital fund. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1896, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Halbrook, did you just explain the Bill?"

Halbrook: "Yes, I did."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Wallace, Drury. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 92 voting 'yes', and 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2469, Leader Feigenholtz. I may have said the number wrong. House Bill 2465, Representative Feigenholtz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2465, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thanks, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment is a clean-up Amendment. It was agreed to by the hard work of the Department of Public Health. It allows Public Health to continue on their regulatory path for licensure. I'm happy to answer any questions..."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2465, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a, as I said, the Amendment is also very much a part of the Bill. I'm surprised that Speaker Lang didn't acknowledge that. So, this is a permit waver for physical plans. It requires SMHRs to attest to training, sets timetables. And I'd appreciate your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill say... will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Wallace. Please take the record. There are 93 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 173, Mr. Sims. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 173, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments #1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Sims."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sims."

Sims: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House... House Amendment #1 amends the Public Aid Code and allows long-term care providers to wait until they've been reimbursed by the state for services rendered in a month before that month... that tax are due."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment... Floor Amendment #2 has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sims."

Sims: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 is actually a gut and replace and it represents the agreement between all parties cons... all parties involved. And I'd ask for its favorable adoption."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 173, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sims."

Sims: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I discussed the Bill briefly on Second. As I just mentioned, the House Bill 173 allows payments for nursing home assessments to be automatically delayed for any months... any month which payments have not been received by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. I'd ask for... I ask for its favorable passage."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "I just want to confirm the status. According to my report, HFS is still opposed. Is that correct?"

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Sims: "So, Representative, my understanding is that the concerns that HFS raised were such that we could address them in the Senate. We'd like to keep moving the Bill forward and we do add and address those issues in the Senate."

Andersson: "So, your commitment is to work with HFS to address those concerns in the Senate."

Sims: "That is my commitment."

Andersson: "Is that my understanding?"

Sims: "Yes, Sir."

Andersson: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Pritchard. Please take the record. On this question, there are 91... 92 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3709, Mr. Sims. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3709, a Bill for an Act concerning health. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Wallace, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wallace on the Amendment. Mr. Sims, do you want to run the Amendment?"

Sims: "I'll run... I'll run the Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Please."

Sims: "So, the Amendment removes the requirement that counseling services and psychotherapy to be provided so that an individual... but it also preserves the language that requires the counseling services and psychotherapy services to be

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provided in compliance with Professional Counselor and Clinical... Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing Act."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3709, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sims."

Sims: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I outlined the Bill... the Bill's contents on Second and I ask for a favorable vote... Roll Call."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Ives. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 93 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 1955, Representative Barbara Wheeler. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1955, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Barbara Wheeler."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler, B.: "I'd like to withdr... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to withdraw Floor Amendment #1."

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Speaker Lang: "Amendment #1 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Barbara Wheeler."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you, Mr... truly thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've been waiting a long time today and my husband drove me here at 4:30 this morning. So, thank you very much. This Bill actually provides for nonparticipating and participating members of the Delta Dental Insurance practice professional entities and... or providers to be paid directly from Delta Dental. They also allow for the assignment of benefit clause of the policy that it can be signed by the patient."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1955, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wheeler, have you already explained the Bill to us?"

Wheeler, B.: "I did. If anyone has any questions, I'm happy to answer them."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Representative, I'm... just as a practical question. If a dentist charges the patient up front and then assign... allows the patient to be directly reimbursed by Delta Dental, along

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with receiving whatever Prompt Payment Act payments are going there, does your... it appears your Amendment will... your Bill would prohibit that arrangement?"

Wheeler, B.: "Yes. That would be fraud. That would be fraud. So, if the patient assigns the benefit to the provider and then the provider charges that patient up front, that would be fraud. So, they're not able to do that. The idea is to get the provider the payment directly."

Breen: "Right. But what I'm saying is so, for instance, you go to a dentist, you pay them when you go because Delta Dental takes a year to reimburse, and the dentist just tells Delta Dental to send it to the patient. It appears that you are banning that practice?"

Wheeler, B.: "No. They wouldn't be able to charge up front if they're assigning benefits to the provider. That's what I'm saying to you. This... they have it for nonmember, for nonprovider... or I'm sorry, for nonnetwork Delta dentists in some occasions, and I think that you're getting it confused with state employees. Are you?"

Breen: "Well, I'm just asking."

Wheeler, B.: "Because this would be for commercial and not for state."

Breen: "But if... I mean, so for instance, my dentist takes Delta Dental. You pay up front, Delta Dental sends the check to the patient to reimburse them for the expenses. So, can that... is that banned by this Bill?"

Wheeler, B.: "So, this doesn't affect any state workers. This is for commercial. So, this would be for somebody who has Delta Dental insurance and works at Scott Forage or School District

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123. So, it's... right now this law that we're trying to change for commercial is in practice in the state benefit. So, what you're doing as a state employee with Delta Dental wouldn't change."

Breen: "But is that because Delta Dental doesn't wait a year to reimburse for commercial dental services?"

Wheeler, B.: "I have heard, but I don't know this. I have heard that people who are outside of the state group insurance get paid sooner with non... that the patient gets paid sooner. But I... that's just anecdotal."

Breen: "You just, you understand, see if a dentist says, hey, you guys are paying up front. We'll reimburse you. The dentist would just say, hey, I'm just not... we're just not going to take Delta Dental at all. And again, I hate to specify one dental provider. I'm just worried that you're banning... Are we banning dentists from being able to just say, hey, send... when you get the check, send it to the patient?"

Wheeler, B.: "We are not. We're asking... that's what the actually the second Amendment... the second Amendment of this Bill confirms. That your... with the assignment of benefits. So, the patient... to clarify, the patient would sign off the benefit to the provider. That's... that would be upfront."

Breen: "We're merely allowing that, we're not mandating it?"

Wheeler, B.: "Correct."

Breen: "Okay. Thank you."

Wheeler, B.: "You're welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Long."

Long: "Thank you, Speaker. To the... to the Bill. I have heard from many dentists in my area, including my own personal dentist."

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And it's very difficult for my dentist to be able to do business operating this way. And I support... I not only support but I am a cosponsor on HB1955. I urge a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Willis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Willis: "I'm sorry, Barb. I'm just a little confused on this. So, are we changing the practice of how the dentists are dealing with things? So, instead of the reimbursement coming to the patient, the dentist is going to wait for their payment from the insurance company? Is that what we're saying's going to happen?"

Wheeler, B.: "Again, I can't... I can't really answer the question about the timing because I don't know. What's going to change is..."

Willis: "Well, it's obviously not going to happen immediately at the visit if we're waiting for the insurance company to pay whether it's a week later or two weeks later or two months or a year later, right?"

Wheeler, B.: "What this Bill does is make sure that they... out of network Delta Dental Insurance, not state employee, just anyone who has Del... Delta Insurance and chooses to go to an out of network dentist. Instead of Delta Dental sending the payment to the patient, the patient will sign off the assignment of benefits telling the provider... telling the insurance company the provider will get the payment directly."

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Willis: "Okay. So, does it obligate the provider to accept this? What if the provider says, no, I want to... I want to be paid at the time of service instead? Does that... this still allow that provider... the provider the flexibility to make that determination?"

Wheeler, B.: "You know what, that's... that's a really good question. We do not address that in the Bill. So, you're asking if they mandate... they assign benefits. And to the best of my knowledge the answer is..."

Willis: "I mean, 'cause you're changing the way a dental office does their practice. Because many offices might say you have to pay at time of service if you are out of network. And instead, you're saying, no, you can..."

Speaker Lang: "Please bring your remarks to a close."

Willis: "...saying instead, no, you can sign and it will come in and you'll be reimbursed by the insurance company instead of me being reimbursed as the patient and I'm just wondering if..."

Wheeler, B.: "You bring up an... you bring up an excellent point. This is actually... they're out of Delta dentists in Illinois. 75 percent are in network, 25 percent are out of network. This is an initiative that comes kind of a ground... roots... grassroots effort from the dentists. So, both... the proponents of this Bill that have been on... you know, slowly but surely coming on in the last few days have been both in network and out of network dentists. There's also patients on that growing list of proponents. So, this is something that comes from the dentists. Something that I think Representative Long had said it. Representative Stewart had to leave, but his dentist was

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all about it. This is something the dentists want. Both in network and out of network because it actually improves the whole process for a provider to be able to bill for the work... services rendered. And also, there's an additional problem with having Delta pay the patient. If they do have secondary insurance, whether a spouse has additional insurance, without that explanation of benefits, that EOB, the dentist can't bill for that secondary insurance. So, there's not only the delay of payment and trying to get the payment from the patient now who's been paid and have already cashed the check, but then they aren't able to process the secondary payment."

Willis: "Okay. Can I just ask you..."

Speaker Lang: "Representative, can you bring your remarks to a close?"

Willis: "Yes. Just one final request of the Sponsor. Can you, as it goes over to the Senate, can make sure that it's not a mandate to the dentists, that they do have the option to deny if they so choose?"

Wheeler, B.: "Ab... absolutely."

Willis: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wheeler to close."

Wheeler, B.: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Crespo. Please take the record. There are 93 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Members, on behalf of the Speaker, I would like to thank you for your cooperation

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today. We passed a lot of Bills. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Tuesday, May 9 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. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 357, offered by Representative Mah. House Resolution 358, offered by.. offered by Representative Hoffman. House Joint Resolution 54, offered by Representative Evans. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 57, offered by Representative Wallace, a Bill for an Act concerning domestic violence. Senate Bill 81, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 87, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 193, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 207, offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 265, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 308, offered by Representative Guzzardi, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 652, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 731, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 903, offered by Representative Drury, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House (sic - Senate) Bill 931, offered by Representative Drury, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 1299, offered by

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Wallace, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1795, offered by Representative Wallace, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1799, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 1804, offered by Representative Hays, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 1805, offered by Representative Hays, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 1807, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1811, offered by Representative McSweeney, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1818, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1833, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1846, offered by Representative Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning asthma. Senate Bill 1851, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 1865, offered by Representative Willis, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1870, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Senate Bill 1884, offered by Representative Fine, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1887, offered by Representative Breen, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1898, offered by Representative Wallace, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 1900, offered by Representative Jimenez, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Senate Bill 1905, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 1943, offered by Representative

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Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 1946, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1947, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1978, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 1979, offered by Representative Hurley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1987, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2028, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2034, offered by Representative Fine, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2057, offered by Representative Hays, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2060, offered by Representative McDermed, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2066, offered by Representative Breen, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."