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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 25, 2017: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 8, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 31, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 326, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 473, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1821, Floor Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1993 (sic-1933); approved for consideration, referred to the Second Reading is House Bill 3792; approved for consideration, referred to Order of Postponed Consideration is House Bill 3644. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 521, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. First Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Members are asked to be at their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Doug Banks who is with the Maranatha Chapel in Evergreen Park, Illinois. Pastor Banks is the guest of Representative Kelly Burke. 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 Banks: "Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, we thank You today for this representation of the State of Illinois. We thank You for its diversity. We thank You for people for coming from different walks of life; religious, cultural, language, all represented in this Body. I ask Your blessing upon each one. I thank You for each one that is designed to serve You in the State of Illinois. We ask, Lord, on this day

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and these few days ahead, that You would give divine wisdom, divine insight, and guide us. I pray for Speaker Madigan. I pray for Senate President John Cullerton. I pray for our Governor, Bruce Rauner. I ask, Lord, for every Legislator to know Your presence in these days ahead. Lord, as we've all seen, it's easier to burn a bridge than to build a bridge. Lord, I ask that there would be bridges built beginning this day. I pray especially in this next few days and week that there will be many bridges built all around the areas of government. I thank You, Lord. I thank You that You have not left us. You love this state. You love everyone that's in this building today. You love the state and the people of Illinois. Lord, we recognize that today. We stop and we pause, and we ask Your blessing. Lord, we ask for Your forgiveness in times when we don't live up to Your standard. We ask that Your love will continue to shine through our life that, Lord, we could serve You and hear that voice as saying, Well done, thy good and faithful servant. Lord, we give this day to You; we give this week ahead. In Your name, Amen."

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

Crespo - 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 Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Fine is excused."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson."

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Andersson: "Please let the record reflect that all Republicans are ready to do the business of the people."

Speaker Turner: "With 116 Members present, a quorum is established. Representative Cavaletto is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Cavaletto: "Thank you. I'd like to give a warm welcome to the ladies from Marion County who are visiting our Capitol today, including my wife. Would you please stand? Thank you very much. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Welch: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I have two fine gentlemen here with me today that I would like to introduce to all of you. They will be interning in my office this summer. On my left, we have Mr. Kristopher Leggin. He is a sophomore studying business management at Northern Illinois University; and he graduated from my fine alma mater, Proviso West High School in Hillside. On my right, we have Jason Mendonca. He's a junior studying political science at the Illinois State University. And Jason was here two years ago 'cause he was the team manager for the champion, St. Joseph Chargers, who had won the state championship that year. These gentlemen are going to do a great deal of positive work in the 7th District this summer. And I ask that we give them a warm welcome."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Swanson: "I'd like to introduce some couples from my home district. First, I'd like to introduce Julie Dilly. She's my district legislative aide, and her two children, Connor and Kelsey up in the right gallery, here. I'd also like to introduce Jon Zahm, another constituent from my district. He's a regional superintendent for Henry, Bureau, and Stark Counties back home. And his two sons, Daniel and Sam, are with him today, also."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Nekritz: "So, I know that all of us in this chamber think that we have great assistants over there in the Stratton Building and here in the Capitol, but Silvana Tabares and I think the world of our assistant, Jennifer Davis. And Jennifer's son is Paging on the floor today, Jaylan Stotts. He's a third grader at Carl Sandburg High School here... Carl Sandburg School here. And he's also a wonderful little soccer player and he tells me that they won their soccer tournament in Decatur a couple of weeks ago despite the fact that he got hit in the face with the soccer ball and still has a little bruise from it. So, welcome, Jaylan."

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

Severin: "Point of personal privilege... point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Severin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you a couple of fine young people from Marion, Illinois, this morning... actually, this afternoon, in the Republican gallery. The young man is the president of the FBLA, was just newly elected for this year. And he's also... he started the Young Conservative Club at Marion High School. His name is Bradley Marks, and he has his older sister, Emily. I'd like to welcome him to the floor today. Thank you."

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

Burke, K.: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Burke, K.: "I'd like to ask the Body to welcome my intern for the summer, Jack O'Sullivan. Jack is a student at the University of Arizona, studying political science and considering law school. So, hopefully, some of you will talk him out of it as I bring him around to introduce him. But please give him a warm Springfield welcome."

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

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

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Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Jimenez: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd also like to introduce two young men from my district, and they didn't have to come very far. They're both juniors in high school. DJ Donaldson... please stand up, guys... DJ Donaldson from Auburn and Welkin Huelsman from Springfield High School, just down the street. Please welcome them to the Capitol."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Costello: "I'd like to welcome Jacklyn Hopkins here today. She's the daughter of my legislative aide, Patsie Hopkins, who's also here with us in the gallery. Jacklyn will be a freshman at Southeastern Missouri State University."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Sommer: "I'd like the chamber to welcome two friends of mine from Morton, Jim and Michelle Rule, above me in the gallery. Jim's a veteran and particularly proud to be here to view the Memorial Service. Please give him a welcome."

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

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I have with me a Page today from Hinsdale, in my district, and it's Killian

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Hughes. He's come here, he's in 7th grade at the Hinsdale Middle School. And his mom is up in the balcony and they just want to see about how Springfield works. And I would like to ask everybody to give them a warm welcome. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to your Capitol. Will all Members please rise, and guests? Will the Members and our guests in the gallery please stand for the presentation of colors by the 114th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry Reactivated? Mr. Clerk, please read House Resolution 423."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 423.

WHEREAS, In accordance with the established tradition of the Illinois House of Representatives, it is fitting that, for Memorial Day, we honor our brothers and sisters who have given their lives in service to our country as the guardians of our long-held freedoms; and

WHEREAS, No better words have been written to honor those brave souls who were sacrificed long ago or pay tribute to the those brave men and women of today who have continued that fight for freedom than the Gettysburg Address; let us now recite those words so humbly said by our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and

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proper that we should do this. But, in the larger sense, we can not dedicate - we can not consecrate - we cannot hallow - this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from those honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."; and

WHEREAS, Those words from long ago still speak to those brave men and women of today who we now honor; it is all together fitting and appropriate that we, with heavy hearts, again accept the honor of reading the Roll Call of those American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines from the State of Illinois who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the preceding year since the previous tribute; therefore, be

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that a copy this resolution and a copy of the ceremonial honor roll and program of the May 25, 2017 reading of names be presented to the families of these fallen heroes."



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Speaker Turner: "Leader... Representative Lang moves for the adoption of House Resolution 423. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. We will now have the roll call of fallen soldiers. Representative Beiser."

Beiser: "Staff Sergeant Christopher A. Wilbur, United States Army, died August 12, 2016, Granite City."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Unes."

Unes: "Sergeant Douglas J. Riney, United States Army, killed in action October 19, 2016, Fairview."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Sergeant Aubrey Daniel Williams, United States Marines, died October 29, 2016, Ashland."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bryant."

Bryant: "Private First Class Tyler R. Iubelt, United States Army, died November 12, 2016, Tamaroa."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Spain."

Spain: "Senior Chief Petty Officer William 'Ryan' Owens, United States Navy, killed in action January 29, 2017, Chillicothe."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Sergeant Joshua P. Rodgers, Army Ranger, United States Army, killed in action April 27, 2017, Bloomington, Illinois."

*Taps*

*Amazing Grace*

Speaker Turner: "Representative Chapa LaVia is recognized."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House, and those in the gallery that honor us today. Today I rise in honor of all the service men and women who came from our great

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State of Illinois. This coming Monday, 29th, is Memorial Day and I'd like to take a moment to present to this Body this House Resolution 423. This is a long-standing tradition for the Illinois House of Representatives to honor Illinois veterans and there is no better time to continue this custom than right now. The Resolution maintains the State of Illinois appreciation for our veterans and upholds our commitment to those who sacrificed everything so that we can be here today discussing important matters to those in whom we represent. Let me share with you some words from past American Presidents on our heroes. Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices. President Harry S. Truman. In the truest sense, freedom cannot be not be bestowed. It must be achieved. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. And last, I don't have to tell you how fragile this precious gift of freedom is. Every time we hear, watch, or read the news, we are reminded that liberty is a rare commodity in this world. President Ronald Reagan. Speaker, I ask that every one of our Members be added to this Resolution. And God bless the American soldier. We are so blessed to come from this amazing country, that we can stand here and at night not worry of our freedoms, but there are people on the lines, dedicated from the past that we should always honor. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no objection, all Members will be added to the Resolution. The Resolution has been adopted. House Resolution 157, Representative Costello. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 157."

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Officer James Brockmeyer, and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Costello."

Costello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House. It's extremely fitting that we just had the ceremony that we did, talking about men and women that have given their lives for our freedom to protect others. House Resolution 157 honors Officer James Brockmeyer of Chester who passed away on October 28, 2016 in the line of duty. Officer Brockmeyer was born in Chester to Donald and Dixie Brockmeyer on April 30, 1994. He graduated from Chester High School in 2012 where he played football, basketball, and baseball. Officer Brockmeyer worked for the City of Chester Gas Department before joining the Chester Police Department where he was... and then joining the Chester Volunteer Fire Department, as well. Officer Brockmeyer dedicated himself to public service. He demonstrated this by his service as a fire fighter and by his commitment to the profession of law enforcement. Officer Brockmeyer served as a cherished member of the Chester Police Department and Fire Department. He will be missed by his fellow fire fighters, brothers and sisters in blue, and all those who knew him. Officer Brockmeyer was also a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Chester and the Randolph County Rod and Gun Club. Officer Brockmeyer is survived by his parents, Donald and Dixie; his sister, Megan Brockmeyer; his fiancée, Lauren Hoops; maternal grandmother, Joleen

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Bowen; many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, brothers and sisters in law enforcement and fire fighters. May Officer Brockmeyer rest in peace. May his memory live on in all of those who carry on the mission to serve and protect with the same honor and dignity that he did. We mourn the passing of Officer Brockmeyer and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all that knew him. I would like to also thank James's parents and grandparents for raising such a fine young man, someone dedicated enough to give his life for the wellbeing and safety of others. Like to thank, as well, Senator Paul Schimpf, who is here on the floor with me today. I'd like to thank Police Chief Ryan Coffey, Sergeant Joe Jany and Officer Seth Buch from the Chester Police Department who are in the Speaker's Gallery; Randolph County Sheriff Shannon Wolff, his wife; Chief Deputy Jarrod Peters and his wife. And as a past police officer, I can tell you that I truly realize, and I hope everyone else does, that you all lost a member of your family. I understand that. I would ask that all Members be added to this Resolution, and I would also ask that the Body take a moment of silence in recognition of such a wonderful human being."

Speaker Turner: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you, Members. Seeing no objection, all Members will be added as cosponsors to the Resolution. Representative Costello moves that the House adopt House Resolution 4... 157. Excuse me, House Resolution 157. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 407, Representative Brady. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 407.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor the life and sacrifice of United States Army Ranger Sergeant Joshua P. Rodgers, and that we offer to his family and friends our condolences and our heartfelt gratitude for his service to our country."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Josh was born on August 22, 1994 in Bloomington, a son to Kevin and Vonda Coulter Rodgers. And we are joined by his dad, Kevin, brother, Ashton, and his best friend, Brandon Reeves in the Speaker's Gallery, and we thank the Speaker for that. His mother Vonda wasn't able to be with us today, and other family members, due to the service in Josh's honor at Fort Benning, Georgia, that they are attending. Josh attended North Point Elementary, Kingsley Junior High, and Normal Community High School. After graduating from high school in May of 2013, he enlisted in the United States Army and completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning as an infantryman. Following completion of the Basic Airborne Course, Josh was assigned to the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program 1, also at Fort Benning. He graduated RASP 1 and was then assigned to Second Battalion, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served as a machine gunner, light machine gunner, gun team leader, and ranger fire team leader. And while serving our country, Josh earned numerous medals and ribbons. Posthumously, Sergeant Rodgers was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal with

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Valor. Josh loved his country, his family, and friends, and the military and especially, his fellow Rangers and regiment. Josh knew his purpose in life and was living out his dream. Josh was an amazing friend with a big heart. Though hard work... through hard work and determination, he continually led by example and made everyone around him proud. His generosity was unwavering. And if you needed anything from him, he was always there. Josh is survived by his parents; two sister, Emily Rodgers and Hannah Rodgers of Bloomington; his brother, Ashton of Bloomington; grandparents, Russ and Diana Coulter of Gibson City, Illinois; as well as several aunts, uncles, a niece, and cousins and friends. Josh was preceded in death by his grandfather, Mike Rodgers. Josh and every other person who honorably serves in our military knows and accepts great personal risk and choose to serve anyway. Josh was and forever will be a warrior, tenacious, humble, determined and supportive. He was a true inspiration to everyone who knew him. On the back of the service program at Josh's funeral was printed the Ranger's Creed. And part of that creed reads as follows: Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high esprit de corps of the Rangers. You most certainly lived up to that creed, Sergeant Josh Rodgers. Thank you from a grateful nation. May he rest in peace. And I ask that all Members be cosponsors of the Resolution and a moment of silence, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you, Members. Seeing no objection, all Members will be added

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as cosponsors to House Resolution 407. Representative Brady moves that the House adopt House Resolution 407. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 428, Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 428.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the positive work being done by the Royal Family Dance Team and we wish them many more wonderful years."

Speaker Turner: "Excuse me. Mr. Clerk, please take this Resolution out of the record. House Resolution 400, Representative Riley. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 400, offered by Representative Riley.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Benjamin O. Davis VFW Post 311 on its 15th anniversary and thank the members for their commitment to the betterment of the community and for their support for veterans."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Riley."

Riley: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Body. And I don't know if they were here, they were over in the Senate being honored by Senator Hastings, but VFW Post 311 in Richton Park that I'm proud to be affiliated with is not only an All American VFW Post, and that is a designation that's not easy to get, but they are also valiant and valuable services to the community. Now, many of you have VFW Post and

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American Legion Posts, and maybe you're affiliated or a member with them, but they really do a lot for the community, be it in education, be it mentoring, and this post was named after a very legendary General of the Army Benjamin O. Davis, whose son, Benjamin Jr. was also a general officer. And between them both, they gave a lot of inspiration to a lot of people at a time where, you know, everyone was not accepted, even, unfortunately, in our Armed Forces. But they achieved great things and we saw fit to name this post after them. So, I wanted to give special recognition... and I don't know if they're here, but if they are here, to these valiant soldiers, men and women, who have served in many conflicts. So, if in fact they are here, I'd like for you to give a round of applause to my post, VFW Post 311."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. This Resolution was adopted on a previous day. Leader Currie is recognized."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Drury will be excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Currie on a Motion."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. I move to suspend the posting requirements so that Senate Bill 2185 could be heard in the Criminal Judiciary Committee, Senate Bills 1381 and 1451 in House Public Utilities, and Senate Bill 1871 in House Revenue & Finance."

Speaker Turner: "You've all heard the Lady's Motion. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair,



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the 'ayes' have it. And the posting requirements are suspended. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 321, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. First Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Reports. Representative Greg Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 955, Senate Bill 1353; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 3259. Representative Welch, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 448; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1316, House Resolution 381. Representative Conroy, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 378. Representative Willis, Chairperson from the Committee on Fire & Emergency Services reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1304, Senate Bill 1895; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 56. Representative Yingling, Chairperson from the Committee on Government Consolidation & Modernization reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1449. Representative Hernandez, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 312, Senate Bill 314, Senate Bill 1882; do

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pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1502; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 395, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1730. Representative Andrade, Chairperson from the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 707, Senate Bill 1796; recommends be adopted as amended is House Joint Resolution 59. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 611, Senate Bill 1433, Senate Bill 1969; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 326, Senate Joint Resolution 15. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Business Incentives for Local Communities reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 367. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1446. Representative Sims, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1722. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 430, offered by Representative Sauer and House Resolution 434, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, are referred to the Rules Committee."

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

Andersson: "A point of personal privilege, please."

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Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On May 8 of this year, a group of 33 Representatives from this chamber came together. These Members were Republicans and Democrats from districts that are downstate and upstate. Mr. Speaker, could you... Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Members, can we please bring the noise level down in the chamber?"

Andersson: "These are Members that came from downstate and upstate; suburban, urban, and rural districts; diverse in most every respect. We came together to issue a call. That call was to encourage the Senate to do the best work they could on the grand bargain, on a budget and related Bills and send us what they could pass. They've now done that. Is what they sent us perfect? No. Was it bipartisan? Some parts, yes; some parts, no. But as our group of 33 stated, the finances of the State of Illinois are in crisis and we must do better. So now, it's our turn. It's not the time to debate who last invited whom to the table. It's time to file that question away permanently, just come to the table. It is our time for our Leaders and our rank and file to meet and negotiate this to completion. My understanding is the Appropriation chairs are meeting. That's a good sign. Note... Mr. Speaker... Thank you. Note, my call isn't to Democrats. My call isn't to Republicans. My call is to everyone. I believe everyone in this room is sincerely committed to the goal of getting a budget. It appeared that the Senate was very close. Let's pick up where they left off, whether it's using their Bills or other vehicle Bills, and let's get this across the finish

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line. And my call, most importantly, is to compromise. To our Leaders, please take the bold steps needed to reach compromise. To our rank and file, let's support our Leaders in making those hard choices to compromise. And as needed, let's push our respective Leaders as hard as we can to help them make hard choices. We just heard the pastor during the invocation this morning say it's easy to burn bridges, it's harder to build them. Let's build them today. Let's move forward. The people are fed up and they're deservedly so. Let's end this impasse, let's get a deal finished. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Lang is recognized."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Turner: "Shhhh, Members. Members."

Lang: "So, thank you for the shush, Mr. Speaker. That was... that wasn't directed at me?"

Speaker Turner: "It's not directed at you but go right ahead, Sir."

Lang: "So, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, I appreciate the comments of the Gentleman. Everyone in this chamber wants a budget, although I'm not sure everyone in this chamber is prepared to do the budget. I've heard a lot of people talk about things they want to do but then they never do them. I also note, and I think the Gentleman will note as well, that every Bill that has come over from the Senate has been assigned to a committee, has been posted. There will be committee hearings, subject matter and otherwise, and people will get to say what they want about the Bills that have come

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over from the Senate. But I do think it takes courage to get this to the bottom line. It's one thing to say you want to do a budget; it's another thing to do one. The comments that this is an impasse... everyone uses the word impasse, but Ladies and Gentlemen, we don't have an impasse. What we have is a crisis. An impasse happens where... we've had impasse before where the Legislature and the Governor can't agree on the line items in the budget. That's an impasse. We had one of those with Governor Edgar many years ago. That was an impasse. But this is not an impasse because we aren't talking about the budget. The Governor of the State of Illinois will not talk about the budget. Except that today, I noticed, that the Governor has invited 13 House Democrats to a meeting to discuss all of these issues, completely ignoring the letter that Leader Currie, Leader Hoffman, Leader Turner and I sent to him offering to sit down and get these things accomplished, completely sidestepping the negotiating team that's been created here in the House, on our side of the aisle, to meet with the Governor. Instead, the Governor has chosen, very carefully it appears, 13 Democratic political targets to meet with. I think that says a lot about his resolve and I think it says a lot about his desire to work with this General Assembly as a coequal branch of government. He and we have responsibility to work as partners in government, not only across the aisle, which we do most of the time, but between the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch. So, Mr. Andersson's comments... notwithstanding Mr. Andersson's comments, while we might be interested in doing this, we need to see some courage from people who are willing to pull away

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from the Governor of the State of Illinois, discuss the issues he has on his mind, but then do the job we were elected to do in this chamber. Do not kowtow to a different branch of government. The Constitution refers to the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch as coequal branches of government. And yet, there are many people, and I must say honestly, particularly on the other side of the aisle, perfectly willing to give away their Constitutional prerogatives to be a coequal branch, to be a partner in government, to a different branch of government. And when you stand up and tell him, the Chief Executive of the State of Illinois, that it's time to do his job and it's time to get the budget done, and it's time to end this crisis, that's when the crisis will end. His actions today tell you otherwise. His actions today tell you he is not interested in resolving this crisis. He's only interested in exacerbating it, extending it, making it worse. Governor, we think you should do your job, and we think Members on the other side of the aisle ought to ask him to do that so we can finish this and get our work done and stop injuring and harming the people that live in the State of Illinois. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

Sente: "Personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Sente: "Thank you. I would like to echo many of the statements of my peer on the other side of the aisle, Senator Andersson. And I'd like to try and... a different type of exchange today.

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I'm not going to blame the other Party, a Leader, the Governor, or anyone. We spend..."

Speaker Turner: "Excuse me, Representative. Excuse me."

Sente: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Shhh. Members, it is very difficult to hear the conversation in the chamber. Please take all discussions to the rear of the chamber. Thank you very much. Representative Sente."

Sente: "Thank you. We spend so much time here focusing on our differences. I'd like to highlight our many similarities. We all represent constituents who want their Legislators to make thoughtful decisions that are good for Illinois. We all want a full-year balanced budget. We want to demonstrate fiscally sound allocation of taxpayer dollars, which includes searching for areas within our budget to cut. We want to reform systems that could benefit from change. We want every student to receive a great education. We want to responsibly consolidate local government and with local resident input. We want to make constitutional changes to our pension system and get to a healthy funding level. We want to procure services and products in a transparent, fair, and highly cost-effective manner. We want employees who get injured on the job to get back to good health quickly, and organizations to care about their workers and pay reasonable workers' compensation rates. We want to provide some property tax relief to our residents. We want to be competitive with our surrounding states. These are six big areas that could benefit from reform and we are close on four of the reforms, and we could make some effective movement on the final two. Two weeks

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ago, 33 House Members, that's a significant number on both sides of the aisle, signed a statement asking the Senate to do their best job on a grand bargain, and then send that compromise package of reforms and budget to our chamber. This is a group... ours is a group that trusts each other. This is a group who agrees we can get a full-year balanced budget by May 31, with cuts in revenue. Folks, we have seven days left. Let's, please, build on that trust and finally, once and for all, put an end to this all-too-long budget impasse, crisis, whatever you want to call it. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Members, on page 5 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills on Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 587. Representative Breen. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 587, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 587 is a clean-up Bill to really reverse something that the Department of Revenue had recently changed. What they have done is try to apply the hotel operators' tax to small religious retreat houses, who had previously not been treated as subject to that... that tax. And so, what we've done here is, through an agreed process, gotten a Bill together to both settle the dispute as to what a hotel is but then also to exempt those who are, for solely religious purposes, using their facilities to advance those religious purposes. So, it came out of the Senate unanimously. We've... I've been glad for the bipartisan support. And I'd be glad to answer your questions."



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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 587 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 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 587, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 3 of the Calendar, under House Bills on Third Reading, we have House Bill 1774. Representative Martwick. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please move this Bill back to the Order of Second Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1774, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Martwick."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment is a gut and replace Amendment, but the Bill is a rather large Bill, is essentially saying there's one change in the Bill. It says that... or I suppose two small changes. It moves the election date from 2019 to 2023 of the first election, and it says that electoral districts must be drawn on or before May 31, 2022 as opposed to 2018. Those are the only changes."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1774. 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 Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 1774."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1774, a Bill for an Act concerning election. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Bill 1774 is a Bill that would provide for an elected representative school board for the Chicago Public Schools. Many of you will remember that I ran this Bill last year. It received a vote of 110 to 4. It is a Bill that was... has been negotiated heavily, certainly amongst both Members... both sides of this chamber as well as both Houses of the Legislature. What this Bill does is it creates an elected school board, providing elected accountability to the decisions of the Chicago Public Schools to the people that pay the taxes for the Chicago Public Schools, the residents of the City of Chicago. Briefly, it would create a 20 member board... a 21-member board, 20-members being elected from specifically drawn districts to ensure diversity on the board, a representative diversity, as well as a citywide elected school board president. All the positions would be uncompensated and the first election would be held along with the consolidated primary election in 2023. I move for its adoption. I ask for... I'd be happy to answer any questions. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Andersson: "Representative, this is a Bill that was similar to what we ran last year, correct?"

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Martwick: "It is identical except for one change. Last year, we ran a Bill that would've provided for... actually, last year we ran a Bill that would've provided for an election in 2018. This year, the Bill was filed with an election date of 2019. In attempting to try and assuage some of the concerns of the current administration of the Chicago Public Schools, we have moved that date back to 2023."

Andersson: "That's great. And again, we're putting the Chicago Public School system in the exact same place that every other school system in the State of Illinois occupies, an elected school board. Is that correct?"

Martwick: "That is... that is correct. Yes. This is about local control for the people of the City of Chicago. Obviously, we know that there's been... like every other school district in the State of Illinois, there are challenges with education. Chicago is facing their own unique challenges. And the citizens of the City of Chicago have sent in a referendum, a citywide referendum, nearly 90 percent of the people said we want elected accountability. We want a say in the way that our schools operate and we want that accountability through elections. This Bill would provide that."

Andersson: "I could... I couldn't agree with you more. It's an excellent Bill. I thank you for bringing it. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Martwick: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie is recognized."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I know this is a very popular idea but just a word of caution. First, nothing in the literature says that student outcomes are better because a school board

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is elected rather than appointed. There's absolutely no correlation whatsoever. Second, a 21-member board may be an unwieldy board. It may be very difficult to bring 21 people, representing very different perspectives, together to work in the best interest of the children. Generally speaking, in this country, individual boards like this, when separately elected, may be very much the center of everyone's attention in the beginning, but over time they are not. Over time, they tend, in fact, to be much organized by the stakeholders in the system rather than the citizenry at large. I would also point out to the Members of this chamber that anybody who thinks that the mayor of the City of Chicago was not held accountable for the Chicago Public Schools in the last several years may have missed the information that he was in a runoff. And I would suggest to the Members of this Body that centralized control gives you the opportunity to let your voices be heard when things are not being run in a way that is satisfactory to the populous. I know the Sponsor is well-intentioned. I know this is a very popular idea. Just a word of caution."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Martwick to close."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the City of Chicago, as the citizens of a democracy, have requested elected accountability. They have requested representation for the tax dollars they've spent. They have requested the most fundamental right in a democracy and we are the only thing standing in the way of them getting it. It's time to give the citizens of democracy what they request, what they needed, what every citizen of democracy should have.

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It's time for an elected school board for the City of Chicago.  
I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1774 pass?'  
All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting  
is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?  
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.  
On a count of 105 voting 'yes', 9 voting 'no', 0 voting  
'present', House Bill 1774, having received the  
Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House  
Resolution 438, Representative Slaughter. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 438.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
congratulate the Morgan Park High School boys basketball  
team, the Mustangs, on winning the 2017 Illinois High School  
Association Class 3A State Championship."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Slaughter."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Can  
we please direct our attention to the gallery on the  
Democratic side of the aisle? I would like to take a moment  
just to highlight the success and achievements of these young  
men from Morgan Park High School. They are the Class 3A  
basketball champion. I believe that makes three out of the  
last five years that Morgan Park High School has won the State  
Basketball Championship. Their run to becoming champions made  
Chicago CPS and the 27th District very proud. It was an  
awesome display of teamwork, dedication and sportsmanship.  
And Ladies and Gentlemen, can I just have your attention just  
for one second? Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At a time

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where we have so many young African-American men that are at risk in the black community, these young men are an inspiration and a beacon of hope, and they're an example of success that can and will happen when our youth have the right dedication and motivation. I'd like to also highlight the parents and the caretakers of these young men, especially the coaches; Nick Irvin, Lance Irvin, Terry Johnson, their Athletic Director Michael Berger. They all share a common goal and commitment to youth basketball as a means to give these kids positive encouragement and do all that they can to provide an environment where these young men can strive for success and be positive, productive citizens. Coach Irvin, for many, many years has had a great program. I'd be remiss if I didn't highlight my brother, State Rep Marcus Evans who is an Alum of Morgan Park High School. Please join me in giving these young men a big congratulatory hand. Thank you for coming down to Springfield."

Speaker Turner: "Congratulations, gentlemen, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Evans is recognized."

Evans: "Yeah, just a quick point of personal privilege. Yes, I did attend Morgan Park. I was too short to play on the basketball team, but I still want to honor these kids. And also, a special thanks to the coach. You know, Coach Nick Irvin does a wonderful job with these boys, being in their lives, and I'm sure they also impact his life. So, please honor Morgan Park. And you know what, Nick Irvin, this is like the third time I've done this. I'm getting tired because Morgan Park keeps winning. The rest of you all got to tell your schools to step it up 'cause CPS is dominating

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basketball. We also won... and again, we won at 2A and 4A. CPS is doing their thing. So, thank you, Morgan Park, and keep making us proud."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Slaughter moves for the adoption of House Resolution 438. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Batinick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege. I just want to quickly recognize Laine Cibulski who is here for winning an essay contest, and a future Legislator. Thank you very much. Welcome her and her mother."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Severin: "I'd like to introduce to the floor this afternoon, a good friend of mine. He's up in the Republican gallery. His name is Arnold Moore. What I have in my hand is an Illinois invention. He inventioned... he invented the train whistle and made thousands and thousands of these. And Mr. Arnold Moore, I'd like to welcome him and just make a little tune here. \*Blows whistle\* He invented that, made hundreds and thousands of them. Mr. Arnold Moore in the gallery. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. And welcome to your Capitol. House Bill 3376, Leader Lang. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3376, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 3376. Leader Lang. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3376, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This Bill relates to the Home Services Program. Some time ago, the Governor's Office, through DHS, put a draconian series of rules upon caregivers, people that come to people's homes, some of the most frail people that need their caregivers in their home to live their daily lives. The original set of rules that came out and what the DHS wanted to do is pretty appalling, actually. They took people who were having caregivers for 40 hours a week and put a limit on them where they might have to go out and get a separate caregiver for 2, or 3, or 4 hours a week, if it went beyond the 40. Now, while that sounds interesting, the fact is that if you are homebound and you need a caregiver and you have someone coming in under this program and they've been coming to you for weeks and months and years, you create a family-type relationship with this person. Where a person who's almost family is giving you care. You don't want someone coming in for another 2 or 3 hours a week, you want your person. And what happened then was that they came into JCARE and tried to pawn these rules, off as if they were reasonable. They did change some of the



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rules but in the end, there was an effort at JCAR which succeeded to limit the amount of hours that these folks can have in their home, requiring them to get additional caregivers. It's just not right. If you were home and sick and homebound and needed somebody with you every day, you wouldn't want two or three different people. You'd want one person you could count on every day. This Bill is designed to remedy that problem. And I ask your support."

Speaker Turner: "The Chair recognizes Representative Andersson."

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

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

Andersson: "Thank you. Representative Lang, so as far as the determination of how many hours of overtime are to be permitted, who determines that?"

Lang: "The Bill would limit the number of hours to 55 hours per week."

Andersson: "So, that's the maximum number. So, you're talking about 15 hours' worth of overtime. Is that correct?"

Lang: "There are some exceptions but basically, for virtually all, it would limit to 55 hours a week."

Andersson: "Okay. And what if the person does not wish to work the overtime? Are they required to?"

Lang: "Well, certainly not. This is for the benefit of those receiving the services."

Andersson: "Correct. But what I'm saying is, if the employee chooses to only work a 40-hour work week, they'd have to find a substitute, correct?"

Lang: "This is... this is not any kind of mandate on employees. This is a reasonable approach to making sure that homebound

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people who get services under this state program, who have been getting services under this state program for many years, are not forced for a few hours a week to get a different person in their home."

Andersson: "And I'm just trying to be clear. If the employee and the employer agree, we're not mandating the employee work more than the 40 hours that would be typical, correct?"

Lang: "This has no mandate on employees."

Andersson: "Thank you. What's the fiscal impact of this to the state?"

Lang: "Let me try to get back to you on that question, Sir."

Andersson: "Okay. I will speak to the Bill and then if you could, that would be wonderful. So, the rationale that I just heard from the Sponsor for the basis of this is that we want people in their homes to be comfortable with their service providers. That's laudable. That's appropriate. But the question is, how much are we willing to pay for that? I guess we're going to find out in a minute how much that's going to cost us. But I think if you look at the reality of what happens is, in these settings, there is repeated changes of service providers. This is not typically a long-term continuity situation. I've had experience with this personally. It's tough to find people who want to stay in these positions. So, the argument that we need to spend X dollars in order to allow for continuity of care by an individual person, while laudable, I don't think is realistic. And I understand from... from my staff that our estimate is that the estimated budget impact is 12.1 million per year in overtime premiums. So, once again, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're about to spend money we don't have for what

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is arguably... arguably something, that while laudable, is not essential to the care of these individuals. Do they want the same person? Probably. Is that an absolute requirement that the state should pick up another \$12 million a year for? I respectfully suggest it is not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Keith Wheeler is recognized."

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

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

Wheeler, K.: "Leader Lang, we did discuss this in JCAR and we had some discussions about it outside as well, I believe. Can you take me back to the beginning? Why did this ever become an issue? Was this a federal overtime rule change that made this occur?"

Lang: "This Bill's in response to a policy that came out of DHS, Sir."

Wheeler, K.: "I appreciate that but the policy at DHS had to be changed because the Obama administration changed the way we look at overtime for these caregivers. Originally, they were not subject to overtime rules. Now that they are, there was a dramatic increase in costs and the department had to respond. Therefore, they promulgated these rules. I know you're not a fan of the rules, but let's discuss the rule that's in place now before we look at changing it, just for a moment. What percentage of DHS home service customers have service plans that exceed the current 45-hour limit?"

Lang: "Twenty-two percent, Sir."

Wheeler, K.: "Sir, our analysis shows 11 percent for that."

Lang: "All right. So, let's assume it... let's use your number, if that makes you happy."

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Wheeler, K.: "No, I'm just saying... I'm just trying to get to a consensus here. We're in a situation where 89 percent of the... of the DHS home service customers don't have any change at all in their approach right now. Is that right? Assuming that number."

Lang: "Yes, but that came after a very long battle. But if either... the number may be 11 percent, it may be 22 percent. Maybe we can agree it's somewhere between there. But yes, with the rules in place now, after a very long battle, certainly most people will not have to worry about overtime."

Wheeler, K.: "Okay. And the oth... the concern that when I talked to DHS about this, they have another concern that you're not addressing here and that is the fact that if someone has that great of a need, they're beyond 45 hours per week, we want them to have a backup provider so that they, in the case of a situation where they're primary provider's not available or becomes sick or goes on vacation, whatever those cases are, they have that backup provider. That's an important element of this. I don't think that's being taken to the greatest degree that it should be in this discussion. I wish that it were 'cause it's an important element of their lives."

Lang: "Well, certainly, if anybody needed, under the current state of affairs with the current limit that the department put on these folks, certainly they would all be prudent to have a backup person. They would probably be prudent to have a backup person even if this Bill passes. I don't understand the point."

Wheeler, K.: "My point is that that was one of the things that DHS wanted to see, these people that have great need, have a

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backup for their benefit, Leader. That's... that was my point, I'm bringing that up, not to detract from your Bill but to point out the fact that there's another element that the rules we're promulgating had a purpose for. And that was... just wanted to put that into the discussion, into the record. Secondly, is there anybody under these rules that have been approved by JCAR that lost service based on that rule?"

Lang: "If your question is, are people able to get the service they need anyway, whether we have overtime caps or not, the answer is if there's available access to an available person, yes, they can get a second person."

Wheeler, K.: "Right. And if there's not, then there's an exception process that they can go through and then they keep their provider for more than 45 hours."

Lang: "Yes, but this is a process that a homebound, sick person that can't even take care of themselves, they're in a wheelchair, they're blind, they have whatever problems they have, not so easy to access, Sir. It's not... it's not like you or I are going to fill out a form and get access to a service."

Wheeler, K.: "Leader, I'm not disputing that part of it. We want to help these people and I'm not trying to dissuade that part of it at all. My point is that I think that the rules that were approved actually have... there not just draconian as were originally presented and I want to make that point clear. This is not something that has been done to hurt anyone receiving care. This is something that was done to find a balance for both the state, the worker and the providers who are sometimes working way more than 45 hours a week. To the Bill. I appreciate the Sponsor's intent of trying to help

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people who are... who are home service customers at DHS. I don't believe that this is a necessary Bill to really do that. In this case, while we are still... without a budgetary process in place, I'd have to ask for a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Wallace is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "Yes, he will."

Wallace: "Thank you. So, we've heard a lot of comments about the dollars and cents related to this particular Bill, but I'm wondering what is the type of care that these workers provide? What are some of... some examples of the duties that they do?"

Lang: "Well, they take care of these folks' personal and medical needs in the home. Perhaps, they're cleaning them or bathing them or feeding them. These are essential services. They may also be dealing with their... with their other personal needs such as while they're there, it's to provide someone to talk to. And as you know, I'm sure, Representative, these service providers, these caregivers that'll go under this home services program are people that, as I said before, become almost like family members. They are there all the time for the needs of these folks."

Wallace: "So, they provide lots of intimate care like bathing and feeding, clothing. But the other piece that they may also provide may be setting up medication or... not necessarily administering it but following the instructions of a medical or health care provider. They're performing a skill task, would you say?"

Lang: "Absolutely."

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Wallace: "And I heard some discussion about the turnover. Do you know some ideas as to why there's such high turnover in this area?"

Lang: "Well, certainly, there's... I'm sorry to interrupt... there's turnover because this is very difficult work. We can't even find people to do this work. We have all kinds of Bills in this chamber regarding staffing levels at various places: nursing homes, DD facilities and all kinds of places. And the reason we try to force feed that is we don't have enough trained people that want to do this work. This is very difficult work at very low wages. So, of course there's turnover."

Wallace: "So, very difficult work, very low wages, with some of them making, on average, 9 to 10 dollars an hour?"

Lang: "That would be correct."

Wallace: "Thank you. To the Bill. This is a measure that, yes, will have some fiscal implication, but I believe that the implications... or the fiscal impact that will come from individuals having to be institutionalized is at least five to six times higher than having this individual in their own home. And then the point of dignity that needs to be addressed as far as the consumer is concerned. These individuals, again, are receiving their most intimate care. The things that most of us take for granted, how we got dressed to get here today, this is a thing that these consumers are not able to do on their own and they rely on their workers to be able to help them. Having a switch in a turnover, even if it's just by shift because of number of hours that their primary assistant can provide, it's disruptive to the customers and the

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individuals that we care for in the State of Illinois. I would encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Lang to close."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There have been a couple of fairly misleading comments made on the floor and so I want to clear them up. This does cost \$12 million, but it's eligible for a 50 percent federal match. So, the net cost to the State of Illinois, Representative, is \$6 million. The net cost is \$6 million. Additionally, when these folks are taken care of in their home and we have a robust Home Services Program, we're keeping people out of institutions, which cost us, additionally, much more money. And let me also add this. We could stand here and talk about dollars and cents all day, and of course dollars and cents are important, but we have to have a heart. We have to have some humanity. If you were home and had somebody taking care of you 45 hours a week and there was a hard cap and they had to go away after 45 hours and you had to bring someone you barely knew in to take you to the bathroom, to bathe you, to talk to you, to feed you, to take care of, as Representative Wallace said, some of your more intimate items that you... that a human being needs, you wouldn't want a second person in the house for an hour, or 2, or 3 a week. You would want to be taken care of by a person that you've developed a relationship with. So, yes, it's \$6 million. It's not a large sum of money, but it is money at a time where we don't have a lot of money. But still, if you put your humanity into this, you'll understand that if you were in the position of these homebound folks who needed these services, you would know who you would want your caregiver to



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be. And I think, if you search your heart, you'll know how to vote. Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3376 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 64 voting 'yes', 49 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3376, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 428, Representative Gordon-Booth. Please read the Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 428.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the positive work being done by the Royal Family Dance Team and we wish them many more wonderful years."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. If the gallery would be willing to lay their eyes on the Speaker's Gallery at the front of the room. Before us this afternoon is a group affectionately known in Peoria as the Royal Family Dance Team. The Royal Family Dance Team is... they are coordinated, choreographed by two beautiful young women, Courtney Langhorn and Shenneca Williams. These two young women are clearly... If we could bring the noise down a bit in the room?"

Speaker Turner: "Members, please bring the noise level down."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you. These young women give their all. And I want to be sure that everyone gives their undivided attention to these two young women who have decided that they

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want to be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem. They didn't wait to get government funding. They didn't go after anyone's money. What they did is they went to their own pocket and they worked with parents, they worked with mothers and fathers who wanted to see more for their young women. Oftentimes, you hear about the things that aren't happening in the community. And what I'm so proud to share with this Body today is that these parents and Shenneca and Courtney said, you know what, if the community isn't doing it, we're going to provide it. And so, they have been, for the last couple of years, competitively dancing all around the state. Just recently, they danced at the United Center right before the Bulls game started. They dance competitively all over the state; and they win trophies all over the state. Again, these young ladies are working in a phenomenal way. They don't have any government funding, but when you see these young ladies, whether it's at community events, church events, civic engagements and.. civic engagement events, you clearly see that these young women are being poured into, not only by their dance instructors, but their parents. And I just wanted to bring them down here to show them that we care, we are concerned, and we are honoring the work that you are doing in our community. And I thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to your Capitol. Representative Gordon-Booth moves for the adoption of House Resolution 428. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Ford, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, on the left side of our chamber we have a friend of mine and a renown lawyer named Jeffery Leving. Jeffery, if you could please stand. He's down here in Springfield. He's the fathers' attorney and I would like for you all to welcome him. He's been recognized by the White House and he's helped all of us in Illinois make laws better for fathers' rights in Illinois. Thank you, Jeffery. Please welcome, Jeffery."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to your Capitol. House Bill 1785, Representative Harris. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1785, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Members. Representative Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This piece of legislation, House Bill 1785, updates a half-century-old statute in the State of Illinois that deals with how transgender persons correct the gender marker on their birth certificate. So, this has been the law of Illinois for 62 years, but what has not changed since 1955, when this law was first passed, was an update to make sure that our language in our statute required the most clinically appropriate treatment according to contemporary medical standards. We do these updates on laws very regularly as technology changes and health care changes. We have done it for digital mammography and 3D ultrasounds. We have done it

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for... on the lock zone to treat substance abuse disorder. We have changed the law to recognize telepsychiatry and telemedicine. So, this is a piece of update language that does the same thing for diagnosis, people with diagnosis of gender dysphoria. It changes Illinois law so that persons can conform their birth certificates, as they have for more than half a century, but to do so with contemporary medical standards. I will point out to you that this also conforms Illinois law with the same requirements that are used by the Department of Homeland Security, the State Department for passports, and for the Social Security Administration for Social Security cards. Also, 14 other states have adopted these standards. The course of treatment is not a simple, easy or inexpensive course of treatment to go through. This is not something people do lightly. And for those who have raised concerns that this is an easy process and you know, people might undertake it without due thought, this is a process that takes many years and cost many thousands of dollars. It requires a lot of consultation, a lot of therapy to be sure that folks are making the correct decision. These definitions and these standards are present in most private commercial insurance policies. I have with me, here at my desk, the standard summaries of benefits for Aetna and Cigna, which again are very similar to those standards which we wish to adopt in Illinois. There have been questions raised about could this possibly used... used for fraudulent or nefarious activities in these days of terrorism? And the answer to that question is, no. Thanks to Representative Elaine Nekritz, who passed through this chamber House Bill 2559, which is now on

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Third Reading in the Senate. This is a Bill that was worked on with law enforcement in conjunction with the State Police just to tighten standards around all birth certificate changes, not just changes for this purpose. And I'll tell you that, you know, birth certificate changes are really a very common occurrence. It's been pointed out on this floor, when an adoption occurs, birth certificates are changed. When a court orders a name change, birth certificates are changed. But now we will have the most up-to-date, current, medical standards in use as a model in the State of Illinois. And I will point out that these standards are supported by the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychoanalytic Association, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, the Illinois Psychiatric Society, the Illinois Psychological Association. So, this is what the Bill does. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Andersson: "Thank you. Representative, I'm curious about the nature of the certified or declared gender transition. I know you said that it's not an easy process to undergo. I'm wondering where in the statute itself does it specify... what is the... what is the procedures that either qualify or don't qualify for this?"

Harris, G.: "If you look on page 5, it will say that the person who's undergone treatment, that it's clinically appropriate for that individual, for the purpose of gender transition, based on contemporary medical standards and that has to be

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certified by their medical professional. So, these standards will change over time as the surgical techniques improve, as pharmacological treatments improve. So, whatever the current medical standard is, just as with Aetna and Cigna and the others, they follow those protocols."

Andersson: "And as you indicated, these are medical standards? These are not subjective standards. These are determined by the AMA or whomever the appropriate agency is?"

Harris, G.: "These... these are accredited standards. They're the same standards as the U.S. Department of State uses for changes of gender markers on passports, same standard as the Department of Homeland Security uses. It's the same standard that actually are used to change driver's licenses here in the State of Illinois."

Andersson: "Is there... is there any limit to whom the doctor is? In other words, is the doctor... must they be licensed in the State of Illinois, or is that not limited?"

Harris, G.: "They must be licensed in the State of Illinois."

Andersson: "They do? Yes?"

Harris, G.: "My... Yes. My able counsel is checking to be sure. Yes, yes."

Andersson: "And... Oh, and one more question. Just on the treatment methodology itself, some of the objectors have raised, at least with me, the question of would therapy... in other words, clinical therapy be sufficient to qualify?"

Harris, G.: "They would have to undergo the treatment that is prescribed by their physician that's clinically appropriate for their case. Yeah, I cannot tell you exactly what will or

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would not be in a particular course of treatment for this or any other condition."

Andersson: "Again, because we're not trying to design that in the statute, we are leaving that to the medical profession, correct?"

Harris, G.: "Absolutely. Absolutely. Whatever the current, the most current generally accepted standard of medical science is, is what would be used to determine its applicability."

Andersson: "Okay. And just one more question out of curiosity for myself is, I actually changed my name, many, many years ago, my last name. I think my birth certificate still has my original name on it. Why do people actually need to change their birth certificate? I simply don't know."

Harris, G.: "Increasingly, in this day and age, especially after 9/11, you've seen so many increases in being sure that people have original source documents that can guarantee their identity, their state and country of birth for citizenship purposes. So, if you begin to have documents with conflicting names, ages, dates of birth or genders, you could run into all kinds of problems traveling, entering or leaving the country, many employers require these documents as a prerequisite to hiring. And if there is a disparity between your name, your birthdate, your gender on any document you present to an employer, you could potentially not be hired."

Andersson: "Great. I thank you very much for the answers to the questions."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ives is recognized."

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

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

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Ives: "I'm trying to clear up something that just was said on the House Floor and I believe you indicated that, actually, they have to be a licensed health provider in the State of Illinois?"

Harris, G.: "Right."

Ives: "And I'm reading the language of your Bill, it actually says a licensed health care professional means a person who's licensed to practice as a physician, advanced practice nurse, or a physician assistant in Illinois, or any other state. That's what the Bill says. So, it's not a doctor in the State of Illinois."

Harris, G.: "Okay. So, let me just clarify the distinction for you, Representative Ives. I understood the question to be, does the person who performs these services in the State of Illinois have to be licensed in the State of Illinois? The answer is yes, but if they are... if they hold a medical license and have performed this procedure in another state, then they may also certify if they have a... the appropriate medical license for their state. So, I hope that clarifies this issue."

Ives: "Okay. So... but it's not really a doctor. It's actually even a nurse that could actually certify that this person has undergone some mechanism of, I guess, gender change, which you can... you know, sex change, which you can't change your sex, which everybody knows that which is really why you're changing it to sex designation rather than sex change 'cause you can't change your sex. But regardless, you don't have to be a doctor to do this. You could even just be a nurse providing any level of just a hormone treatment. Would that



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qualify as long as the person felt that they were the other...  
the other sex now?"

Harris, G.: "Representative, if you, again, looking at the language of the Bill, it means... a licensed health care professional means a person licensed to practice as a physician, advanced practice nurse or physician assistant. And in these days of, you know, medical shortages, this House very often extends to advance practice nurses and physician assistants duties and rights that are also conferred on physicians. So, this is very much in keeping with the standard practice across the professions."

Ives: "Okay. But just... just for clarification, it could be as simple as an advanced practice nurse providing a hormone treatment. Is that correct?"

Harris, G.: "Representative, as I said to the previous speaker, you know, I cannot tell you what the individual course of treatment for any particular patient would be. What I do know is it would have to be the clinically appropriate treatment under contemporary medical standards."

Ives: "Okay. Just another question then. Currently, if you do have a sex change, as currently defined as sex change, you... you can change your birth certificate in the State of Illinois. Is that correct?"

Harris, G.: "As I said in my opening, it's been since 1955 that persons who are changing their gender marker on their birth certificate can do so in Illinois. What we're doing with this Bill is just updating the medical standards."

Ives: "Okay. I just want to make it clear that we already have this standard and what you're doing is really making it very

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ambivalent as to who can actually clarify if a sex change has happened and actually make it as simple as a nurse giving a hormone treatment and then this could take place. So, I just think the Body should be aware that this is really... there's essentially almost no standard at that point on whether or not... and we already have this as part of our Illinois law... that if you do a sex change, you can change your birth certificate. So, anybody who wants to vote 'no' can feel comfortable voting 'no' because we already allow this to happen in the State of Illinois. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Breen is recognized."

Breen: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Breen: "Okay. And Representative, I know we've had a few questions and answers here. I just want to make sure that we've got a clear record. Is there any other procedure, other than an adoption, that today allows you to change the name on your birth certificate?"

Harris, G.: "If you go on the IDPH website, you can find lists and lists and lists of different categories. And then if you go to the Illinois Administrative Code, you will find the rules and regulations that apply to each one of those categories."

Breen: "So, what... And just give me an example..."

Harris, G.: "Okay. So..."

Breen: "...to change your name on your birth certificate?"

Harris, G.: "...so, the type of correction requested include first names, last names, middle names, adoption, parents names, date of birth, and legal name changes."

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Breen: "As I understand you..."

Harris, G.: "Those that are done by court order."

Breen: "Right. As I understand it though, those don't change your birth certificate, itself?"

Harris, G.: "It is a... It is a..."

Breen: "Our staff had told us you wouldn't."

Harris, G.: "It is a credible that will be a corrected birth certificate in the file with the change. There's even changes... errors of birth date. That was a very interesting thing that I found."

Speaker Turner: "Excuse me. Excuse me."

Breen: "Certainly, error corrections, certainly."

Speaker Turner: "Excuse me. Excuse me. Shhh. Members, there's a very important debate going on. Can we please take the additional conversations to the rear of the chamber? Thank you very much. Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you. And then, of what genders would be listed? What are your options for gender to be listed on birth certificates in your Bill?"

Harris, G.: "Male or female."

Breen: "Is that designated in your Bill?"

Harris, G.: "That is a... in the Vital Records Act. It is not in my Bill, but my Bill is part of the Vital Records Act."

Breen: "Okay. I just know it's... people have been advocating for multiple genders now and so that's kind of a new thing that I'm not as familiar with but I had heard about and wanted to ask about. Oh, in your Bill, is there a lower age limit on applying to change your birth certificate?"

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Harris, G.: "Those persons who have to go through medical treatment would be subject to the age requirements that are in current State Law for those who may obtain treatment for any medical condition without the consent of a parent or guardian. So, that would govern whether they could begin the treatment, which would govern whether the physician would complete the treatment and be able to sign off on the certification."

Breen: "But anyone who's under that treatment could then apply for a change to their birth certificate, no matter their age?"

Harris, G.: "Again, certain persons, because of their age, would have to get the consent of a parent or guardian for, you know, this or any other medical procedure. Other persons, if they're of legal age to consent themselves, could go into their own doctor and say I would like to begin this process."

Breen: "Right. And I mean, I think... I guess, I had never considered the question of, is this reproductive health treatment or is it... what is transgender treatment, I guess?"

Harris, G.: "I could look it up in the ICD10 Code and tell you what its number is and how it's classified."

Breen: "Well, right. I mean, under Illinois law because, you know, any minor can consent to that on their own without their parents permission. That's why I was asking that particular..."

Harris, G.: "I've never heard it described as that, Representative."

Breen: "Okay. All right. We'll go to the Bill then. Ladies and Gentlemen, there's no budget. Our social services are being crushed. And just this past hour, our state went another half million dollars into debt. There is no reason for this General

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Assembly to wade into the national debate over whether biological boys can go into girls' showers, locker rooms and bathrooms, and vice versa. Right now, a birth certificate is a measure of your physical sex. Right now, a birth certificate is the only way church groups, Christian schools, religious Boy Scout troops determine your sex. Short of a more invasive exam, such as a physical exam, or requiring a DNA test, the birth certificate is the way that we do this. You can already get a passport, driver's license, and other documents as you've just heard, but that's not for children and it's not a measure of your physical sex. As well, you know, you've heard the details that, you know, a therapist can approve the change to your sex under this Bill. There's certainly no limits to the number of times you can get the change. But again, this is not something that at this time, under these dire circumstances that we should be considering. And again, it's something that... right now, this is a measure of your physical sex and there's no reason to change that. So, I would respectfully urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Morrison is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Morrison: "Representative Harris, the last... the last Representative, or speaker, asked how many genders would be included. You said right now male and female. But according to gender theory, we shouldn't be limited to the gender binary. So, why are you only limiting this to male and female?"

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Harris, G.: "That is what the statutes of Illinois currently contain, Representative."

Morrison: "But wouldn't it be discriminatory to only have male and female?"

Harris, G.: "Again, Representative, I'm changing, in this Bill, the clinically appropriate treatment under contemporary medical standards. That is the issue that my Bill deals with."

Morrison: "But if... if someone identifies as something other than male or female, how do we handle that as a state?"

Harris, G.: "Again, I can tell you what the State Law currently reflects and that is not changed by anything in this Bill."

Morrison: "But, wouldn't someone have a legitimate case against the State of Illinois if they identify as something as other than male or female and want their birth certificate to reflect that?"

Harris, G.: "They should find a competent lawyer if they believe they have a claim against the State of Illinois and bring suit if they believe they were discriminated against, under the existing discrimination laws of the State of Illinois."

Morrison: "Okay. But I... I would argue that if we were to pass this Bill, if it were to become law, we would open ourselves up to those sort of cases because of this theory that we're not... we shouldn't be held to the gender binary. I'll move on to the next question. By the way, Mr. Speaker, it's still kind of loud in here. Could you please bring the noise down?"

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Members."

Morrison: "Okay. Thank you. Representative Harris, could someone switch their birth certificate more than once?"

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Harris, G.: "In... it's my understanding that should people comply with the law in any of these cases of birth certificate changes, that there could be more than one change. So, that would be for any of the causes, whether it would be adoption, name change or any of those categories, which I read aloud from the IDPH website."

Morrison: "Okay. So, once again, so the Body understands, because there is a category of gender fluid an individual could change their birth certificate multiple times. Would there be any requirement, as you said or alluded to, current statute says if someone changes their birth certificate today, there has to be surgery, and your Bill wants to remove that requirement. Is that correct?"

Harris, G.: "My Bill wants to change the 62-year-old standards to current medical standards."

Morrison: "Okay. Could you... the answer to my question though in just clear terms. Right now, someone would have to have surgery and you want to take away that provision?"

Harris, G.: "There are... in the old statute, the one that was passed in 1955, there were enumerated, by name, certain surgeries that reflected the medical practice of the year 1955. What my Bill would do, would be to, you know, update the statutes to stay current with contemporary medical standards. And it would say that the treating health care professional would have to be sure that the person had undergone the clinically appropriate treatment for... under the contemporary medical standards."

Morrison: "Okay. And just so the Body understands that clinical treatment might include hormones, it might include surgery or

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it might not. But there could be individuals who have their birth certificate changed, for all practical purposes, the state recognizes them as a gender that does not match their biology. And so, for example, at our colleges and universities, we have dormitories where students are paired with a roommate. If your Bill were to become law, there are... students could be paired with an individual of the opposite biological sex without... without their knowledge. Is that true?"

Harris, G.: "Representative, there's nothing in my Bill that has anything to do with that topic. This simply deals with the issue of the legal process. We're going to the Division of Vital Records at the Department of Public Health and making a change on a document contained there."

Morrison: "Okay. But Representative, if a student who has their birth certificate changed, has their identification changed, but they have not had surgery, they could be paired with another student at one of our universities in a dorm room without... without the other student knowing or being made aware that this student is of the opposite biological sex. Is that true?"

Harris, G.: "Representative, I can tell you what's in my Bill. What individuals may or may not do out in the community, I can't answer those questions. I can tell you what this Bill does. That's what's being debated here..."

Morrison: "Okay."

Harris, G.: "...is a legal process to correct a vital record."

Morrison: "Okay. I guess what I'm trying to get the Body to understand is there are ramifications beyond just a simple



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change in a birth certificate. And this would also have to do with our prison population, as well. Representative, have you talked to law enforcement about this? Have they weighed in on this Bill?"

Harris, G.: "We did spend time talking about what may need to be done to protect the general database of birth certificates and all changes and that I mentioned in, I believe it was, House Bill 2559. State Police and law enforcement worked with Representative Nekritz. The Bill passed out of this chamber already, is across the way in the Senate on Third Reading. And this would put in place for all vital records, not just in this instance but for any instance, you know, stricter protections that satisfy the needs of law enforcement."

Morrison: "Okay. This is... this is my last question. You know, we often talk about adoption and trying to help individuals who had been adopted to be reconnected with... with their birth parents. And it's well known that some individuals transition much later in life or that, you know, they take on a different gender identity much later in life. Would you see a problem in someone who's been adopted having access to the birth certificate or knowing who their real father or mother is if the birth certificate and if it becomes more difficult to determine who the actual parent is of this adopted child?"

Harris, G.: "So, Representative, nothing in this legislation would change the process under which an adoptee can see his or her parents birth certificates. There... a Member on our side, a Leader of the General Assembly from Lakeview, has worked very hard over the years to put in place responsible protections

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for adoptees and biological parents. Those would govern in this case."

Morrison: "Okay. I... Let me give you a specific example that I would be thinking of. In some families, there are certain diseases that are more prevalent among the male or female members of that family. For example, among the women in the family, there is a higher risk for certain type of cancers. And so, if a child is trying to determine what are their own risk factors based upon their mother or their father, it seems like your Bill would make it much more difficult to determine the biological sex of their parents. So... anyway, any comment? Do you have any comment on that?"

Harris, G.: "In those cases, I would suggest that those people speak with their treating medical professional for the best advice on how to proceed to determine their risk factors for, you know, any disease. I don't know that I could add to that."

Morrison: "Okay. Lastly, is... would there be any requirement that an individual have to do anything to his or her outward appearance to present as female or male?"

Harris, G.: "Representative, what the person must do to receive the certification from their health care professional is to go through the clinically appropriate treatment under contemporary medical standards."

Morrison: "But there's no requirement that an individual look... present, I think is the term used, as male or female. Is that right?"

Harris, G.: "Not in my legislation."

Morrison: "Okay. So, there really is no... to remention something that Representative Ives mentioned, it just seems like there

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are no real standards here and I would just ask the Body... to the Bill. There are some very, very serious, negative consequences to this Bill. Surely there are individuals that are struggling with gender identity. This is not the solution. And it is going to open a can of worms that I don't think this Body is prepared to deal with. So, I would urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Chair recognizes Representative Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I think we're overcomplicating what is really a very simple issue about what it means to be a human being. This isn't about Democrats, Republicans, liberals or conservatives. And I learned this when I met with a mother of a transgender girl, eight years old, in my district. She shared with me how important this Bill was to her and her family. She shared this via email and in her person and shared her family's journey. They didn't set out knowing anything about what it meant to have a transgender child, but they did the work that was required to do what they could to protect their daughter, just the same as every single one of us in the chamber would do. Let me read directly from an email she sent me. We have such a strong stake in the passage of this Bill which would allow our precious daughter to change the gender mark on her birth certificate. Reflecting her gender is important not only because it would mean this important document affirms, aligns and respects her true identity, but also because it would help protect her from discrimination, abuse and violence in the future. It would also simplify her life in the future. Wouldn't you want that for your children? I would ask that of

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all of you in this chamber. It's about men and women; and it's about human beings. It's about nothing more than that. I'll be voting 'yes'."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Cassidy is recognized."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. To the Bill. I want to thank Representative Harris for his hard work on this. We've heard some very interesting debate. Unfortunately, it's really been a great deal of red herrings and not a lot of thoughtful considerations of the human that we are talking about today. Transitioning is not something that anyone takes lightly. This isn't about dorms, this isn't about prisons or any of the other things that were raised here. Corrected birth certificates are things that folks need for a lot of different reasons. Representative Harris shared many of those. My children have corrected birth certificates. Those of us in this Body who are adoptive parents or adoptees have corrected birth certificates. It is an administrative function. The process by which someone transitions is something that they share with their... with their medical professional. We shouldn't be dictating what that procedure is. This... this outdated law got us into this situation when we attempted to dictate it in... 50-plus years ago. We are... we are adhering to appropriate medical practice. What this Bill is about, plain and simple, is consistency, science and medicine, and most importantly, the dignity, the safety, and the security of the people that we serve. This is about the humans we serve and their ability to live full lives. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Harris to close."

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Harris, G.: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen, on both sides of the aisle for the very thorough debate and thoughtful comments. Again, this Bill just modernizes a 62-year-old law in the State of Illinois and brings us up to the most contemporary medical standards. I would appreciate your 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1785 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 63 voting 'yes', 43 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', House Bill 1785, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1317, Representative Harris. Mr. Clerk, please read this Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1317, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 offered.. is offered by Representative Greg Harris and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Harris."

Harris, G.: "Can you just give me a moment? My computer is not working."

Speaker Turner: "Absolutely, Sir. Take your time. Still on Floor Amendment #1, Representative."

Harris, G.: "So, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Amendment #1 is a gut and replace Amendment. This has to do with changes that are currently being contemplated in the U.S. Congress regarding changes to the

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Affordable Care Act in the Affordable Health Care Act. There are many challenges to the people of the State of Illinois in this legislation that is proceeding in Washington. Yesterday, we saw the updated... updated congressional budget office score. We know that 23 million Americans will lose health care coverage should the Affordable Health Care Act pass. We know that in the State of Illinois, 900 thousand people will lose health care should the Affordable Health Care Act pass. There are two facets of this that we, as Legislators in the State of Illinois, should pay attention to. One is the Medicaid side; the other is the private insurance side. And in all those cases, our residents could be put at risk should this legislation pass in Washington. What this Bill does is it looks at the legislation moving ahead in Washington, which would allow states to pass... request waivers on both the Medicaid side and on the private side that could raise the cost of health care, doubling it for senior citizens. It would take out protections for people with preexisting conditions from being able to obtain health care. And it would... could also change the essential health benefits. A state could remove itself from any of the essential health benefits currently required in insurance plans. So, this means that a state, if it looked at the cost of certain items like prescription drug benefits, maternity and pediatric care, mental health or substance abuse treatment, the state could drop those from required services, from the essential health benefits, with one of these waivers. What this Bill does, Ladies and Gentlemen, is one thing. I believe it should be within the purview of those of us in this room, those people

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who've been elected, to make decisions that will affect 900 thousand folks in Illinois who could lose insurance, that could... it would also affect one in every four people, who in Illinois, who right now are covered by the Medicaid program. So, this Bill would say that before any of these changes could be requested by the State of Illinois, before these coverages could be dropped... Okay. I'm... before these changes could be dropped, that the Legislature would have to pass a Joint Resolution in support. Right now, in the state of the law, the Chief Executive of the State may submit a waiver and change any of these provisions. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, if you're worried about the effects on your constituents of health care changes being made in Washington over which we have no control, this is the way that you as a Legislature can obtain control and protect the best interest of the citizens of your district."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1317. 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, but a fiscal note has been requested and not filed at this time."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please hold this Bill on the Order of Second Reading. On page 5 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills on Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 473. Representative Martwick. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please move this Bill back to the Order Of Second Reading and read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 473, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Martwick, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #3 changes one Section of the Bill. The Bill would move the income threshold for a senior freeze from 55 to 65 thousand. The change is that it would be effective in 2017 in Cook County and 2018 for the rest of the state, the other counties, because they have a different assessment process and so they've already mailed out their applications. So, it'd give them one year to come up to speed."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 473. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 473, a Bill for the Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill... excuse me... Senate Bill 473 is a Bill that would provide property tax relief to the residents of Cook County. This is an initiative of the Cook County Assessor's Office. And what it does is it takes some of our exemptions..."



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so, it takes the homeowner's exemption, the general homestead exemption, as we call it; the senior citizen's homestead exemption, which is an additional exemption for senior citizens; and then finally the senior citizen freeze. And it moves the levels up on that so that there is either more relief in terms of the exemptions and in terms of the freeze so that there is potentially more relief but definitely more people eligible. So, basically what this does is this takes the homeowner's exemption in the City of Chicago... excuse me... in the county of Cook and increases the maximum exemption amount from \$7 thousand to \$10 thousand. It takes the senior citizen's exemption and moves that from \$5 thousand to \$8 thousand. And finally, the senior citizen assessment freeze, it makes people who are... have a total household income, it moves the threshold for qualification from 55 thousand to 65 thousand. I believe the last year that that was changed was 2008, so that hasn't changed at all. So this would make more senior citizens available for the freeze. It would give them a higher exemption level. It would give all homeowners a higher exemption level, giving real property tax relief to the residents of Cook County. I'd be happy to ask... answer any questions. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Phillips, do you rise on this Bill, Sir? All right. Put your light back on, I'll get back to you. Mr. Andersson is recognized. Representative Lang in the Chair. Excuse me, Mr. Andersson, now we're going to Mr. Demmer, who's waving at me. Yes, Sir."

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Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Ives and Parkhurst are excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect that request, Sir. Mr. Andersson is recognized."

Andersson: "I saw that, by the way. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Absolutely."

Andersson: "Thank you. Representative Martwick, I understood your description. You noted that it would.. this only applies to the county of Cook?"

Martwick: "It does. And Representative Andersson, my understanding is that for years and years and years there have been different levels for homeowner's exemptions, seniors' exemptions, senior freeze qualification throughout. So, there's always been a separation in the Code where Cook County is separate from the rest of the counties in terms of that. There is a slightly different way of calculating taxes in Cook County, as you know..."

Andersson: "Sure."

Martwick: "...than the rest of it. That could be the reason for it. I do not know. But what I would say is that, you know, there are other Bills floating around that make statewide changes and I'm fine with those. I was in support of those too. This is just a way of putting this in for Cook County, and I'd be happy to support ones that are separate Bills for other counties too, to give the Governor more options to decide which ones he wants to sign."

Andersson: "Do you know, are we bringing this into parity with the others? I don't want to say equality, but are we... are we

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trying to bring this into parity with the other counties? Are we saying that Cook County has been artificially low? Or are we boosting it above? Where we at?"

Martwick: "Well, you know, this is an initiative that comes from the local level. This is our county assessor who deals with these issues and in Cook County, unlike many other counties, assessment's done at the county level not at the township level. And this is from his experience in the last eight years of office, or so, that these levels need to be moved to address property issues in Cook County. So, it's simply that. It's a myopic view of what's going on in Cook County. There's a decision that there's a need. I support that need to increase the relief of... from property taxes in Cook County for homeowners there."

Andersson: "So, when you do this, obviously, there's going to be... there's going to be a fiscal impact to the county, correct? Because... or at least to the residents because when you give additional relief the levies that the various municipalities, et cetera, all the different department... or... local governments levy don't change, so somebody else has to pick that up. So, do you know what the fiscal impact is going to be to this either for Cook, itself, that might be zero, I might accept that. But what about for the people who are not getting the exemptions?"

Martwick: "Oh, so... I mean, obviously anytime that there is an increase in exemptions, right?"

Andersson: "Right."

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Martwick: "As we all know, the property taxes is the best example as the balloon. You squeeze it one place, it grows in the other."

Andersson: "Precisely."

Martwick: "And there's no doubt that the people that would not be entitled to exemptions would pay more while the homeowners and seniors of Cook County would pay less, and that's... You're right. So, you're going to see business, industry, rental properties would be subject to slightly higher taxes while the homeowners... homeowners and senior citizens would pay lower."

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

Martwick: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Speaker, and a question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, if I may, again, this only applies to Cook County, correct?"

Martwick: "That's correct."

Harris, D.: "And you made reference to the fact that there have been other Bills that were considered and even passed by this House that take action in these areas as well."

Martwick: "Yes, Sir."

Harris, D.: "As an example, House Bill... I believe it was House Bill 156 that increased the senior citizen's homestead exemption. That passed this House, correct?"

Martwick: "Yes, Sir."

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Harris, D.: "And the general homestead exemption was increased in that Bill, as well, and that passed the House?"

Martwick: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "And... and that Bill, House Bill 156, applied to all the counties in the state, correct?"

Martwick: "That is correct."

Harris, D.: "But yours only applies to Cook County and I'm a Cook County person as you are. And I just question is it... is it fair and equitable to give the property taxpayers in Cook County perhaps a benefit that the property taxpayers in other counties don't get?"

Martwick: "Well, so my answer to that, Representative, is that they already do get... all of these benefits are available throughout the state, but they have always been at different levels. And in my view, I think it is wise or advisable... these are complicated issues. What is the proper ratio between exemption relief for Cook County versus other counties? And that... the answer to that might be hard to ascertain, but by passing more than just one Bill, we have options on the table, right? I trust that the Governor will... if property tax is a big issue for him, I trust that he will investigate this thoroughly so we have Bills that do it throughout the state; we have a Bill that does it for the county. Again, I would be happy to sign on to Bills that move it in other counties as well. But I think that the more that we have out there, the more likely we are to find the right solution."

Harris, D.: "And... and I suppose they could put lots of Bills on the Governor's desk dealing with the property tax exemptions and let him choose which ones he may or may not want to sign."

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It does come down, to me, a sense of equity. As an example, the other Bill that I referenced, House Bill 156, does increase the general homestead exemption even for Cook County."

Martwick: "It does."

Harris, D.: "It goes from 7 to 8 thousand, House Bill 156. Here, we're moving Cook County from 7 thousand up to 10 thousand, correct..."

Martwick: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "...on the general homestead exemption? So, I do think there's a question of fairness between what we do in Cook County and the rest of state. There's no reason why the rest of the state should not enjoy the benefits that are enjoyed by property taxpayers in Cook County. And the other thing that... and I would like to emphasize and I note, you have... you have, I think, openly admitted this and I appreciate your honesty, is that it is like a balloon?"

Martwick: "Right."

Harris, D.: "If you grant an exemption over here and you push on the balloon, and you grant that exemption over here, it pops out over there. In other words, someone, some tax... property taxpayer, is going to pay that bill somewhere, somehow, that the folks who get the exemption don't have to pay?"

Martwick: "Yes. It is, without a doubt. And Representative Harris, I've been very publicly upfront with this."

Harris, D.: "Right."

Martwick: "I believe that real relief to our property tax systems will come when we properly invest money in the education, create property tax relief funds. That's how we will give

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people real property tax relief. But short of that, I think that this is a good measure in the meantime."

Harris, D.: "And I understand where you're coming from and I appreciate your directness and your frankness and the accuracy with which you answer the questions. And just to the Bill, Ladies and Gentlemen. I'd simply say this. If it's good enough for Cook County, it's good enough for the rest of the state. There's no reason why there should be a difference of amount in terms of the general homestead exemption. I harken back to House Bill 156, which was passed overwhelmingly. I think there was only one negative vote in the House, on House Bill 156, that increased the general homestead exemption for every property taxpayer in the State of Illinois. I don't think we should have a separate one just for Cook County. And for that reason I'm going to be voting 'no' on this Bill, notwithstanding the fact that I'm a Cook County guy, and my property taxes would be impacted. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reick."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Reick: "Representative, why should someone in McHenry County rejoice that property taxes are going to go down in Cook County when so much of the money that we pay in property taxes goes back to Cook County in form of such things as the PTEL credit and things like that? I'm looking at an increase in an exemption here that is not enjoyed by anybody else in this state. I'm seeing property tax relief for a county that pays far less in terms of money as a percentage of home values. And now I'm being asked to support an increase in a... in an

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exemption that's far too low already? Can you explain that to the people of McHenry County?"

Martwick: "I certainly can and I appreciate your concerns. So, what I would say to you is 1) this does not lower property taxes in Cook County. What this does is it provides a modicum of relief for homeowners and senior citizens. And that is not an overall lowering of the property taxes. As I said, I have... I'd be happy to run a Bill, but I don't know if that one's going to pass. So, this does not change the amount of property taxes that Cook County will pay in relationship to McHenry County. So, that's number 1. Number 2, you should support it because this is about giving property tax relief, which I know that is something that you support, to homeowners and to senior citizens to allow them to stay in their homes. And it is a... it is probably the same reason that you supported the Bill that did it statewide. There have been... so, the people in your county are entitled to the same exemptions, but they have always been, Representative Reick, at a different level, right? Because the Cook County property tax system is different, there have always been varying levels. They have never been parity the same, right? So, what this does is this is, as I said to Representative Andersson, sort of a myopic way of honing in just on the problem of Cook County. Representative Mussman passed a Bill that does it statewide. I supported that Bill because it provides relief to my county and your county. If you had a Bill that did it just for your county, I would support that too. So, I think it's important that we have options on the table, right? This is a complicated issue. With Representative Mussman's Bill, we



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have a statewide approach. In the event that since we've always had these varying degrees of how exemptions look across counties, maybe it's not right. This Bill provides an alternative of what might be right from the local prospective of the assessor who handles property. So, I'd be happy to support one for the rest of the counties, as many Bills as we need to do."

Reick: "I beg to disagree. I had... I had several Bills that got buried in committee that would've provided substantive property tax relief for seniors this year. They didn't go anywhere; they got buried in committee. And I can show you side by side comparisons of real estate tax bills of two clients of mine. One of whom lives in the City of Chicago, one of whom lives in McHenry, Illinois. They have houses of roughly the same... equivalent values. The fellow in McHenry pays taxes twice as much. The amount of taxes is twice as much as the gentleman in Cook County... or in Chicago. And what's going to happen by increasing this exemption, there's going to be a greater disparity between property taxes in the collar counties and property taxes in the City of Chicago in Cook County. That's just the ways it's going to work. Now, if you say that the total amount of taxes is not going to change because you're imposing higher taxes on commercial properties and all that, okay, that's fine, dollar for dollar. But if you're talking mom and pop living in a house that they're being taxed out of then, no, you are not giving property tax relief to everybody. And when... and I can show you, black and white, tax bills that show just that is the case."

Speaker Lang: "Representative McDermed."

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Reick: "Thank you."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

McDermed: "Okay. I'm looking for some clarification because my analysis says that the senior exemption for counties outside of Cook goes up to 65 thousand. Am I missing something here?"

Martwick: "No, no, no. You're..."

McDermed: "You were speaking shorthand when you said this doesn't apply to..."

Martwick: "I apologize. There is one... there's one provision that does apply statewide and what that is, is the eligibility for a senior freeze. So, what that does is it takes all residents of Illinois, who are senior citizens, and it moves the eligibility for the freeze, which is based on total household income. So, it moved... that was set in 2008, and it hasn't moved, at 55 thousand per household. Now that moves it up to 65 thousand. So, currently across the state, 55 thousand. After this Bill in '17, Cook County, 65 thousand, the rest of state in '18, 65 thousand. Does that make sense?"

McDermed: "All right. I just wanted to clarify that..."

Martwick: "Thank you. Yeah."

McDermed: "...'cause many speakers kept saying, doesn't apply, doesn't apply, doesn't apply. So..."

Martwick: "It does apply, right."

McDermed: "...that raised..."

Martwick: "And that is..."

McDermed: "...some confusion."

Martwick: "...for the current speaker, it would make more of your seniors... I mean, the previous speaker... would make... well,

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everyone's really... it would make more of your senior citizens eligible for the freeze."

McDermed: "And I represent Cook and Will, so..."

Martwick: "Right."

McDermed: "...I need to know the answer."

Martwick: "That would... it would be both of them. Yes."

McDermed: "Thank you, Representative."

Martwick: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "And Representative, I was looking at your cosponsor list.

It looks like nearly every Representative from Cook County is on your Bill. Is that right? I mean, is there anybody who wasn't on your Bill?"

Martwick: "There might be one or two that I didn't get around to. So, the Bill was passed out of committee yesterday and I started working my way through the floor and that's who I got to."

Breen: "Fair enough. I think, yeah, when you stop at 25, or however many there are. Just so that I'm clear, the senior citizen income exemption hasn't been increased since 2008, right?"

Martwick: "That's correct. Yeah. It's been nine years."

Breen: "Okay. So, it is probably time to redo that. Now, I was wondering, there were folks talking about some of the impacts on others. When you freeze the senior citizens or give the senior citizens a higher exemption, then the same property tax liability goes on all the taxpayers, correct?"

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Martwick: "Well, yeah. I mean, the way the property tax system works is that... like I described it as a balloon. This will not be a dramatic shift. I mean, you're talking about a pretty small amount, really, in the grand scheme of things. But yes, it does create a small shift, yes."

Breen: "So, but... then so, the businesses in Cook County will have to pay a little more in their property taxes, that sort of thing?"

Martwick: "Yes, that's correct."

Breen: "Okay. To the Bill. I... you know what, as someone who does not represent Cook County, learning that Cook County is going to have higher property taxes for their businesses than DuPage County, I see that as a positive for my county. I mean, unfortunately at the expense of yours. You know, the income limit does need to go up. It hasn't been changed in a while so I think everyone who doesn't represent Cook County should join the Cook Country Representatives 'cause this will comparatively make our businesses a bit more competitive and our business climate a bit more competitive. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Skillicorn."

Skillicorn: "Will the Sponsor from Chicago yield?"

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Skillicorn: "Thank you very much. Just to the Bill. I had a very similar Bill that I filed, actually, a couple, this combines them. So, I understand and enjoy this debate about how this really isn't true property tax reform, but raising some of these exemptions might be a good thing. I mean, absolutely agree that senior citizens, their exemption level should go up. Personally, I think that should be fixed through a CPI in

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the future. But the idea that it only applies to Chicago doesn't seem to fit in a state of 102 counties and really, there should be parity between the counties. I think we should be moving towards that instead of exemptions and carveouts, different standards of different laws for different counties. So, I'm just... I'm just going to urge a 'nay' vote. And I would love to come back with this statewide. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Martwick to close."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I appreciate the questions. This is about providing a modicum of relief for homeowners and senior citizens from high property taxes in Cook County until we get to a real solution which gives property tax relief. This helps them now. This is something we should all do. It's better to have more Bills than less. And I'd be happy to join you in Bills that support all of your counties as well. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 87 voting 'yes', 24 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Phillips is recognized."

Phillips: "Thank you, Sir. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Phillips: "Right behind me in the gallery up here... Would you gentleman stand up, please? I've got two fine guys I'm excited

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to introduce today. Corrie Ray from Lawrenceville, Chad Loudermilk of Bridgepoint. These two gentlemen started, on their own, the Illinois Fathers for Equality group. And I'm proud to say that by the year's end there's going to be over a thousand members and growing in their... in their group. And their passion about making equality for fathers also in the court system. They're here at the invitation of LaShawn Ford. They're giving testimony. And I'd just like to give a Springfield welcome to these two gentlemen. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome aboard. Thank you, gentlemen. Thank you, Representative. Page 11 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 41, Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 41, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 41, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. This measure does two things. First, it allows Home Rule municipalities by ordinance to direct state moneys coming their way into, essentially, a separate entity in a bank or in a trust account, that way earning much lower interest to the extent that they are bonding the money out. Second, this responds to work that's done by Representative Pritchard and the Department of Central Management Services. It would allow the chief procurement officers to enter into lengthier contracts and leases for

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energy efficiency than is permitted today. I would be happy to answer your questions. And I appreciate your support for this money saving enterprise."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Representative, so this is allowing a prioritization, if you will, of bonded debt. Is that correct?"

Currie: "What it does, it allows Home Rule municipalities to invite the state to put receipts going to that municipality into a separate account into... under a different name so as to give the municipality the opportunity for a lower interest rates. A little of the way our Build Illinois Program works, as against our general obligation bonds."

Andersson: "So, in effect, what we're doing is we're prioritizing payments if the... if the non... if the Home Rule municipality agrees to do so with its bondholders. Is that correct?"

Currie: "There would have to be an ordinance adopted by the municipality."

Andersson: "Okay. And is there... is this increasing bonding authority? Is this changing anything with regard to that?"

Currie: "No, no. The city could go ahead and do regular bonds as well. But the theory here is just the way... when we did our Build Illinois Bonds and dedicated a portion of state sales taxes to the Build Illinois Bonds, we were able to get a lower rate of interest even though the full faith and credit of the state was not behind them, then we do under GO bonds. So, the hope here is that the municipality would be able, by virtue

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of pledging this state revenue stream, that they would be able to get a lower interest rate when they go to market."

Andersson: "Okay. And to your knowledge, is there any opposition to your Bill? I did note in the Senate it came out 38-12-2."

Currie: "I have no idea what the opposition could've been about."

Andersson: "Has anyone approached you with regard to that?"

Currie: "Maybe they didn't understand it."

Andersson: "I take it that's a no, they did not approach you? Thank you. Inquiry of the parliamentarian. What's the vote requirement on this?"

Speaker Lang: "We believe it's 60 votes, but we'll get back to you, Sir."

Andersson: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

Breen: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Leader, just so that I'm clear. The point of this Bill is that if in a federal bankruptcy proceeding for one of our municipalities or units of government, these bonds will then become a... they get a statutory lien so they cannot be attached by the... they can't be adjusted by the bankruptcy court?"

Currie: "I don't think that this is intended to apply in a bankruptcy. I think it's to give another tool to Home Rule municipalities to manage their debt, manage their responsibilities. And the idea is that the bond market would look favorably upon money that was organized in a separate location, under a different name from the municipality itself."



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Breen: "Okay. And I guess I'm... I'm looking at page 9 and 10 of the Bill. It uses... it talks about the fact it's a statutory lien having the meaning that that term is given under 11 U.S.C 101(53) of the federal Bankruptcy Code. And it's my understanding the reason for the better interest rate is because these bondholders would be put first in line in bankruptcy court."

Currie: "Well, they would be first in line in terms of debt repayment, I believe. So, I mean, the analogy I used was Build Illinois Bonds. We tend to get a... we got a lower rate of interest on those bonds because they were backed by segregated sales tax revenue. So, the same concept would apply here."

Breen: "Fair enough. And then this... I'm going to go to the Bill, but please know of my great respect for this. This is actually, of any of the debates we've had today, one that is probably the most theoretical and most philosophical because the issue is, should we be adding to debt that would be outside the scope of bankruptcy for our municipalities and units of government? I happen to think that when you're looking at the great public pension obligations that we have, the obligations to provide streets and sanitation and you know, police service and fire service and all of that, those can be negatively impacted in a bankruptcy proceeding. Our pension obligations to our first responders, those would fall behind these bonds and these bond houses out of New York City and elsewhere, if we were to put this into place. And I understand we don't want anyone to go into bankruptcy, but we obviously have been debating that topic for several years. We know it's something that down the line probably is going to

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have to happen for at least some of our units of government. Hopefully not soon, but it appears it's going to be something. And so, adding to the indebtedness that's not going to be available to provide vital public services to folks, it's going to be able to provide pensions to our first responders. I just, as a philosophical matter, again not doubting any of the good faith of the folks who support the Bill, but as a philosophical matter it doesn't seem like something that we ought to be doing at this time. At least not without further debate and a little more consideration of what are we going to do to preserve those pensions, preserve our basic police and fire services, our sanitation services in our municipalities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Willis, does not wish to speak. Mr. Andersson, I'm told by the parliamentarian this Bill requires 60 votes. Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the Assembly. There's nothing in this Bill that would undercut a municipality's obligation, constitutional obligation, to pay its pension debt. Nothing in this Bill could impair that responsibility. All this measure does is give municipalities another tool so that they can try to find a way, when they need to borrow funds, to do so at a lessened interest rate. I urge your 'aye' votes."

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? Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 68 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'no'. And this

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Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On Supplemental Calendar #1, House Bills- Second Reading, House Bill 3259, Representative Wallace. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3259, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3792, Representative Lilly. Representative Lilly. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3792, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 312, Mr. Turner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 312, 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 314, Representative Stuart. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 314, 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 448, Representative Stuart. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 448, a Bill for an Act concerning education. 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 611, Representative Ammons. Representative Ammons. Please.. Out of the record. Senate Bill 611, Mr. Clerk. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 611, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 707, Mr. Breen. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 707, a Bill for an Act concerning cybersecurity. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 955, Representative Gabel. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 955, a Bill for an Act concerning care for persons with developmental disabilities, which may be referred to as the Community Disability Living Wage Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A fiscal note and state mandates note has been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold that on the Order of Second Reading. Senate Bill 1304, Representative Willis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1304, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1353, Mr. Sims. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1353, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A fiscal note and state mandates note has been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on Second Reading. Senate Bill 1433, Mr. Fortner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1433, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1446, Mr. Harris. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1446, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. A fiscal note and a state mandates note has been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Lang: "The Bill will be held in the Order of Second Reading. Senate Bill 1449, Mr. Slaughter. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1449, 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 1502, Mr. Turner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1502, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. A fiscal note

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and state mandates note has been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold on the Order of Second Reading. Senate Bill 1722, Leader Durkin. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1722, a Bill for an Act concerning safe neighborhoods. 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 1796, Mr. Hoffman. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1796, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1882, Mr. Costello. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1882, 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 1895, Mr. Phelps. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1895, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1969, Representative Ammons. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1969, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. The Chair recognizes Representative Bryant. For what reason do you rise?"

Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you let the record show that it was my intention to vote 'yes' on Senate Bill 473?"

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 429, offered by Representative Sauer. House Resolution 431, offered by Representative Mah. House Resolution 432, offered by Representative Sims. And House Resolution 433, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia."

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. The Chair recognizes Representative Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Body, today marks 16 days since Representatives Currie, Lang, Hoffman and myself asked Governor Rauner to meet us and seek common ground on his off-budget agenda. That's 16 days when the Governor could've been working with us. Instead, its 16 days lost 'cause the Governor will not meet. As a result, we are now just 7 days from the statutory end of the Legislative Session. I speak for everyone here in saying that I can support parts of the Governor's agenda and I have. I think I also speak for everyone on both sides of the aisle in saying that I think some parts of the agenda go too far and are not in the best interest of the middle class. But regardless of these differences, I know more than anything we need a budget. We're willing to do the work and make the compromises necessary to

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get it done, but we need the Governor back at the table. This budget crisis has cost my community critical violence prevention programs that have been proven to save lives. Parents who want to work or continue their education have lost access to affordable child care. Women are being turned away, unable to potentially... receive potentially life-saving breast cancer screenings. Elderly residents have lost Meals on Wheels. The Chicago Public Schools and districts throughout the state will not be able to open their doors in the fall. That should concern everyone. Now, I'm sure someone on the other side will come to the Governor's defense by listing times in the past when you think we should've done things differently. But tell me, how does relitigating the past move us forward today? The only way we're going to get a budget is through negotiation and it's unacceptable that the Governor is refusing to meet. If the Governor has legislative changes he expects us to pass before he will consider a budget, he needs to talk with Legislators. And if he's serious about fixing the budget crisis, he needs to come back to the table. We stand ready to negotiate anytime, anywhere. But on behalf of the children and parents in my community who look ahead with fear to a summer without life-saving violence prevention programs, the elderly who go hungry without Meals on Wheels, and countless others, I plead with the Governor to come back to the table soon. People in my community can't wait any longer. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."



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Andersson: "Representative, I started the day by saying something somewhat similar. And one of the things I said, was I said let's put away the question of who's... who's last been invited to the table. And I will tell you, I had my Speaker... or my Leader sitting right behind me. We are ready to meet right now. You name the place, you name the time. You name it, we're there. We want to work with you, stop doing this back and forth. We're there. We want to be there with you. Invite us and be there. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees were canceled for this afternoon. Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing, Administration & Oversight is canceled; Public Utilities is canceled. Meeting immediately following caucus is Restorative Justice in C-1; Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies in D-1; Health Care Licenses in Room 118; Labor & Commerce in Room 114; Revenue & Finance in Room 122. Meeting in a half hour after caucus is State Government Administration in Room 115; Judiciary-Criminal in Room 118."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Ladies and Gentlemen, on the Democratic side, there will be an immediate caucus following adjournment. That's immediate caucus after adjournment in Room 114. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until Friday, May 26 at the hour of 9 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned until Friday, May 26 at 9 a.m."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill

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4055, offered by Representative Batinick, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. First Reading of this House Bill. Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2394. Representative Crespo, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3792. Representative Soto, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 771. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1978. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1871; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 867. Representative Riley, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1328. Representative Ford, Chairperson from the Committee on Restorative Justice reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendments 5 and 6 to House Bill 2515, House Resolution 361, House Resolution 384.

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Representative Sims, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 58, Senate Bill 639, Senate Bill 702, Senate Bill 1276, Senate Bill 1312, Senate Bill 1321, Senate Bill 1422, Senate Bill 1761, Senate Bill 1830, Senate Bill 1843, (sic-Senate Bill 1871), Senate Bill 2185; do pass Standard Debate is Senate Bill 315; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1759. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 8, a Bill for an Act concerning law enforcement officers. Correction. Senate Bill 58, a Bill for an Act concerning law enforcement officers. Senate Bill 315, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 639, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 702, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 867, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 1276, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1312, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1321, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1422, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1761, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1830, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1843, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1871, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2185, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 444, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1607, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning

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criminal law. Senate Bill 1748, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2021, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Introduction of Senate Joint Resolution 37, offered by Representative Scherer. This is referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #33, offered by Leader Durkin.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 2 of Article V of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE V

THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 2. TERMS

These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall hold office for four years beginning on the second Monday of January after their election and, except in the case of the Lieutenant Governor, until their successors are qualified. They shall be elected at the general election in 1978 and every four years thereafter. A person may not be elected to any Executive Branch office, or any combination of Executive Branch offices, for terms totaling more than 8 years. Service before the second Monday in January of 2019 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service.

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SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #33. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."