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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: approved for consideration, referred to Third Reading is House Bill 1252."

Speaker Turner: "Members are asked to be at their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Richard Sanders, who is with the Larkin Avenue Baptist Church in Elgin, Illinois. Pastor Sanders is the guest of Representative Moeller. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Sanders: "Thank you for the honor of being here again with you today. Let us pray. Lord, God, thank You for the beauty of this day. We're reminded of Your creative powers, particularly during this time of the year after such an unpredictable winter. We need Your creativity, Lord, and we need to have You share it with us. As we consider our state and the complexities of all that has happened, it is beyond the wisdom of humanity to create solutions which address both immediate needs and systemic causes of those needs. You have invited us in Your word to ask You for wisdom as we read. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all generously and without reproach and it will be given to him. I ask You, Oh God, to please grant to the men and the women of this great Body the wisdom to do the work of the people of the great State of Illinois. I ask You, too, God, that You would grant energy and stamina for the women and men of this Body. Challenging work is demanding and tiring work.

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Create in the hearts of the people here that same spark and humility each had when he or she came here as a newly elected Representative. Father, You taught Your followers to pray, Our Father. I think that means something. May the women and men of this Body find those things which unite and allow those things to become the strength of this Body. I pray to You, God, that You would give the people of this Body the energy to listen to each other, not simply to the words from each other's mouths, but to the concerns of the hearts of each other. That kind of listening takes work, God. And so, I pray that You would grant the energy to do that work. I pray that You would bless each person here as each person has a life beyond this place. Someone may be concerned about an ill family member or even a personal illness. Some may be working through a personal loss. Each of us here, God, is a person created in Your image with our own sets of hurts and concerns. Be... be close to us we pray. God, in closing, I pray Your protective watch care would be present with each and every man and woman on this day who is wearing the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. Thank You for them and take care of them, Lord, Amen."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Lang."

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Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Excused on the Democratic side of the aisle today are Representatives Jones, McAsey, Sims and Soto."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson."

Andersson: "Please let the record reflect that all Republicans are ready to work."

Speaker Turner: "With 114 Members present, a quorum is established. Representative Beiser, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Beiser: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Beiser: "I just would like to... the Body to welcome my Page for today. Taylor Harding is down in the front. She is here in Springfield with her mother, Amy. And they're ready to see what this is all about and get involved. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Conroy, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Conroy: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Conroy: "May is Mental Health Awareness Month and today is Behavioral Health Advocacy Day at the Capitol. IARF, IABH, CBHA in NAMI Illinois have once again partnered together to host a day of policy discussion and Statehouse advocacy on key issues facing community behavioral health services and supports in Illinois. Please join me in welcoming community behavioral health providers from across the state to the Capitol today."

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Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Sommer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Sommer: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to introduce two guests we have today that are serving as Pages. These two individuals are at different spectrums of the education spec... different ends of the education spectrum. First of all, we have Job Linboom who is a civics teachers and state championship football coach from Deer Creek-Mackinaw High School, who was here with his team a month ago. And my other Page is Dominic Vallar. He's a first grader at Blessed Sacrament Elementary School in Morton. And he's joined by members of his family, some of which Members you know... Members may know, mother and father Leslie and Jason Vallar and grandmothers, Janet Dobrinsky and Janet Vallar Gillette. Please give them all a nice welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Swanson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Swanson: "Request point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Swanson: "Thank you. I'd like to introduce my honorary Page for the day, Alison Siever; and her mother, Cindy, is here with her today also. Alison is a junior at Galesburg Christian School where she's been very active in volleyball, cocaptain of her cheer team and has been on many... she's in the yearbook club, journalism club and drama club. She's very active in 4-H and an Awana club member, where she's the leader for the

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group, which is Approved workmen are not ashamed. She's very active in her school and many other community events. I'd like to introduce Alison from Knoxville, Illinois, Galesburg Christian School."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Greg Harris, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Harris, G.: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Harris, G.: "So, Ladies and Gentlemen, I just wanted to make a comment about a meeting of the committee... Appropriations-Human Services last week in which a very unusual parliamentary situation arose that we had not seen in the time I've been here. In the Chair, I was required to make a decision about it. It turned out the one I made was not the right decision. So, when I'm wrong, I'm wrong. And I want to, you know, just get up and say I made an incorrect decision and you know, offer my apologies for any inconvenience or confusion that caused."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Stuart: "Thank you. I wanted to introduce to you my Page for the day, Madelyn Foster. Madelyn's a resident of my district, the 112th. She'll be graduating from Edwardsville High School on the 27th of this month. She's actually joined today by her grandparents, Joan and Ronald Foster, Sr., up there in the gallery. Ronald is a former mayor of Glen Carbon, Illinois, serving five terms from 1981 to 2001. Madelyn is a member of

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National Honor Society, National English Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society, served as secretary for her senior class, also served on the student council. And she was a member of the high school drama club and participated also in Model U.N. In the fall, she earned three scholarships and will be attending the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, where she plans to work towards a degree in journalism, double minor in political science and Spanish before possibly heading to law school. So, please help me welcome Madelyn and her grandparents to Springfield today."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Reick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Reick: "I'm joined by my Page today, Alex Muckerheide from Wonder Lake, Illinois. Today is his 13th birthday, by the way. He's a 7th grader at Northwood Middle School and his favorite subjects to include science, social studies. And out of school, he likes video games, hiking and local... biking local trails. He's been looking forward to seeing State Government in action, much like the rest of us. He has a passion for politics and advocacy which stems from his personal experiences because he has severe hemophilia, a bleeding disorder, and has advocated as a keynote speaker for his Regional Bleeding Disorder Chapter's Annual Fundraising Gala. And recently returned from Washington, D.C., where he met with Illinois Representative aides and Senate staff to discuss the importance of maintaining coverage for essential

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health benefits. He's a natural advocate and speaker and truly enjoyed sharing his story with our federal lawmakers. He's always looking for ways to make a difference for him and those in his community with rare bleeding disorders. Please welcome him and his father, Brad, who is sitting up in the gallery over yonder. Give them a warm welcome. Thanks very much."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Unes, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Unes: "I'd like to introduce my Page for the day, it is... he is a senior at Pekin High School, his name is Jarrod Vaupel. Jarrod is going to stay in Illinois and continue his education at Illinois College. And he is interested in political science. So, please if you have a chance, come by and say hello to Jarrod. Also, I'd like to recognize his father who's with us today in the gallery, David. So, please help them... welcome both of them to their Capitol."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. And welcome to your Capitol. Leader Bellock, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As the Minority Chair of the Human Service Committee, I would just like to say thank you very much to Representative Harris for his comments. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Members, on page 4 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills on Second Reading, we have

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Senate Bill 189, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 189, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 298, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 298, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 866, Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1561, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1561, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1580, Representative Evans. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1580, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1657, Representative Willis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1657, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1807, Representative Kelly Burke. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1943, Representative Beiser. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1943, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative D'Amico, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

D'Amico: "Point of personal privilege, Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

D'Amico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, tonight at 5:30 at Lincoln Way Park we're going to have the House/Senate softball game. So, everyone please come on out, show up, have a good time. We had a great practice again last night. We have jerseys in the back, so go on back there and get your jersey. Let's go on out to the park tonight, 5:30 we're going to try and start. We got the trophy here in the well and we want to keep it here in the House. So, please come on out tonight and have good time."

Speaker Turner: "Sixteen inch softball, Go House. Representative Mah, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mah: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Mah: "Thank you. Members of the House, I'd like to introduce you all to some constituents from my district; they're in the gallery behind me. They have come from the Chinatown and Bridgeport neighborhoods in my district. They've been organized and came down here on a bus organized by the Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community. And we

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have a couple of staff members from that organization with the group. I'd like to recognize C.W. Chan, the President of the organization, Debbie Liu, who is a community development organizer and Ken Li, who's also an organizer with the organization. And also with them is my constituent services coordinator, Ada Tong. So, please welcome them all to Springfield today. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative Mah, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative David Harris, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Harris, D.: "Ladies and Gentle... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Harris, D.: "If I may, I'd like to put into the record a personal apology. My father told me it's never too late to say... No, no, no, Mr. Speaker, it's not necessary to do that. But my father told me it's never too late to say I'm sorry. Back on April 26, before we... before the committee deadlines, you may remember that we passed a Bill, House Bill 2977 which dealt with cursive writing. And in my remarks in support of that Bill I referenced the mandates which are required on the schools in the State of Illinois. And I referenced... I just picked out of a list of 30, I picked out a couple of mandates. One was Just say No Day. The other was the Irish Potato Famine Study. And I actually had a constituent and a number of other people talk to me and say that you were... you were not respectful of that... of that course of study. And I just want to put into the record that I recognize that the Irish Potato Famine killed a million people; it forced a million Irish...

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Irish citizens to immigrate to the United States, which was to our benefit, losing 25 percent of their population of Ireland. I could have referenced the Bird and Arbor Day or Leif Ericson Day and I didn't. I just want to make sure that all of those who are of Irish descent and Irish heritage know that I meant no disrespect in any way whatsoever to all those fine Irishmen who have contributed so much to the State of Illinois, to the City of Chicago and to this country overall. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you very much, Representative. On page 2 of the Calendar, we have 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 second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Feigenholtz."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Feigenholtz on Floor Amendment #2."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment is an agreement between the Illinois Restaurant Association and the Illinois Retail Merchants who have ironed out a complex solution. This is a Bill about allergen training in restaurants. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2510. 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."

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Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Feigenholtz."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "This is a further definition of food handling regulation and adds reference to certified sanitation managers, removes all references to automatic approvals and other small details. And I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 2510. 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. House Bill 2510, Representative Feigenholtz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2510, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill is a Bill initiated by the Restaurant Association. Just yesterday, Conde Nast announced that Chicago was the #1 city... had the best restaurants. We are the home of the James Beard Award. And this is an industry that has created a great deal of jobs. And as Representative Williams, the Chair of Tourism, will tell you, we are a culinary destination. This is a Bill that essentially has managers who are on-site, be trained in allergen training. It's an extensive course, so that families feel safe. Families with allergies or children with allergies feel safe to avert any kind of allergy attack. Embraced... it's going to be embraced nationally because we want to see more

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people eating in... in our state, in our restaurants. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Phillips is recognized."

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

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

Phillips: "Representative, I'm reading in my analysis that includes exemptions for the multi-state businesses and franchisees. Is that correct?"

Feigenholtz: "I believe that that is... that was part of the agreement in Amendment #3, I believe."

Phillips: "So..."

Feigenholtz: "That takes IRMA's opposition off the Bill."

Phillips: "...so basically, who is this going to include? If you take all the franchisees, and all the multi-state businesses, all the large corporate businesses that are restaurateurs in Illinois, I guess that basically leaves just the small mom and pop shops then that are going to be trying to help all these people?"

Feigenholtz: "You know a lot of these franchisees that you're discussing have their own types of training. This is the carveout that we did around food handlers and it is the carveout we are consistently going to apply to... those carveouts are at the request of the Retail Merchants. A lot of these, as I said, have their own training."

Phillips: "Well, I guess you assume that. I mean, I don't know how you would actually know that. And then, what... what's the cost of the small restaurateur of making sure that food service manager is going to be receiving allergen awareness training?"

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Feigenholtz: "There's actually no cost to the restaurant per se. This is a self-administered test. It's ANSI approved, which is a national standard. It's actually done online. And once it's done, the manager has the certificate. So, it doesn't really cost the restaurant anything. If restaurateurs want to voluntarily pay for the test for their managers, that's totally up to them. But the cost is borne by the manager."

Phillips: "So, the manager... but... but in order for them to get a food service license now, they will have to have this additional license, too, then?"

Feigenholtz: "If you read the legislation, you'll see that this... this Bill is about having a manager on-site who is allergen trained. So that's one manger. It's not all of the staff."

Phillips: "Yeah, correct. Well, in a restaurant if one is... whatever cook or main... one person has to have the license at any one shift during a... during a... when they're open for... for business. So, I... it seems to me like this could be picking some winners and losers if it's... eventually, who is actually going to be the oversight to make sure these people are licensed with this? Who... who bores that cost?"

Feigenholtz: "It would be state inspectors, local health departments and actually, you know, the management and owners of these establishments."

Phillips: "Okay. Thank you very much, Representative. I urge a 'no' vote."

Feigenholtz: "There's no opposition to this. Everyone's either supportive or neutral, Representative."

Speaker Turner: "I'd like to remind all the Members that this Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. We'll be moving to a

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two-minute timer. Representative Drury is recognized for two minutes."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Drury: "Sara, my son has a severe food allergy to tree nuts. What does this Bill do to provide any real protections to children, adults that have a tree nut allergy?"

Feigenholtz: "So, the current food handler, Representative Drury, really is about food borne illnesses. Really has a very, very brief conversation about allergen. This is a comprehensive allergen training segment that is completely different from that. I think, as you know, parents who have children with allergies are very reluctant to go to restaurants because there needs to be more education and training about allergy... allergic reactions to certain foods as opposed to keeping food cold, et cetera. And this really is going to improve a situation of a parent like you who is very concerned about allergic reactions."

Drury: "Mr. Speaker, I... this Bill goes to the life and death of people, including my son. I wish that we would take this off of Short Debate."

Speaker Turner: "You need at least seven hands."

Drury: "All right. This Bill... everyone, this Bill, I guess, is a good start. It doesn't require the restaurants to label anything on the menu. It doesn't require the restaurants to avoid cross-contamination. What I think it does is it gives a false sense of hope... I think it gives a false sense of hope to families whose kids actually have severe allergies that there's any... anything is going to be different. So, it's a

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good start, but it really doesn't come close to resolving the issue of kids being able to go out and eat at restaurants with their families. It's a very restaurant-driven Bill, but it's not a consumer protection Bill. I just want everyone to know that. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Drury, there are actually enough hands on here. Would you like to continue? Continue."

Drury: "Thank you. Will the... going back to the Sponsor. Sara, I guess does the Bill have any requirements that... that menus be labeled whether or not certain foods on the menu have allergens in them?"

Feigenholtz: "I think it... these days, Representative Drury... it does not specifically do that. But they're given..."

Drury: "Okay. And what about cross-contamination? Does it require the kitchens to make sure that if they're... they're cooking food with certain allergens and certain food that doesn't that they have separate parts of the kitchen or that the person with the training makes sure that there is no cross-contamination of the food so that someone coming there can be sure that their food is not going to be contaminated with tree nuts?"

Feigenholtz: "That's what this Bill attempts to do, Representative, yes."

Drury: "So, when you say it attempts to do it, what... what exactly does it do? Is there a requirement in the Bill that... that the kitchens not allow for cross-contamination or are there certain precautions be taken in the kitchens so there is no cross-contamination?"

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Feigenholtz: "Yeah, I think... I'm not sure exactly what you're asking? Are you asking me if there's oversight? This is a Bill that moves the ball on improving the avoidance of allergic reactions and cross-contamination. It is much stronger than what we have now in just the Food Handler Bill law that we have in this state."

Drury: "And... and I guess, that's the question I have. Again..."

Feigenholtz: "And this is supported by FARE, which is an organization, as you know, that is Ill... actually a national organization, Illinois-based, that has signed on to this Bill. Parents, just like yourself, who are very, very concerned. Does it... It does not mandate that restaurants put anything on their menus, but I believe that the group of restaurateurs that are supporting this are probably going to do it voluntarily. We didn't want to put any mandates in this because as you know around here that is a very, very difficult thing to do."

Drury: "To the Bill. I... like I said previously, I think this is a step in the right direction, but I don't want anyone to be kidded that this at all resolves the issue of allergens in restaurants. A family going to a restaurant really will have no more security in what's in the food and whether there's cross-contamination because the Bill doesn't really get that far. I think it's worthy of supporting because it is a minor step in the right direction. I'm scared that this will be the end and we'll say we've dealt with this issues of allergies. But I... I support the Bill because it's a step in the right direction but it certainly doesn't come close to going far

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enough to protect kids and other adults whose lives are in danger every time they step out into a restaurant. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Andersson: "Representative, just a couple of questions. Number one, it's my understanding that currently in order to be a food sanitation manager, which is what's required of any restaurant, we currently require eight hours of training, components of which include instruction on food allergens. How is this Bill different from that?"

Feigenholtz: "The Food Handler Bill as I said earlier is really more about foodborne illness and the training is not as extensive. I took the allergen test myself and the food handler test and they are very, very different. The allergen training is much more comprehensive."

Andersson: "So, why aren't we adding to that as opposed to creating a brand new Bill that's stand-alone? If you feel that... that that training is inadequate, shouldn't we be amending that?"

Feigenholtz: "Because we have... we have ANSI approved training. It's a national standard. There are 16 different tests in specifically allergen training. So, we already have... this... this law was kind of wrapped around... if you look at the statute, it was kind of wrapped around food handler. Food handler is anyone who touches food. This is only for managers. This is not for everybody in a restaurant. It's only for the on-site manager. So, that's the difference."

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Andersson: "And what about the fee aspect of this? Is there going to be a fee associated with this?"

Feigenholtz: "As I said earlier, I believe the cost of one of these tests depending on whether it's, you know, any... like I said... and every day there are more ANSI-approved tests being done. I believe the cost is somewhere around 20 or 22 dollars. And it's borne by the manager. It's borne by the individual who goes online, registers for the test and takes it. "

Andersson: "Is there going to be any requirement for the state to monitor this, any increased costs or personnel for us to monitor compliance?"

Feigenholtz: "We're trying not to add costs to the state. This is kind of, you know, we're moving into a different kind of a model to take... make government smaller and have people be responsible for their own establishments. So, it is not my intention to add costs by this."

Andersson: "And yet, if we don't monitor, then we're giving people a free pass, right? They can do it or not do it."

Feigenholtz: "You know, if you have a multimillion dollar business that you've done a lot of investing in, the one thing you want to avoid, Representative Andersson, is a bad article in the newspaper about somebody who died of an allergic reaction in your restaurant. I think that that is the motivation around some of our restaurants that they... they are stepping up, being responsible owners and wanting to have extensive training on food allergies."

Andersson: "Sure. But if you're talking about a multimillion dollar business, actually you've exempted most of those. So, I don't know that they apply. And if we're talking about the

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optics of that, I would think that they would want to avoid that, whether they took a test or not. So, I think that encouragement already exists without regard to law."

Feigenholtz: "As I said earlier, some of the larger multi-state franchisees already have this kind of training on-site. So, we didn't want to have to double burden them. They are big enough that they do this themselves."

Andersson: "Thank you for the answers to the questions. Briefly, to the Bill. We already have... every person who opens a restaurant, who operates a restaurant already has a national training standard that they have to meet. They now have an Illinois standard that includes the allergen training. Now, we're going to graft a third test on to that. I leave it to the... the Member's good judgement whether that's appropriate or not, but it seems to me we are adding to the administrative burden of our small businesses in particular. And in this case, we're singling out small businesses rather than all businesses. I thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hammond is recognized."

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

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

Hammond: "Representative Feigenholtz, the... the previous speaker mentioned that we would be having a separate set of standards for small businesses versus perhaps the larger business or the franchises entities. It's my understanding that the vast majority of the larger franchised restaurants already... Mr. Speaker, can we get some order, please? Thank you. Thank you. Representative Feigenholtz, it's my understanding that the

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larger franchised entities already have this program in place. Is... is that your understanding as well?"

Feigenholtz: "I'm not sure what this program is?"

Hammond: "Well, I... let me put it differently. That... many... they already..."

Feigenholtz: "They have... they have food handler, but they don't have allergen training. And so, we sat down... the Restaurant Association and the Retail Merchants sat down, they saw the upside and the downside and they came to an agreement about who's in and who's out. This... this is specifically for Tier 1 restaurants, okay. This exempts Tier 2 and Tier 3 restaurants. That's the exemption. Much of which have internal training mechanisms around food handler or they... there's not as much risk in some of the establishments. So, they don't need to go that far."

Hammond: "Correct."

Feigenholtz: "So..."

Hammond: "So, that was my understanding with the question about the... the larger restaurants, the larger franchise entities. And... and does your Bill allow for this education to be done at a number of different venues online, in a classroom?"

Feigenholtz: "Yes."

Hammond: "Trainers coming into the specific restaurant?"

Feigenholtz: "We passed food handler and Representative Hammond, the beauty about online training like food handler or Basset training is it actually saves time of on-site management and leaves the responsibility, essentially, up to the bartender, the server, and the individual. So that, if I... tending bar or if I'm getting out of college, I take Basset training and I'm

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heading to Chicago and I have a job lined up and I already have a certificate in my hand, I don't have to wait. And I don't have to take time away from a restaurant management team. I'm kind of responsible for all of this myself. It's like a license. So, that's the direction that hospitality is moving in. This is a... there's a lot of states and a lot of local communities that are looking at this. I have a letter from a parent who... or a teacher who had a student who died after he ordered food into the classroom because of lack of education in a restaurant. This is an initiative of the Restaurant Association. A state... Illinois Restaurant Association is comprised of a statewide group of restaurateurs who came together and said we want the gold standard in our state and we want our staff and management to have this education to avoid adverse outcomes."

Hammond: "And Representative..."

Feigenholtz: "So, there's... so the restaurant... this is an industry defining its standard. That's what this Bill is. They support this. It is only affected by them, no one else. There's no unfunded mandates. It's a standard that they want to set for themselves just to remove any confusion about the industry itself."

Hammond: "And Representative, I just want to thank you. And it's... it's evident by the fact that you have at least three Amendments on this Bill. And I want to thank you for taking the time to work with the entities that in the very beginning were not on board with your Bill, particularly Illinois Retail Merchants Association and the convenience stores, to address their concerns. And I thank you very much for that. And while

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a previous speaker mentioned that this is not the complete answer, it is certainly a component of it. And I thank you for your work and I..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bryant is recognized."

Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. So, in my former life, food service was my field. First as a small restaurant owner or restaurant... owner of a small restaurant and in food service in the Department of Corrections. So, the IDPH Code was revised, the last two that I knew of was 1998 and then another one in 2009. There is a component already of the IDPH Code that requires training as was mentioned by a previous... previous speaker. So, I guess, maybe this should be to the Sponsor. Why not make this a part of the ID... enhancing the IDPH Code? Because you're saying that this is not an unfunded mandate, but I know that to get your food handler's license you have... it's several hundred dollars to go to the class and... and to get your license. But you're adding another \$20 to... to someone who already has to take the class and get the license. So, saying it's not an unfunded mandate I don't think is totally true because you are mandating the individual to pay the money for taking the online licensure on this. So, why... again, why was this not just... they're going to have to update the Code again... the last time was 2009... unless there was an update I'm not aware of."

Feigenholtz: "This is... first of all, I really would like to know a little bit more about the food handler fees that you're discussing; I'm not aware of such high fees. I thought that they were about \$18."

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Bryant: "For the license. But you have to take the class. It's an 8... it's a 16-hour class that usually you have to take..."

Feigenholtz: "I think it's been reduced..."

Bryant: "...at a community college."

Feigenholtz: "...from 16 hours, significantly. I think that if you read the changes from food handler, I believe that that's been reduced down to much less. But... but to the substance of the allergen training, this is a comprehensive 90-minute completely different from food handler. I... like I... you know, I invite all of you to see how different this is because it really is a comprehensive test for management. And as I'd said, supported by restaurants... the Restaurant Association."

Bryant: "I understand that. But there are... for instance, those who work in Department of Corrections who have to get this licensure and I'm... I don't want to argue the point with you, but I think that you are mistaken in saying that it's been reduced. It used to be that you had to have 5 hours of training on this and you had to do it every five years; now it's every five years, 16 hours. So, I think it's actually been enhanced. And it will have to be updated again shortly. So, to... to the Bill. I'm not going to support this Bill. I... I hope that we can do this through the IDPH Code because the regulations are already there and if we need to enhance them, that's the best way to do it in order to make sure that everyone is getting the training. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Reick is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

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Reick: "It may have been asked earlier, but I didn't catch it. Are there any enforcement proceedings or any enforcement provisions that accrue to a restaurant that fails to abide by this mandate?"

Feigenholtz: "Local governments and of course, the State Department of Public Health. And as I said, this is kind of a smaller government self-management. I think that that's where hospitality is headed to try and you know, self-police. I'm sure, as I said earlier, that owners want to have a manager on-site. That's why they brought this Bill forward. We lose about \$45 million worth of hospitality and restaurant business when there's one adverse story mentioned and some very serious tragedies because we don't... a lot of our restaurants are... don't really focus on allergic reactions from their consumers."

Reick: "One... one more quick question. Then would taking this training serve as an affirmative defense to any restaurant which had an incident or somebody had an allergen reaction and was thus sued? Would this be an affirmative defense to any lawsuit against the restaurant?"

Feigenholtz: "You know, I think, Representative, that's a very good question. I do know that when we discussed the Basset training in the State of Illinois that we talked about how insurance rates would have the opportunity to be reduced because of that. I can't really answer that question; it's hard to say. But my assumption would be that the more training you have on-site, you're liability is reduced."

Reick: "To the Bill. I just see this as being another layer of regulation on top of existing regulation that seems to work

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relatively well in most circumstances. And I would urge a 'no' vote on this Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Feigenholtz to close."

Feigenholtz: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I hope that there's not a whole lot of confusion about this. This is a Bill that is industry-driven. There are 16, I believe at this point in time, ANSI approved training for allergy training. Representative Drury's, you know, a parent of a child with allergic reactions. I think that this is going to help us dramatically change that at a very low cost and also save small business that are worried about adverse reactions. And I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2510 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 77 voting 'yes', 32 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2510, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Martwick, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on May 16, 2017: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 20... correction... House Bill 4027, House Bill 4045, Senate Bill 701. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House... correction... Senate Bill 899. Representative Gabel,

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Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 931, Senate Bill 1676, Senate Bill 1746, Senate Bill 1846; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1424, House Joint Resolution 53, House Joint Resolution 54, House Resolution 293, House Resolution 350, Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1544. Representative Soto, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 308, Senate Bill 1585, Senate Bill 1790; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1811. Representative Conroy, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health reports the following committee action taken on May 16, 2017: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 304. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on May 16, 2017: do pass Short Debate Senate Bill 266; do pass as amended Short Debate Senate Bill 1693; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 328. Representative Lilly, Chairperson from the Committee on Museums, Arts, & Cultural Enhancement reports the following committee action taken on May 16, 2017: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 52. Representative Thapedi, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 57, Senate Bill 61, Senate Bill 67, Senate Bill 69, Senate Bill 265, Senate Bill 731, Senate Bill 883, Senate Bill 1562, Senate Bill 1647, Senate Bill 1834, Senate Bill 1898; do pass as amended Short Debate is

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Senate Bill 2057. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 421, Senate Bill 1946, Senate Bill 2028; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1694."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Demmer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Demmer: "I'd like to welcome a group of students from St. Paul Lutheran School in Rochelle. They're here with their teacher, Julia Harding today. Please join me in welcoming them to Springfield."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to your Capitol. Mr. Clerk, Supplemental Calendar #1. We have House Bill 4027, Leader Durkin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4027, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 4045, Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4045, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Joint Resolution 43 Representative Unes. Representative Unes is recognized. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 43.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of Illinois Route 78 from Canton to Farmington as the 'Sgt. Douglas Riney Memorial Highway'."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Unes."

Unes: "Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and good afternoon. It is a very unique privilege for me to introduce today a Resolution to honor the late Sgt. Douglas Riney. Sgt. Riney was a hometown hero, serving the U.S. Army when he gave the ultimate sacrifice to his country on October 19, 2016 in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was only 26 years old. And he left behind the love of his life, his wife, Kylie and two children, Elea and James. Ladies and Gentlemen, joining his wife, Kylie and daughter Elea, son James, up at the Speaker's Gallery are Sgt. Riney's mom, Pam Boland and her husband, Don, Sgt. Riney's dad, David Riney, his wife Kristie. And also in the gallery is Kylie's mom, Donna Eddy. Sgt. Riney entered active military service in July of 2012 as a petroleum supply specialist. And he was last assigned to the Support Squadron, Third Calvary Regiment, First Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. I think it is worth mentioning that Sgt. Riney was actually born on a military base as well and was undoubtedly raised by his parents with a sense of patriotism that led him to embark upon the path of his own military career.

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Accomplishments during his service include a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2014 to '15, and the deployment in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel in 2016. He received over a dozen decorations throughout his tenure and service including a Purple Heart. Sgt. Riney was a public servant even in his civilian life having been a proud volunteer firefighter in Fairview and a member of Vintage Church of Texas. Most of Sgt. Riney's activities demonstrate the exceptional quality of his character; however, in some ways he was just an ordinary, yet wonderful, young American man. He enjoyed sports; he was an avid Green Bay Packers fan, he was a BMX bicycle rider with many awards and trophies; he spent a great deal of his free time doing things like riding his motorcycle, hunting, fishing and of course, being a devoted husband and father. For everything that Sgt. Riney did for you and for me and for everyone in this country and for all of the things that he certainly would have done for us, but will never get the chance to do, I hereby request that this General Assembly designate a section of Illinois Route 78 from Canton to Farmington in honor of Sgt. Douglas Riney. And Kylie, I can't tell you how appreciative I am to have been able to spend the time with... with you and James and Elea and your family this morning. And as I told you then, when I went to the fire station at Fairview for the candle vigil that night and I was... I was able to be there with Representative Norine Hammond, I can't think of a better, more appropriate compliment that was given to your husband not only that night, but in the days and weeks to follow his passing and the beautiful funeral that accompanied days... days

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later. It was a... it was a great compliment in walking up. It showed me that, I don't... I don't think there was anyone in that town that was in their homes. They were all there at that vigil. And it... and it showed me just what a... what a terrific man at such a young age and how many hearts that he touched. And my gratitude is forever extended to those who have served our nation's military. And I hereby respectfully request the favorable adoption of House Joint Resolution 43 for Sgt. Douglas Riney and his family. And... and Mr. Speaker, I also respectfully ask that this Body take a moment of silence for Sgt. Douglas Riney."

Speaker Turner: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you, Representative. The Gentleman moves that House Joint Resolution 43 be adopted. 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 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Joint Resolution 43 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 184, Representative McAuliffe."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 184, offered by Representative McAuliffe.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Illinois constitutional officers, members of the Illinois House of Representatives, and members of the Illinois Senate to encourage the playing of the official State song, 'Illinois', at all official events; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That we urge our State colleges and universities to play
'Illinois' at their commencement exercises."

Speaker Turner: "Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier last year in the 99th General Assembly I had two Resolutions, one addressed the Statehood, which Representative Butler, we earlier passed this year about changing the date from August to December 3, 2018. And this is upon the state... our Illinois state coming on its 200-year anniversary. Another Resolution that I had last year that I didn't get a chance to have called is about our Illinois State Song. Now, maybe many of you know the Illinois State Song, but I wasn't aware of it until one of my constituents, who is also here, Stan Dex Banash, and his wife Laura Banash. All I can say is, if you walk down the City of Chicago you see numerous lawns all manicured and all green. In front of Stan's rustic house he has Illinois prairie grass growing. And for a couple of years he traveled throughout the whole state and wrote a book called *Roadside History of Illinois*. Now, Stan knows more probably about the history of Illinois than probably anyone here in the state, except for maybe David Jones at the Secretary of State's Office. So, it was important to him and it's important to me to learn more about the Illinois State Song and maybe letting more people, especially school children learn more about the Illinois State Song when we come up on our 200-year anniversary. A little history of the song. It was written by a Civil War Veteran Charles H. Chamberlain in the early 19... 1890s and was officially adopted as our State Song in 1925, when legislation was introduced by State Senator Florence Fifer Bohrer of

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Bloomington, the daughter of former Illinois Governor Joseph Fifer was introduced. Years later our State Song was well known to small children then, but not as much today. I ask people, neighbors or family members if they ever heard of *Back Home* in Indiana or *My Old Kentucky Home*, which many of you maybe heard when the Kentucky Derby was on TV a couple of weeks ago. So, it's Stan's wish and my wish that everybody can stand up and maybe have Terri Bryant and Representative Olsen, who I just found out is also a good singer, which I am not. And maybe all of us can join up together, you have the words for the Illinois State Song. Stan, can you please stand up and Laura. And this song is... is dedicated to you. How many people in Illinois would drive through the whole state, go down every back road, been in every district throughout this state and write a book about it? And all he wants to do is promote Illinois 'cause he loves our state and I do too. So, without further ado, Terri and Representative Olsen, if you can start off the song we'll see how it goes."

Speaker Turner: "Let's hear it, Representative Bryant."

Bryant - et al: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to try to get us on the right note and I left words for everyone. We're going to do three verses because I had to get down to verse three, where it speaks about Logan since I'm from Murphysboro and that's our favorite native son. (Sings Illinois State Song). Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representatives. Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 184. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'

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have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 408, offered by Representative Phelps and House Resolution 409, offered by Representative Riley."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Riley is recognized."

Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, unfortunately, we have these situations where people very important to us in what we're trying to do down here in government pass away. I'm not sure that everybody realizes it, but someone who was very close to a lot of us and who did a lot of work, especially in the Counties & Townships Committee, Tim Bramlett passed away last week. Tim Bramlett was a very, very good friend and worked for disparate organizations. He represented the Taxpayers Federation of Illinois, but he also represented the Township Officials of Illinois where I got a chance to know him. Tim was a very, very diligent person. He did his work; he worked very hard. He believed in what he was doing. He always had time for everyone who came to him. Tim was a graduate of the University of Illinois. As a matter of fact, I have an Agreed Resolution in his honor. And just everything that he did recognized the fact that he thought that everybody should have a fair shake and that he would represent whoever he represented very well. Tim had some medical problems down through the years; I understand he was fighting cancer. And... but he always showed up. Always had a smile, always had something good to say. From what I understand, he took a turn for the worse in the last couple of weeks. But especially, as everyone on the

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Counties & Township Committee knows, he was always there; he always showed up. He always gave great testimony. It is my understanding and it's... it's, I don't know, just what some people of character do, it's my understanding that on the night before he passed away he was texting messages telling everybody goodbye. That's the kind of guy that Tim was. We're going to miss him. I understand that there's going to be some sort of memorial celebration and... and it makes sense, at D.H. Brown's on June the 2. I'll get more information. But Tim was a great man and I'm going to miss him quite a... quite a bit. And so, I just wanted to let the Body know that. I know many of you knew Tim. And Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to have a moment of silence in honor of Tim Bramlett."

Speaker Turner: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you, Representatives. Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolutions are adopted. Members, Democrats will caucus immediately in Room 114. Democrats will caucus immediately in Room 114. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House adjourn until Thursday, May 18 at 1 p.m.; Thursday, May 18 at 1 p.m. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House is adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 951, offered by Representative Breen, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 1424, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning

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elections. Senate Bill 1577, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1839, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."