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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 18, 2017: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 2515, House Bill 2703; approved for consideration, referred to Third Reading, is House Bill 1785."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Prentiss W. Harris who is the Pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and Founder and Senior Ambassador of Village of a Thousand Elders in East Moline. Pastor Harris is the guest of Representative Halpin. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cells phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Harris."

Pastor Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Representative Halpin for the invitation. Father, we gather this morning with... this afternoon with men and women all over the state who represent their various districts. We pray for our Governor, we pray for his staff and we pray for every Representative, that they want to be here, want to do what they've been called to do. I pray that You grant them wisdom as they engage each other for the good of the State of Illinois. Give them, Lord, wisdom and the right words to express their views. Help them to understand that no one can have the whole pie, that we must share. The load is too heavy for one side to do it all, we all must lend a hand. I pray that You'd grant them wisdom and creative ideas to old problems. I pray that You'd bless this House and bless the

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men and women who serve as public servants for the State of Illinois. We ask that in Jesus' name, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We'll be led in the Pledge by Mr. Halbrook."

Halbrook-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 show that Representatives Beiser, Jones, McAsey, Phelps, Sims and Soto are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that all Republicans are present today."

Speaker Lang: "We are joyful, Sir. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 112 Members answering the roll, we do have a quorum. The Chair recognizes Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Body. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Ives: "Here today with me is the Saint Michael's 7th grade class, up there in yellow, from Wheaton. So, I'd like to give them a big shout out. I'd also like to say about this class, I coach cross county at this school and my 7th grade girls are the suburban pro league champions. And my 7th grade boys, along with my 5th, 6th, and 8th grade boys, won the overall championship last year in cross country. We're looking forward to a wonderful 8th grade season ahead of us. They're here on a tour of Springfield. They just got back from the

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Lincoln Museum and they're headed to Lincoln's Tomb after the Capitol Tour. Please welcome them to the House."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. We're glad you're here with us today. Thank you. And thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative McAsey, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Charter School Policy reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 764. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 858, Senate Bill 1697, Senate Bill 1905, Senate Bill 1978; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1720; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 76. Representative Riley, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 282, Senate Bill 860, Senate Bill 1670, Senate Bill 1880; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 345. Representative Manley, Chairperson from the Committee on Cost Benefit Analysis reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2066. Representative Thapedi, Chairperson from the Committee on International Trade & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Resolution 114, House Resolution 357. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following

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committee action taken on May 17, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 60, Senate Bill 666. Representative Tabares, Chairperson from the Committee on Elections & Campaign Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1671. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1598; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 160. Representative Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary... Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2017: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2808. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy reports the following committee action taken on May 18, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 71. Representative Welch, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on May 18, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1739; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2394. Representative Soto, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 18, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 768."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, you have some items on First Reading?
Not yet. All right. Mr. D'Amico is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

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D'Amico: "Thank you. I just want to let everyone know now if you'd take a look down in the well, we had the House/Senate Softball game last night and the House was able to keep the trophy in the House. We won the game 15-7. I want to thank everybody that came out and played and helped us... cheer us on. It was a great win for the whole team, everyone top to bottom contributed to the win. And I want to thank our sponsors, Kevin Riggs from the St. Louis Regional Chamber of Growth Association and Ameren for putting this game on every year because it really is a good time out there for everyone to come get out, good comradery, both sides of the aisle in the House and the Senate come on out and enjoy the night. And thanks for coming out last night and go House."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, First Readings."

Clerk Hollman: "Introduction of First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 3, offered by Representative Yingling, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 4, offered by Representative Greg Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 7, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 8, offered by Representative Batinick, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 16, offered by Leader Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. First Reading of these Senate Bills."

Speaker Lang: "Chair recognizes Representative Harper. Representative Harper does not wish to speak. Ladies and Gentlemen, moving to the Order of Senate Bills Third Reading, page 3 of the Calendar, Senate Bill 55, Mr. Evans. Mr. Evans."

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Out of the record. Senate Bill 84, Representative Gabel.
Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 84, a Bill for an Act concerning
public aid. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill creates the Intellectual
and Developmental Disability Home and Community Based Service
Task Force. This Task Force is going to be reviewing possible
federal dollars for these programs and it's purpose is to try
to reduce the waiting list for people with disabilities."

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? Conroy.
Rita. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 111 voting
'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the
Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate
Bill 189, Representative Mussman. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 189, a Bill for an Act concerning
criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Senate
Bill 189 would eliminate the statute of limitations for
victims under the age of 18 for crimes of sexual assault,
aggravated criminal sexual assault and abuse, predatory
criminal sexual abuse and felony criminal sexual abuse. This
will allow our victims more access to the Criminal Justice
System and recognition of the fact that most child victims
are abused by people they know and trust and are vulnerable
to coercion, intimidation and guilt tactics that reduce the

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likelihood they would report in a timely manner. I'm happy to answer any questions about this. This Bill has been read previously in another General Assembly and I think it's very important that we take this step."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

Breen: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Just for the purpose of legislative intent, I want to clarify that the law is intended to apply prospectively and not retroactively?"

Mussman: "Absolutely."

Breen: "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? Chapa LaVia. Rita. Please take the record. There are 112 voting 'yes', 0 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 Williams is excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. House... excuse me, Senate Bill 298, Representative Cassidy. Representative Cassidy. Out of the record. Senate Bill 607, Mr. Stewart. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 607, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Stewart."

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Stewart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 607 allows for the selling, manufacture, purchase or possession for carrying of a spring loaded device by a person with a valid FOID Card. Or by a person or entity engaged in the business of selling or manufacturing these devices. This Bill has passed the Senate unanimously the last two years. I'd ask for your support and certainly available for any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer for an announcement."

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

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Representative Willis on the Bill? Please proceed."

Willis: "Will the Sponsor yield, please?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Willis: "Why would we want to have people to have switchblades?"

Stewart: "Actually, Representative, that's a good question. People already have them in Illinois. And they're manufactured in Illinois. They're sold by many retailers in Illinois currently, big boxes, sporting good stores, small businesses. They've been sold in Illinois for years. This just simply... people possess these, folks that... EMS folks use these devices. These aren't the nefarious devices that you've probably have seen or read in the movies. And Representative, this Bill was amended at the insistence of Leader Sims to allow the possession of these if you have a FOID Card."

Willis: "Okay. But right now, I think... I'm very familiar with the EMS community. They have pocket knives. There's a big difference between a pocket knife and a switch blade. So, I...

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I guess to me when I look at... think of switchblades, I think of something you push a button and it flips open right away, normally has a blade length of four to five inches. That's a lot different than having a pocket knife or a box cutter in your possession. What purpose does a switchknife... a switchblade have other than to be used as a weapon, not necessarily a tool?"

Stewart: "Personally, Representative, I think the title of this Bill was probably incorrect in the... in that the switchblade with the pushing of the knife. These are spring assisted knives, which then could be characterized under that such. They're manufactured in Illinois by Illinois companies. They're sold in Illinois, currently. Either we codify this or they're illegal and folks that have these are illegal. Again, these devices aren't the push button things from the Sharks vs the Jets in Westside Story and those kind of things, Representative. These are devices that are used by law enforcement, used by military. Again, they're spring assisted devices. They're not the nefarious type, as I said before, you know of the switchblade. You know, and again, this Bill was... has passed twice in the Senate unanimously. It was amended at the insistence of Leader Sims to add the language that you must possess a FOID Card to have these. So, if you have a FOID Card you can possess a firearm which is certainly more dangerous than a spring assisted device, Representative."

Willis: "Well, and I think... I think that right there would state if you're going to require people to have a FOID Card, I think you are think recognizing it as a weapon. And I would... I think

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we have enough weapons out in the world right now that we do not need to make it easier, whether they are made and manufactured in the State of Illinois or not. I don't think this is a path we want to go down. I would urge my fellow Legislators to vote 'no' on this. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ford: "Representative, it says currently it is a Class A Misdemeanor for a person to sell, manufacture or purchase or possess a switchblade. What happens if this Bill becomes law? If a person is caught, would that eliminate the misdemeanor that a person is charged with?"

Stewart: "If this Bill becomes law, you must have a FOID Card first to be able to possess these. Currently, people in Illinois, Representative, do possess these. And currently, as the law is wrote, people are illegally possessing these. And stores, many of those in Illinois, are currently illegally selling these devices."

Ford: "So, today, if you have a switchblade, it's illegal?"

Stewart: "Spring assisted knife is probably more appropriate. You know, the title is switchblades. But again, switchblades conjures up the knives from the old movies where you push a button and the blade comes out."

Ford: "Yeah. So, once again, if it becomes law..."

Stewart: "I'm sorry, Representative?"

Ford: "...whether it becomes law or not, it's a Class A Misdemeanor to have a blade, whatever kind of blade you're talking about. Is that right?"

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Stewart: "If you don't... if you don't have a FOID, correct? Yes, Sir."

Ford: "So... so this Bill says you have to have a FOID Card in order to carry it?"

Stewart: "Yes, Sir."

Ford: "Today you don't..."

Stewart: "And... and again, it was amended. This is a Senate Bill that I've agreed to carry. This was amended from Leader Sims to add the FOID Card definition. It's passed the Senate the last two years unanimously with no opposition."

Ford: "Yeah. I'm... there are some people that can't get a... what... what are these switchblades used for?"

Stewart: "Well, EMS would carry those. If you would be trapped in a car, EMS comes up and they want to cut the... the seatbelt out, they would use this spring assisted device. It's not a switchblade in that aspect. It's a spring assisted device, Representative."

Ford: "Are they used for a... defense purposes?"

Stewart: "Obviously, a butter knife could be used for that, Representative. So, I mean a knife could be used for anything."

Ford: "The only reason why I say that is because there are some people that won't qualify for a... to carry a gun. So this... this qualified them from carrying a switchblade?"

Stewart: "Well currently, it's illegal for anybody to have them whether you have a FOID or whether you don't have a FOID."

Ford: "Okay. And why is the Attorney General against the Bill?"

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Stewart: "I haven't been contacted by anybody that's opposed to it. I see in the analysis that they're opposed but I'm not aware, Representative, why they are."

Ford: "Thank you, Representative."

Stewart: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Riley: "Representative, I was trying to look up the language in the Bill. I didn't do it quickly enough so maybe you can explain to me. So, in the actual Bill language it specifies a spring assisted knife?"

Stewart: "Yes, Sir."

Riley: "Okay. Because as you know, I mean there's all kinds of, you know, quick access knives. There's some that just with a flick of the wrist will come out, there is no spring. So, it doesn't cover those kinds of knives?"

Stewart: "That would be correct."

Riley: "This is specifically for... and, you know, even though you made the example, I mean most people do think of switchblades... they think... if they're old enough, they do think about the... the Sharks and the Jets, but..."

Stewart: "Exactly."

Riley: "...there are knives that come out many different ways using a spring loaded system. Is that correct?"

Stewart: "Yes, Sir."

Riley: "Okay. You mentioned emergency services personnel might use a switchblade..."

Stewart: "Would use a spring assisted device, Representative."

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Riley: "Okay. Well, but they can also use a Gerber Mark I or Mark II also, right?"

Stewart: "I... I would doubt that any of them would use a switchblade in the definition of that... you know, again, Sharks vs the Jets, I would doubt any of them carry that."

Riley: "Yeah, I mean... I would... I would think that maybe they would use something a little bit more... more robust."

Stewart: "Right."

Riley: "How old do you have to be in this state to have a FOID Card?"

Stewart: "I believe it's 18."

Riley: "Eightenn. Thank you."

Stewart: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Phillips."

Phillips: "Yes, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Phillips: "Representative, I'm curious about something you said. You said that these are actually manufactured in Illinois?"

Stewart: "They are manufactured in Illinois. There's a company in Chicago that manufactures these and have manufactured these for years. And there's a company in my district that manufactures these. That's why the Senator carried the Bill in the first place."

Phillips: "So, we already have a manufacturing plant in Illinois that manufactures these particular knives, yet on a Code it says they're illegal in Illinois?"

Stewart: "That's correct, Sir. They're not only manufactured here, but they're sold here at many, many stores across Illinois."

Phillips: "So, you're trying to codify that so that it protects..."

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Stewart: "We're just simply codifying it and... and making it, you know, legal in the sense that if you have a FOID you can actually possess these."

Phillips: "That makes sense. That... so that means I can bring my beautiful John Wayne switchblade or as you call it the..."

Stewart: "Spring assisted, Representative."

Phillips: "...spring assisted device out of its retirement and I can actually have it legally then?"

Stewart: "Legally you can actually have it, yes."

Phillips: "Sir, I think it's a great Bill. Thank you for bringing it and saving jobs."

Stewart: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Flowers."

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Flowers: "Representative, maybe I'm not clear on exactly what it is that your Bill is doing, but will I have to have a valid FOID Card to carry my switchblade?"

Stewart: "At... at the insistence of Leader Sims the legislation was changed to insert the FOID Card language, Representative."

Flowers: "But I have a right... I made a transaction and I purchased this blade for whatever the reason is that I wanted to purchase it and now you're telling me that I will not be able to purchase a knife or... I'm sorry, a switchblade be... without a FOIA (sic-FOID) Card?"

Stewart: "Only a spring assisted knife, Representative. But if you were to purchase one of those today or last week, you're actually committing a crime. Today you're committing a crime

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because it's illegal in Illinois to not only manufacture these, but to currently possess these or sell those. So, Representative, if you bought one of these last week, you're violating the statutes."

Flowers: "But it's manufactured here?"

Stewart: "It is, yes... yes they are."

Flowers: "And it's sold here?"

Stewart: "Yes, they currently..."

Flowers: "How many..."

Stewart: "...are."

Flowers: "...how many people have been arrested for owning and possession and selling a switchblade?"

Stewart: "I... that's a great question, Representative, because I'm not aware of any. I'm certain there probably has been."

Flowers: "And so... and so, you're not aware of that but yet, we're about to pass legislation to say that if you don't have a FOID Card... a FOIA (sic-FOID) Card..."

Stewart: "FOID Card, yes."

Flowers: "...FOID Card that... that you would be in violation?"

Stewart: "That's correct. You know, and again, I'd be glad to take the FOID Card out, but it was put in in at the request of Leader Sims is why the FOID Card language was put in the first place. I'd be glad to amend it to remove that."

Flowers: "Well, I would... I would appreciate that you take the FOID Card out because if you're making it legal now, it should be legal. It is... obviously it's legal because no one has been locked up for the manufacturing of it; no one has been locked up for the actual sell of it; no one has been locked up..."

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Stewart: "Well, I'm sure there's been somebody charged with it. I'm... I'm certain at some point because they've always been illegal and I'm certain that somebody has probably been arrested at some point."

Flowers: "Well... but I can guarantee you there's very few people that is currently locked up for something that a lot of people did not know was illegal. And as you stated, it's not... they're not even supposed to be manufactured here but yet, there's a manufacturing company, as you stated, in your district."

Stewart: "And in Chicago. Yes, Ma'am."

Flowers: "And in Chicago that's breaking the law but yet, no one is locking them up. But I guarantee you if you leave this language in here in regard to this FOID Card, a lot of people will be locked up because of that. So, I would appreciate that you please remove this FOID Card out of this legislation."

Stewart: "So, because of the time, Representative, would you help me pass this Bill today and we'll amend it to remove the FOID Card?"

Flowers: "Pardon me?"

Stewart: "So, if... if you agree to help me pass this Bill today, I would certainly agree to have the FOID Card removed in a trailer Bill."

Flowers: "Okay. But let be... before..."

Stewart: "Because, again, this clarifies it for everybody that currently possesses those and are selling those. So, if you agree to help us pass this today, I promise you we'd bring a trailer Bill to remove FOID Card."

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Flowers: "No, but in the meantime, while we're waiting on the trailer Bill and it becomes law, there would be a problem. But let me... before I answer..."

Stewart: "Actually, Representative, the... the problem today is bigger than there'd be a problem if you had to have a weapon... if you had to have..."

Flowers: "Well obviously... obviously..."

Stewart: "...one with a FOID."

Flowers: "...it's not a problem today because the manufacturing company that's in your district is still manufacturing the knives. Someone is... and he is also transporting the knife to some business person and someone is making some type of transaction by purchasing it. So, it's... can't be too much against the law. But I... once again, my biggest problem is I know that there would be... more enforcement if someone is not provided with a fo... FOID Card. But let me ask this question. If this Bill becomes law, it's kind of confusing because it read as if any knife would be illegal?"

Stewart: "No, spring assisted, Representative. Only the spring assisted knives that fit that definition. That's the intent..."

Flowers: "Can... can..."

Stewart: "...of the legislation."

Flowers: "...can you just... can you just take a look? Because it is my understanding that it says, knife, not spring knife. Hold on."

Stewart: "It's... it... it only applies to spring assisted."

Flowers: "According to... according to the Bill analysis, #2, the person or entity is engaged in the business of selling or manufacturing switchblade knives."

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Stewart: "Those would be spring assisted device, Representative."

Flowers: "It says, switchblade knives."

Stewart: "Yes. That's a spring assisted device."

Flowers: "It doesn't say spring assistance."

Stewart: "That's the definition of a switchblade, Mary. That's what... that's the def... a switchblade, the definition of a switchblade is a spring assisted knife. A spring helps the blade come out. That's the challenge with the Bill, Representative. It says switchblade and when you see switchblade, even I conjure up the Sharks vs the Jets in Westside Story and the knives of the old that come out. That's what this conjures up and I... I think unfairly to the knife industry and unfairly to this Bill."

Flowers: "Well, with all due respect, Representative, you know I would love to work with you but under these circumstances, because we are making... it's already illegal as far as the manufacturing, as far as the selling, but more importantly... and you're trying to make it legal, but now you want to add on that in order for me to have a switchblade knife with a spring, in order to save myself in case something happened and I need to cut my seatbelt loose or cut something else loose to save my life, that I have to have a FOID Card."

Stewart: "Well, that was the language that was agreed to, Representative. The FOID..."

Flowers: "...but I did..."

Stewart: "I'd be glad to take the FOID..."

Flowers: "...I did not... I'm sorry, I didn't..."

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Stewart: "I'd be glad to take the FOID Card out but, you know again, Leader Sims was the one that negotiated the FOID portion..."

Flowers: "Is this..."

Stewart: "...of this."

Flowers: "Is this an Amendment?"

Stewart: "It is not. No, it's passed the Senate unanimously the last two years and it was amended at the request of Leader Sims to include that FOID Card language."

Flowers: "Well, again, I have a problem with, again, and I hate to say redundant, but currently someone is manufacturing switchblade knives. Currently, someone is selling switchblade knives. Currently, some people are buying switchblade knives. But with this legislation, those... none of those people that's manufacturing, doing those things that I just enunciated, have been locked up. But with this legislation, it will become legal but it will be illegal for those of us who cannot get a FOID Card. So, I respectfully will be voting 'no'. Thank you."

Stewart: "Thanks, Representative. I appreciate your comments."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves the previous question. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the previous question is put. Mr. Stewart to close."

Stewart: "I would respectfully ask for your support of this Bill and ask for your '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

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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 61 voting 'yes', 45 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1328, Representative Nekritz. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1420, Mr. Breen. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1420, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an initiative of the Illinois Environmental Council. It... it's another unfortunately titled Bill. But the point here is to allow a collection center to collect cooking grease or other cooking oil where it's a non-profit so they are not covered under the requirements of the Dead Animal Disposal Act, which really was intended for entirely different purposes. We've got a great non-profit group in my district that are... they're helping to recycle cooking oil so they don't go in landfills and things like that. So again, have the support of the SIERRA Club and I'm glad to stand for 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? Martwick. 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. Senate Bill 1456, Mr. Fortner. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1456, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 1456 simply provides an extra 6 month extension for two facilities, landscape waste transfer facilities, that are part of a pilot program to get their permit applications in."

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? Members. Turner. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1519, Representative Bellock. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1519, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department of Juvenile Justice. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And Senate Bill 1519 amends the Unified Code of Corrections to help the DJJ initiative to address staff shortage and increase the pool of eligible applicants. It one... it makes it so that people who have Masters Degrees and college degrees can now be in more areas of study rather than what they were before. And it two, it makes corresponding changes with necessary in the Pension Code with the new people that would be hired. And three, it removes the requirement that DJJ use certified mail that they

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can now use regular mail, phone calls and emails. I don't know of any opposition."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davis, W.: "Representative, and I apologize. The analysis that I got... the sheet of paper I got for that I don't have, but there was one thing that stood out. So, this allows for Bachelor's Degrees or just Advanced Degrees?"

Bellock: "No. It's definitely Bachelor's Degrees or Master's Degrees, but it used to be that it would have to be in the social service world like criminal justice. Now, it would be open to other... to strictly... it would have to be a Bachelor's Degree or a Master's Degree, but they would open it up to some other areas of study besides that narrow... just of... what was it, corrections or... it was specialized before in juvenile justice education or psychology. Now, they would open it up to some other various degrees. But you would have to have a Bachelor's or a Master's."

Davis, W.: "Ok... okay. I just want to be clear because the sheet of paper I read made a particular reference to advanced degrees. So, if someone has a Bachelor's Degree, maybe outside of the field of study, like for instance..."

Bellock: "Right."

Davis, W.: "...a Political Science Degree..."

Bellock: "Right."

Davis, W.: "...which may lend itself to some of this, but it's not specific the way it was."

Bellock: "Right."

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Davis, W.: "A Bachelor's in Political Science could be an acceptable candidate for a possible position with the agency?"

Bellock: "Yes. I think maybe by advanced degree they were talking about a Master's Degree."

Davis, W.: "Okay. And.. and finally, just so I'm clear. There still is... there still needs to be some reference made to an individual... let me say it this way. So, I don't want to... while I appreciate what you're doing to expand the pool, I wouldn't want it to be such that we're just hiring anybody with a degree."

Bellock: "No."

Davis, W.: "If... if you will. And again, I'm not trying to be against what you're saying, but there's... there still needs to be some thought that this individual has a... something relative to what's necessary to work in the Department. I appreciate how you're expanding the pool, but I just want to make sure we're not just completely kicking the door open. You know..."

Bellock: "Right."

Davis, W.: "...for some jobs, you got to at least have some, you know, some work history or maybe something that lends itself to what you're applying for. So, we're not necessarily negating all of that, are we?"

Bellock: "No. And I absolutely agree with you, Representative, and I asked them those questions, you know, that I wanted to make sure that the people who do this were qualified. But you know how sometimes to have a degree just specific to something and then you might get somebody that has political science or

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something else that still would have the training when they get there and be equipped to do a really good job at it."

Davis, W.: "Okay. I... I sorry. I know you were talking and I couldn't..."

Bellock: "No, that's fine."

Davis, W.: "...see your mouth move 'cause Mr. Demmer was in the way. Come on. So, but thank you very much, Representative. I appreciate it. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock to close."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, Representative, for the questions. I appreciate your support 'cause I know we all want to be supportive of DJJ and helping with young people move forward. 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 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Conyers-Ervin."

Conyers-Ervin: "Thank you, Mr..."

Speaker Lang: "You have a visitor?"

Conyers-Ervin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please."

Conyers-Ervin: "After nine months of expectation, exactly one year ago today, Alderman Jason Ervin and myself was blessed with this little bundle of joy. And what she doesn't know, later in life she'll look back and say that she shared her first

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birthday with the 100th General Assembly. So, I ask that the fine men and women will help me say happy birthday to my little Geneva Claudette Ervin. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations. Happy birthday. Senate Bill 1556, Mr. Evans. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1556, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. 1556 is an initiative of the Secretary of State. This legislation is an omnibus piece of legislation that does... addresses the various concerns. Going into those concerns, 1) it expands the definition of junk vehicles, provides for an option for out of state residents in extreme circumstances, adds the definition of remitter agent to include someone who gages in consulting, increases the remitter ages bond, increases the dealer's requirement and addresses new and used cars with regards to rental purchase agreements. It's been worked on for a little while over here and in the Senate. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsors yields."

Andersson: "Thank you. Representative, I just noticed in my analysis that we're increasing bond requirements from 10,000 to 20,000 and we're changing the bond coverage period from 36 to 60 months. What's the rationale for doing that?"

Evans: "Yeah, well the Secretary of State, my conversation with them, they needed more coverage for dealers who could

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potentially just leave the state or kind of leave folks hanging. So, that was one of the reasons why they wanted to increase the bond."

Andersson: "And is there any..."

Evans: "What was the second question?"

Andersson: "Well, it was a combined question. It was the same thing."

Evans: "Yeah."

Andersson: "Just why did we extend the term from 36 to 60 months? Same answer?"

Evans: "Yeah, for the same answer, just for consumer protection purposes."

Andersson: "Okay. And there's been no objection from the industry that this is regulating?"

Evans: "No. No. This has been worked on for a little while. So..."

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

Evans: "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? Dan Burke. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1561, Mr. Walsh. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1561, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Walsh."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 1561 adds a new section to the Solid Waste

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Planning and Recycling Act, which would prohibit counties with a population of under 2 million from adopting ordinances or resolutions requiring the issuance of a permit or imposing other regulations upon sites that are already permitted by the Illinois Environmental... Environmental Protection Agency. Basically, operating either a municipal solid waste landfill, sanitary landfills, storage sites, transfer stations or waste disposal sites. It does allow the counties to continue with their county waste management plan. They can authorize delegation agreements through which the IEPA delegates all... delegates all or parts of its authority to inspect, investigate and enforce environment sites. And they still have siting preference in the planning process of any additional or future municipal waste landfills or transfer stations. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Yes."

Andersson: "Thank you. Representative Walsh, just one concern. In the local government environment, a lot of times when you bring waste transfer stations into a community, it is common for a negotiated tipping fee to be charged that benefits the community. Will this preempt that? Will this stop that? 'Cause that's a very common practice."

Walsh: "So, my understanding is when the site planning or the agreement for zoning is taking place, the counties or the municipalities still have that right. It's once the permit is issued that they can't go and put further regulations on the site."

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Andersson: "So, as long as they do it through the zoning process they... they'd still be able to do that. Is that correct?"

Walsh: "Under my understanding, yes."

Andersson: "And that's your legislative intent for this, correct?"

Walsh: "Yes."

Andersson: "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? Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 89 voting 'yes', 19 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1580, Mr. Evans. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1580, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an initiative that we worked on with the Department of Transportation to address motor vehicle accident reports and the Department's interaction with those... reports. Quickly, this permits the Department of Transportation and Secretary of State to collect motor vehicle accident reports from law enforcement agencies while including such written reports from being collected under the Freedom of Information Act. Requires DOT to provide copies of its written accident reports and submit those reports to authorized agents, and has a contractual agreement with the Department of Government Agencies for the purpose of completing highway safety research. It permits the department to make these written reports of motor vehicle

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accidents to the traveling public and excludes personal information, the developing a structure for disclosing funding of motor vehicle reports. And I'd continue reading but, basically, we're creating structure around the use of these reports. Local municipalities and government agencies will be excluded from any fees. This Bill will allow the Department to create fees. We have an expectation for those fees to be very reasonable and it'll be worked out through the Department of Administrative Rule process. I request your support on this very important measure."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "So, my only question is relating to the fees. So, is there... I take it there is not a set fee that's been determined but my analysis shows that it's designed to offset the anticipated cost. So, does that mean they're just gonna look to what the added labor cost is and estimate the fee and that's what it's at?"

Evans: "Yeah, without question. You know, the Department has to do work and work is not free. So, it will be a small fee to offset those costs. And it's not about making money, but it's about allowing the Department to remain flexible."

Andersson: "Thank you for the answer of your question."

Evans: "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? Fortner. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 108

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voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Meier is recognized."

Meier: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Meier: "I'd like to point out to my right, up in the gallery, Sid LeGrand, an old friend and past Illinois Jaycee President. He was the 62nd President of the Illinois Jaycees quite a few years ago. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Welcome. Happy you're here with us today. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're proceeding on page 4 to Senate Bills Second Reading. Please be ready. Senate Bill 57, Representative Wallace. Out of the record. Senate Bill 69, Representative Kelly Burke. Out of the record. Senate Bill 265, Representative Lilly. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 265, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 308, Mr. Guzzardi. Mr. Guzzardi. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 308, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 731, Mr. Fortner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 731, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 866, Representative Kifowit. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 866, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 883, Representative Kelly Burke. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 883, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 931, Mr. Drury. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 931, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1562, Leader Currie. Leader Currie. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1586, Representative Kifowit. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1586, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1647, Representative Cassidy. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1647, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1676, Mr. Welch. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1676, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1693, Representative Kifowit. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1693, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in Committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1694, Representative Cassidy. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1694, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in Committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1746, Mr. Hayes. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1746, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1790, Representative Wallace. Representative Wallace. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1807, Representative Kelly Burke. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1834, Representative Nekritz. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1834, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1846, Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1898, Representative Wallace. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1946, Representative Nekritz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1946, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2057, Mr. Hayes. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2057, a Bill for an Act concerning Local Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in Committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. On page 13 of the Calenda, there are three matters where there are Motions filed to Table. House Resolution 366, Speaker Madigan, House Bill 259, Mr. Ford, and House Bill 662, Mr. Morrison. Each moves to Table their respective Resolution or Bill. Is there leave? Leave is granted. All three matters are Tabled. Mr. Sauer is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Sauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to rise to ask that the record should reflect my intent was to vote 'aye' on Senate Bill 1561."

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

Sauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 410, offered by Representative Durkin. House Resolution 411, 412 and 413, offered by Representative Meier."

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. Members, an announcement. Any Bills that are posted for next week will have their committee deadline extended to Friday, May 26th. Any Bills posted for next, their committee deadline will be extended to Friday, May 26th. Members, an additional announcement. Relative to Memorial Day Weekend, what we can tell you now is Members should definitely plan on being here Sunday, May 28th. There will be Session on May 28th. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until Friday, May 19th at the hour of 9:30 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the House stands adjourned until Friday, May 19th at the hour of 9:30 a.m."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 322, offered by Representative Harper, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. First Reading of this Senate Bill. House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 312, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 449, offered by Representative Chapa

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LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 510, offered by Representative McSweeney, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 639, offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1267, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1320, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1429, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1680, offered by Representative D'Amico, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1700, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."