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Speaker Lang: "A regular Session of the House will come to order. With leave of the Body, we'll use the Quorum Roll Call from the 9th Special Session as the Quorum Roll Call for regular Session. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Chair recognizes Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Kelly Burke should be excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on June 29, 2017: recommends be adopted, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 for House Bill 1811. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on June 29, 2017: recommends be adopted, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 for House Bill 2953. Representative Costello, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on June 29, 2017: recommends be adopted House Resolution 480, and Senate Joint Resolution 12. Representative Cassidy, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Public Safety reports the following committee action taken on June 29, 2017: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 4008. Representative Thapedi, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil Law reports the following committee action taken on June 29, 2017: recommends be adopted, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2537 and Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 2537. Representative Sims,

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Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal Law reports the following committee action taken on June 29, 2017: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1479."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Cabello is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Cabello: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, can I have your attention for just a brief minute? Yesterday at about 3:10 on I-74, this state lost one of our finest. Trooper Ryan Albin was fatally wounded in a traffic crash serving the people of this great state. Trooper Albin leaves behind many family and friends, coworkers of one of the finest police departments in the country. We have a very nice memorial here at the Capitol where he will be remembered. We have a lot of difficult work ahead of us and unfortunately there will be more names added to that memorial as we continue our work. Please let us remember that we are still all family, everyone in this chamber. Everyone, today, is a member of the Illinois State Police. To Trooper Albin... Excuse me. To Trooper Albin's family and coworkers, thank you for what you do. We appreciate it. We stand with you, not behind you. Tough days are ahead, but we do have your back. God bless. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Batinick. Mr. Morrison."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During this solemn time... and thank you, Representative Cabello for bringing this to our attention. Yesterday... I love history and I love to study history for perspective on things. So, 230 years ago, the founders of this country met in the sultry weather of Philadelphia to debate and discuss the forming of a new

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nation. Now, we had been a nation; we'd won the Revolution. They had assembled the Articles of Confederation, but it was insufficient and so they were getting together in Philadelphia there to discuss and debate a new Constitution, 230 years ago. On June 28th, according to this historical almanac, Benjamin Franklin stood up, he was 81 years old. He was the world renowned statesman and inventor and diplomat. And Benjamin Franklin stood up, there was... there were many contentions happening there between the large states and the small states, the slave states and those that were not as reliant on slavery. But tensions were very, very high. According to this account, tempers flared. Many thought about going back home to their respective states because they thought the impasse was too great. And Benjamin Franklin stood up, 230 years ago yesterday, and he reminded the Body that during the darkest days of the Revolutionary War, the patriots asked God for favor; they asked God for divine protection. And Franklin, I'm going to quote now, he said to the Body, Our prayers, Sir, were heard and they were graciously answered. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance. Franklin said, 'I have lived, sir, a long time. And the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? I want the Body to know that there are people all across this state who are praying for us, and thank you. I'm just so grateful for the invocations that we have when we start Session, to just quiet our hearts

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to ask God for wisdom, to ask God for love for each other, for the stamina to do this difficult position in this very, very difficult time in our state's history. And I want the Body to know that all around the state there are people who are praying for us. Many of you know that I'm good friends with Pastor Shaun Lewis. He's given the invocation many times. He's the one who drops off those bible studies at our desks. Some of you don't realize that he issues a prayer calendar to support us all around the state. Every single person in this Body, every single Illinois State Supreme Court Justice, every single Senator, the Governor, all the Constitutional Officers, every single Congressman, U.S. Senators, every single elected official in this state is prayed for at least every day, once a month. And while we go through these difficult times, we need to remember that God does care about us. He cares about our state. He cares about the citizens of this state. And may we, in humility, ask Him for wisdom and direction. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Members, be seated. Page 6 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Third Reading, Senate Bill 1775, Mr. DeLuca. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1775, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen. On April 28, we passed House Bill 159, 94 to 6. At the time that I presented that Bill and we passed it, it was about the keystone property to benefit the Village of Park Forest. I indicated that there were a couple of changes that we were

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looking to make in the Senate. We made those changes, but we missed one. So, those changes were provided in Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1775, and also is a TIF extension for the City of Calumet City. I'm happy to answer any questions and ask for your 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Briefly, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to commend the Sponsor. I'd like to thank him for working with Chairman of Revenue in the committee on addressing the concerns rather than calling a Concurrence because the Bill that we're amending and sending back to the Senate is a complete Bill. And I appreciate his patience and thank him for working with us on this Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Thank you. And I always want to verify, Representative, that all of the effective taxing districts, as is our policy, have signed off on this; they have approved this?"

DeLuca: "Are you talking about the keystone property? Or are you referring to the TIF extension?"

Andersson: "The TIF extension."

DeLuca: "Yes. All letters are in..."

Andersson: "Thank you."

DeLuca: "...for the City of Calumet."

Andersson: "Thank you very much."

DeLuca: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "This Bill requires 71 votes. Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is

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open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 101 voting 'yes', 4 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair recognizes Mr. Breen from Mr. Batinick's chair."

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

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed, Sir."

Breen: "Thank you, Sir. I wanted to introduce my Page for a day. Sven Flodstrom, who's a senior at Montini High School. So, he's also here with his dad, Sven, and he's off doing college visits and having a wonderful time visiting Springfield. Sven is a member over at Sacred Heart Church in Lombard. Would you please help me give him a warm Springfield welcome for Sven Flodstrom."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for joining us today. We appreciate it very much. Senate Bills-Third Reading. Page 5 of the Calendar is Senate Bill 702, Representative Conroy. Out of the record. Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Barb Wheeler is excused for the day."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Senate Bill 864, Mr. Davidsmeyer. Out of the record. Senate Bill 948, Mr. Thapedi. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1402, Mr. Sims. Mr. Sims. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1657, Representative Willis. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1759, Representative Conyears-Ervin. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1821, Mr. Demmer. You may proceed, Sir. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1821, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1821 is an initiative of IDFPD to repeal the professional licensure for athlete agents, land sale registration, real estate time shares, and internet auction listing services. I know of no opposition and ask for your favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. This Bill requires 71 votes. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1830, Mr. Sims. Mr. Sims. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1905, Mr. Moylan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. And there's a Floor Amendment. Mr. Clerk, please put the Bill on the Order of Second Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1905, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Moylan."

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

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the adoption of the Floor Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Can you tell us what's in it, Sir?"

Moylan: "Yes, Sir. It's a... I'll give you a brief description. It just says that the 1905 vest all authority to enact any

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legislation, law ordinance. It's a regulation due to a security boost."

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1905, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moylan."

Moylan: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You heard me explain the vote. And I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "We're... This isn't the Amendment. We're debating the Bill right now."

Speaker Lang: "We're now on Third Reading, Sir."

Andersson: "That was your description? I'd like a little bit more, Sir."

Moylan: "Yes, Sir."

Andersson: "Please tell me what this Bill's about."

Moylan: "Okay."

Andersson: "Thank you."

Moylan: "This is a Bill about not working for right-to-work for less. This codifies the opinion reached by the Illinois Attorney General as well as the northern districts' decision in the Lincolnshire case."

Andersson: "And that would be about?"

Moylan: "It's about vest all authority to enact any legislation, law ordinance, rule, or regulation that regulates union

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security agreements in the General Assembly and prohibits local governments or political subdivisions from doing the same."

Andersson: "So, let me help you out a little bit, I think."

Moylan: "Thank you."

Andersson: "All right. No problem. So, I think what your Bill does is it prohibits local governments from enacting ordinances for right-to-work. Isn't that correct?"

Moylan: "It prohibits local governments from doing.. enacting laws that are opposite the opinion of the Attorney General and the northern districts."

Andersson: "Right. So, it's enacting.. prohibiting the enacting of ordinances that would create right-to-work zones in the local level, correct?"

Moylan: "Consistent with the court ruling."

Andersson: "I guess you're not going to be able to say yes to that, huh? I mean, that's what we're talking about, right? Right-to-work?"

Moylan: "Right-to-work for less? Is that what you said?"

Andersson: "No. This is about right-to-work, which is about fair share agreements, right, where if you have.. if you have a union organization in your company, there is a... oftentimes, in those negotiating agreements, there's a fair share pro... provision that says that even if you choose not to be in the union that you have to pay your fair share. Typically referred to as right-to-work or non-right-to-work."

Moylan: "Right."

Andersson: "Correct?"

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Moylan: "No. I disagree. All we're doing is codifying court opinion."

Andersson: "Well, that..."

Moylan: "That has nothing to do with..."

Andersson: "...that court opinion, Marty, is talking about what I'm describing."

Moylan: "Right. No. I disagree because this is all about collective bargaining. Police officers, fire fighters, public work employees all have a right to collective bargaining. And all this does is codify it."

Andersson: "There's... That is not what your Bill does. There's no question about the right to collective bargaining. What this Bill does is it makes clear... I'll give you that much... it makes clear that it will prohibit local governments from denying fair share agreements."

Moylan: "This... Here. This Bill states that it is the policy of the State of Illinois that employees, employers, and their labor organizations are free to negotiate collective bargaining. It has nothing to do with unions."

Andersson: "Okay. So, if... Wait. Collective bargaining has nothing to do with unions?"

Moylan: "No. This... you can collective bargain without a union, but people have the right to bargain collectively."

Andersson: "That's what a union is, but okay. I guess I'll speak to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, number one, if you accept what the Sponsor has said, there's no need for this law. We already have laws on the books regarding the right to collective bargain. So, if that's all he's trying to do, it's done. That's number one. Number two, the truth is, what his

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Bill is trying to do is prohibit local governments from enacting right-to-work zones where they can prohibit fair share. Now, you may agree or disagree with that and that's fine. That's your decision to make. But I will also tell you that under the collective bargaining statutes that exist right now, and I'm going to read it to you, there is a provision that already does this. It's say, Nothing in this Act or other law precludes a public employer from making an agreement with a labor organization regarding fair share. It is the policy of the state, under Section 6 of Article 7 of the Illinois Constitution that the provisions of this Act are exclusive to the State of Illinois, then have been denied to Home Rule. And it's certainly denied to non-Home Rule automatically. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, it already exists. This is feel good legislation, I guess, designed to tell our union friends we're behind them if, in fact, that's what it's designed for. But nothing this Bill does, whether you accept the Sponsor's restitution of what it does, does anything. And I guarantee you what it actually says does nothing because this is already the law of the land. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Mr. Moylan to close."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the General Assembly. I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. This Bill requires 71 votes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk,

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please take the record. On this question... Before I announce the vote, let me tell the Body that we were in error. This Bill only requires 60 votes because the effective date was changed. On this question, there are 67 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1978, Mr. Walsh. Please proceed. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1978, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Walsh."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the General Assembly. Senate Bill 1978 is an initiative of the Home Care Association of America. And what this Bill does is it aims to address the common problem of employee misclassification which occurs when an employee's treated by his or her employer as an independent contractor. And what it does in this Bill to address this misclassification, it mandates the Department of Labor to establish a dedicated web-based portal on a department site which will receive complaints from individuals. Anonymous and third party complaints will not be accepted. These complaints will be made available to the Illinois Department of Employment Security, the Illinois Department of Revenue, the Illinois Workers Compensation Commission. And this portal referral system will direct those complaints to the appropriate state agency. This is an agreed to Bill with the Amendment that was adopted. The Department of Labor, the Home Care Association, and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce have all come to an agreement on this Bill. And I'd... would be happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "And I think he answered it, so I'll just reverify.

With the work that you've done and the Amendments, there is no opposition to the Bill. Is that correct?"

Walsh: "There is no opposition to the Bill."

Andersson: "Thank you for your hard work on it."

Walsh: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. This Bill requires 60 votes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2021, Mr. Slaughter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2185, Representative Bourne. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2185, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bourne."

Bourne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Members of the Body. Today, I rise to ask for your support for Senate Bill 2185, Connor's Law. With your indulgence, I'd like to read part of the testimony from Connor's parents. Connor's mother is watching online and they were unable to be here today. Connor was a 20-year-old student at Blackburn College, graduated valedictorian at Staunton High School Class of 2013. Connor was a member of the Who's Who Among Students in American

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Universities and Colleges, was a member of Alpha Chi, a National Honor Scholarship Society and had just completed his sophomore year at Blackburn. This past May, Connor would've graduated from Blackburn with a degree and a major in biology and a minor in chemistry with the hopes of becoming a veterinarian or a zoologist. His parents' concerns and our hopes are for making more consistency in the processing of underage drinking. As his family, they've incurred a tremendous loss in the death of their son and brother, Connor. They and their community know firsthand the intense sorrow that came into their lives almost exactly two years ago when Connor made the horrible decision to drink and drive. Connor was stopped and was taken into the care of the Macoupin County Sheriff's Department. His car was impounded, he was processed at the station, and permitted to leave on foot alone. He managed to walk 13 blocks, take a friend's car home, and he was clearly impaired and did not stop for law enforcement. Connor managed to make it approximately... with approximately four or five municipalities pursuing him, and within a short amount of time upon his arrival, Connor took his own death... took his own life. The goal of this legislation is simple. We don't want another family to go through the same anguish and so tragic of a situation as to lose a child. Other states and individual towns and cities have laws that would've forced the law enforcement to keep Connor locked up because of his level of impairment. In the neighboring State of Missouri, he would've been forced to stay up to 13 hours at jail because of the alcohol level in his system. They wish every day that Connor would've been held in protective custody that night,

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but the current laws allowed the officer to make the decision to let him leave under the influence of alcohol. The American Medical Association has proven that underage drinkers are more likely to have suicidal thoughts. And studies by Duke University Medical Center shows that alcohol affects impulse control in a teenager's brain. So today, I ask for your support. Thank you for all of the cosponsorships on Senate Bill 2185, Connor's Law. This Bill proposes changing the Illinois Police Training Act in the State Police Administrative Code, requiring that they adopt a policy and provide training concerning response and care for persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The policy shall be consistent with all other Acts and shall provide guidance for the arrest of persons under the influence of drugs, proper medical attention if warranted, and care and release for those persons under custody. It will also provide guidance concerning the release of persons arrested under the influence of alcohol or drugs who are under the age of 21. It also directs the board to create a model policy from departments to use. This Bill passed unanimously in the Senate. I'd like to thank all of the Members of this Body who signed on as cosponsors. I know of no opposition. Would be happy to answer any questions and ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Davis, Gordon-Booth. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 419, on the Order of Second Reading, Mr. Martwick. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 419, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1, 2, and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Martwick."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Martwick."

Martwick: "Just one second, Mr. Speaker. I just want to... I'd like to withdraw Floor Amendment #1."

Speaker Lang: "Amendment 1 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Martwick."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Martwick."

Martwick: "I'd like to withdraw Floor Amendment #2."

Speaker Lang: "Amendment 2 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Martwick."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you. I'd like to move to adopt Floor Amendment #3. It creates a change in that it makes the effective... moves the... makes the effective date immediate."

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

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

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

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 419, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a Bill that has two parts to it and addresses fire fighter pensions. So, the first part addresses a... the pension system in O'Fallon, Illinois and the other part addresses a problem with the Chicago Firefighters' Pension Fund. I'll start with the O'Fallon provision. So, in 2008, the town of O'Fallon hired a full-time fire chief. And as required by Illinois law, they were to establish a pension fund for that fire chief. They did not. They established a 457 deferred comp for that, which was in violation of the law. When they were made aware that they were in violation, that they had to move him to a pension fund, they did so but that was done after the passage of Tier 2. So, in 2008, had the pension fund been established, he would' have been a Tier 1 employee. Since the pension fund was established later, after it was supposed to have been, he was forced into Tier 2. This legislation would cure that by allowing this fire chief to move back to Tier 1, replacing the Tier 1 fund; providing that and by agreement, the chief will make all of the contributions that he would've made to the system if he had been a Tier 1 employee, plus compound interest. And the City of O'Fallon has agreed to make all of the employer contributions, plus interest that they should've made in order to make the fund whole and solvent. That is provision #1. Provision #2 corrects an error in the Chicago Firefighters' Pension Code. And the Chicago Firefighters'

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Pension Code has some different ways for calculating their COLAs. Most of the firefighters in the Chicago Fire (sic-Firefighters) Pension Fund are on a three percent simple COLA. Let me repeat that. Not a compounding COLA, a three percent simple COLA. However, there is a gap of firefighters born from the age of 1955 to the age of 1965, because the determination of your COLA was based on your birth age, so these firefighters born from 1955 to 1965 are at a one and a half percent simple COLA. Now, we attempted to address this in Public Act 99-905 of the 99th General Assembly. This was fixed by the Chicago Police Department. They began administering this change. The Chicago Firefighter Fund did not. This language that we have presented in this Bill has been worked out with the Chicago Fire (sic-Firefighters) Pension Fund. I believe there is no opposition to this. The City of Chicago remains an opponent. But again, what this does is this corrects an error. These firefighters were, as a matter of course throughout the history of the fund, moved from a one and a half percent simple to a three percent simple. And firefighters born before this group and after this group have the three percent simple. This one little group has a one and a half percent simple. We tried to correct this last year. This Bill should fix it. And for the... everyone's information, this affects 214 Chicago firefighters. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of inquiry first. Whats the required vote on this? Looks like there's an effective immediate date on the second Amendment."

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Speaker Lang: "This Bill requires 71 votes, Sir."

Andersson: "Thank you, Sir. And could we move this off Short Debate to Standard?"

Speaker Lang: "The Bill will be moved to Standard Debate."

Andersson: "Thank you very much, Sir. Representative, so it looks like on part 1, we have total agreement between the City of O'Fallon and the chief. The chief is going to make up what he should have paid originally to bring everyone back to where they should've been had they followed the law to begin with. Is that correct?"

Martwick: "That's correct."

Andersson: "Okay. And that actually... that's a downstate pension so that's not one of ours. So, there's no fiscal impact to the state either."

Martwick: "That is correct."

Andersson: "Okay. And as to the second item, you said it's 224 people that we're affecting?"

Martwick: "Two hundred and fourteen."

Andersson: "Two hundred and fourteen. And again, we're trying to... we're trying to correct, if you will, a technical error within..."

Martwick: "Yes. As a matter of a course, the Legislature regularly addressed moving the one percent... one and a half percent simple to a three percent simple, but there was a gap. The Legislature didn't address it. We had tried to fix that last year, but because of some ambiguous language in the statute, the Chicago Police Fund has administered these changes. The Chicago Firefighter Fund has not. We've worked with the

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Firefighter Fund. We've got language that we think puts everybody on the same page and..."

Andersson: "So, we're putting everybody where they're supposed to be."

Martwick: "That's correct."

Andersson: "And again, this is now the Chicago pension system, so it's also no financial impact to the state."

Martwick: "That is correct."

Andersson: "Thank you, Sir."

Martwick: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Cavaletto."

Cavaletto: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To the Bill. Is this a one-time effect?"

Martwick: "It is."

Cavaletto: "Just one time."

Martwick: "Yes."

Cavaletto: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Morrison."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Morrison: "So, Representative Martwick, this... how many people will be in this newly created pension plan for O'Fallon?"

Martwick: "One."

Morrison: "Just one person."

Martwick: "That's correct."

Morrison: "All right. And you know, as we have tried to highlight this individual... as we highlighted in committee, this individual was working... was willing to work with a defined contribution pension plan since 2008. What many of us believe

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is we need to be moving in this direction and even though the city is willing to do this, again, it just highlights the need for pension reform for these local police and fire pension funds 'cause it's very, very costly to run such a small pension fund. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. I think some other speakers are going to bring up some other aspects of the... Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield the rest of my time to Representative Ives."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives for 3 minutes 50 seconds."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ives: "Are you aware that the Chicago Fire Fund, when they came to testify in committee, that they actually are opposed to this Bill?"

Martwick: "I've been made aware of that, yes. I know that we worked with the Fund to try and find language that would be acceptable to them. We worked with their attorney. But my understanding is they remain opposed, yes."

Ives: "That's right. Okay. So, the Chicago Firefighter Fund, who actually manages these pensions, is opposed to this Bill. And what you have is their interpretation is different than what the police fire fund interpret it as. Regardless, these funds stand alone. They're the ones who manage the funds, they pay out the benefits, they do the investments, and they are opposed to your Bill as it stands now. Now, I'd like to highlight a couple other things, especially with the O'Fallon example because it brings up a perfect point. Instead of amending the Bill to say that O'Fallon has the right to set up a 403B plan, we are amend... we are doing legislation that

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says that you must put an end to a defined benefit plan. We could just as easily give them permission to set up the 403B plan, but instead we're not doing that. That's the right solution. And it highlights again why we have got to get out of this system. We've got to give people the flexibility to move in and around the employment sector and take their retirement income with them. We're going in the opposite direction here. The absolute opposite direction. You have a very heavy compensated supervisor... You know, the director of the firefighters down in O'Fallon who arguably would be okay with the 403B. He obviously was okay with the 403B plan. He had no problems signing on to that when he first took the job. And yet, now we're forcing him into a defined benefit plan when he was happy with the other alternative. That locks him in. He will no longer have the flexibility to take his investment income and his... whatever he has saved up and move it, maybe, to a different job if in three years he decides to move out of state or do something else with his life. The opposite direction. Why are we getting our policy choices wrong? The solution should be move him... let him allow to stay into a 403B, not push him into a defined benefit plan the government controls. That's the solution. Same thing goes for the Chicago Firefighter Fund. Again, this is the state telling the firefighter fund what they must do when they are the ones who should be determining it instead. Day in and day out down here, instead of solving our problems for the long-term, we are pushing bad policy down to the locals. I highly suggest a 'no' vote. I highly suggest you let the Chicago Firefighter

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Fund decide for themselves the interpretation of the law.
Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi, do you rise in support or in response?"

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

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

Martwick: "Again, these are correcting technical changes. I would... I would just make one point and that is the Sponsors of the legislation that passed in the 99th General Assembly, Senator Mulroe and Representative Burke, both sent letters to the Chicago Firefighters Fund attempting to clarify their legislative intent, but the Firefighter Fund has chosen not to accept the interpretation of the legislative intent by the Sponsors of the Bill. And so, that's what this Bill is doing is clarifying that so that this gets done. And that Bill was passed overwhelmingly in these chambers. 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. This Bill requires 71 votes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 77 voting 'yes', 27 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 6 of the Calendar, Senate Bill 1833, Mr. Harris. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1833, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This legislation refers to exemption for Safety-Net Hospitals with... actually only two. There are only two that would be covered by this from the Illinois surplus lines tax for captive insurers. As we have been falling behind in paying our Medicaid bills in these hospitals which serve some of the most distressed inner-city neighborhoods, they're verging on closing, this would give them some small amount of relief in the amount of approximately \$300 thousand. It passed out of committee unanimously. I would be happy to answer any questions and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. This Bill requires 71 votes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Hurley. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Davis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Davis: "Mr. Speaker, on Senate Bill 2185, I wish to have been recorded as a 'yes'."

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

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Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Martwick: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I have a couple of guests joining us today in the chamber. Joining me as a Page for the day, I have a student from the Country of Poland who is here with me visiting. Bartosz Budny, stand up, give him a wave here. So, please welcome him to the Illinois General Assembly. And up in the chamber, I have a journalist also from the Country of Poland, Dorota Maslowska is here. So, please give her a warm welcome, and welcome her to the Illinois Capitol."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you all for joining us. We appreciate it. Mr. Morrison is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Morrison: "To the Body. I want to make an apology to Representative Cabello and also to the family of Trooper Ryan Albin. As we did stand today to give him honor for his ultimate sacrifice and his family, there were some words and thoughts that were on my mind that were somber and heavy. I should've waited a little bit longer until we had had a moment of silence to honor the fallen Trooper. So, I ask the Body's forgiveness, and for the family of Trooper Albin, that we give him proper honor and respect. I meant no... it was an unintentional stepping forward before we'd given him proper honor. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "It's a good point. Let's do one moment of silence. Thank you, Members. Thank you, Mr. Morrison. House Bill 622,

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on the Order of Concurrence, Mr. Hoffman. Please proceed, Sir."

Hoffman: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we concur with Amendment #1 to 622. I've spoken with the other... I understand the Associated Fire Fighters have spoken with the other side of the aisle and the opposition is no longer. And what the Amendment is, is a page and line Amendment which provides that the filing of an appeal of an order of the Illinois Labor Relations Board should not automatically stay the enforcement of the board's order. And I ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Last time this came up I made an argument that was... basically, that this Bill was duplicative of existing Supreme Court Rule. I had the opportunity to talk with the AFFI and Pat Devaney, in particular, they provided me with some cases that showed where the flaw lies. The flaw lies actually in the commission's rules and probably the more effective fix would be to fix the rules, but this also does it. So, I am certainly not going to stand in the way of it. There is a problem, this does address it, it does fix it. So, I rise in support of the Bill at this point. Thank you, Sir."

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. Feigenholtz. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 102 voting 'yes', 4 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment

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#1 to House Bill 622. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2545, Mr. Davidsmeyer. Out of the record. House Bill 2572, Mr. Butler. Mr. Butler. Out of the record. House Bill 2953, Mr. Evans. Please read the Bill. It's on Concurrence."

Evans: "All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and the great Members of this Assembly..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Evans, I'm sorry. This just recently came out of Rules. We have to give it the one hour. We'll get back to you. Mr. Butler has returned to the chamber. House Bill 2572, on the Order of Concurrence. You may proceed."

Butler: "Thank you for your indulgence, Mr. Speaker. I would ask for Concurrence in House Bill 2572. This merely adds the Delavan Park District as a potential recipient for the National Guard Armory in Delavan."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. This Motion requires 71 votes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Thapedi. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2572. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3519. Two in a row, Mr. Butler. Please proceed. Out of the record. House Bill 3691, Representative Gabel. Representative Gabel. Out of the record. Page 13 of the Calendar, HJR45, under the Order of Resolutions, Mr. Arroyo. Mr. Arroyo. Out of the record. HJR56. Mr. Jones. Please proceed, Sir."

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Jones: "Give me a second, Mr. Speaker. HJR56 is an initiative of a local fire department in my area. The goal of HJR56 is to recognize May 19 as a day to honor firefighters who have lost their lives and police officers, as well, who suffer from PTSD, depression. I had the opportunity to go back to the district and attend this ceremony. And our goal is to make this an annual event where the firefighters took their truck and put it in front of the house and make sure that they honor the fallen firefighters and police officers. And it's kind of appropriate on today, when we're talking about a Trooper who lost his life, to make sure that we make this an annual event where firefighters and police officers can have May 19 in honor of them. There's no opposition, but I would move to have this Resolution adopted, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HJR64, Mr. Cabello. Please proceed."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Joint Resolution 64, it designates Illinois Route 251 as it travels between Spring Creek Road and Bauer Parkway as the Sergeant Blake W. Evans Memorial Highway. Sergeant Blake Evans was killed in the line of duty as one of our military servants. I've known Blake and his family for a very long time. I've known Blake since he was in high school, as I worked as an off duty officer at Auburn High School. And Blake's mother, Judy, is the Chief of Police in Rockford's secretary; and his father is a police dispatcher. It's an honor for me to stand before you to present this. And I would respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. HJR67, Mr. Butler. Proceed, Sir."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I would ask for the Body's attention on this Resolution, as well. House Joint Resolution 67 would name the overpass of Towanda after Officer Patrick Michael Righi Barnard. In the very early morning hours of an icy Thanksgiving Day, 2004, Officer Barnard was off-duty traveling south on Interstate 55 heading to his hometown of Tremont to celebrate the holiday with his family. Officer Barnard was 30 years old, a resident of Crestwood who had served on the Burbank Police Department for merely 10 months. As he approached exits 171 at Towanda in McLean County, Pat came across a minivan which had slid off the highway. In a fashion that reflected his servant's heart, Pat pulled over to offer assistance to the stranded motorist. As Pat helped the occupants of the other vehicle on to the shoulder and towards his own car, a vehicle swerved and hit them, instantly killing Officer Barnard. The vehicle which killed Pat continued back on to 55, fled the scene, but the driver was apprehended a short time later. Pat had always dreamed of following his father's footsteps in becoming a police officer. He was a Tremont Turk, a 1992 graduate of that high school. He attended my alma mater, Eastern Illinois University. He was a military police officer in the U.S. Army Reserve and was a 1998 graduate of the Chicago Police Academy.

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He was a member of the Markham Police Department prior to service in Burbank and his hope was to become, coincidentally enough, an accident scene investigator. The Senate Resolution from the 93rd General Assembly which honored Pat said this, He died while helping others which was in his nature. He'll always be remembered for his sense of humor and his fun loving attitude. Pat's watch commander with the Burbank's police said this about him, Pat was different. He was like a breath of fresh air. His passion for his chosen profession was outweighed only by his regard for others. He was always upbeat and pleasant, had high moral standards, and rarely had a bad word to say about anybody. Pat was the kind of person we all strive to be. He never knew the difference between on duty and off duty because in his mind, there was no difference. He was a cop 24/7. I'd like to thank Representative Brady whose district in which this overpass is located and Representative Zalewski who represents Burbank for cosponsoring this legislation. And I'd like to give, even though she's not here today, a special recognition to Pat's mom, Kathy, who lives in my district in Tremont and has been a tireless advocate for ensuring Pat's legacy. Pat died much too young, but he died how he lived his life, in service to the citizens of the state. I would ask for an 'aye' vote on this Resolution."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Williams. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 60, Mr. Jones. Please proceed."

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Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 60 is... we passed this Resolution a couple years ago. And the goal of House Resolution 60 is to designate February 7 as National African-American HIV/AIDS Day. And although we have passed February 7, this Resolution still has significance. And I've mentioned many times on this House Floor that I had three nephews who passed away from HIV/AIDS. And black women, black men are between the ages of 14 to 21 and 55 to 70... and I'll say that again... Black women and young men between the ages of 14 to 21 and 55 to 75 are catching HIV/AIDS at an alarming rate. This Resolution seeks to bring, not only attention, but also awareness to HIV/AIDS. And I encourage all of my colleagues to have an event in your community to alert the young people about the dangers of HIV/AIDS and also, the community at large. Mr. Speaker, I would ask for the adoption of HR60. And I'm open for any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to rise in support of this Resolution by my great colleague. I also want to ask the Body to take a moment of silence for another young life that we had just lost. And I will be traveling to the City of Harvey, where Representative Davis is the Representative there, to join the family in the home going of this young man whose name is Dylan Larry. He was only 24 years old. He was adopted by this family in Harvey and raised from a young age, needing multiple medical services and treatment, for which much of that was paid for through services by the State of Illinois. Dylan will be put to rest this Saturday. He was 24. And so, the work that we do here is not just to pass

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Resolutions, but to really acknowledge the lives that are lost as a result of the work that we do. And we hope that this Body will continue to fund the research around HIV and Aids to continue to try our best to protect the lives, like young Dylan, who lost his to HIV by no fault of his own. So, thank you so much. And I ask for a moment of silence from the Body."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Jones, did you wish to close? Your light is on."

Jones: "I would, Mr. Speaker. And as Representative Ammons mentioned, we are sent down here to be a voice for people who don't have a voice. And I'd just like to mention my nephew's name, Demetrius Johnson, he died at the age of 23. My other nephew, Reggie Johnson, he died at the age of 19. A couple years ago, this Body did put \$500 thousand into the HIV/Aids Response Fund and I would just continue to encourage this Body to do all we can to bring awareness to this issue. And thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Page 11 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, House Bill 1811. Mr. Phelps. Please proceed when you're ready, Sir."

Phelps: "Mr. Speaker, can we pull this from the record real quick, so I can come up.. Can we pull this from the record real quick, so I can come and speak with you?"

Speaker Lang: "Out of the record. House Bill 2953. Mr. Evans. Please proceed."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. I'd like to adopt both Amendments, Amendment #1 and

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Amendment #2, to House Bill 2953. I'll thank everyone for their vote, all 70 of them. I do request that additional votes, so we can get this good piece of legislation through. Amendment 1 removes the CTA. Clearly, that wasn't a good idea, so Amendment 2 is a gut and replace going back to the original Bill but adding clarification language because our great construction worker buddies wanted to make sure that we're not using this to circumvent the bidding process for construction work. But for the most part, small bid purchases are for things outside of construction. I mean, realistically, you ain't doing much construction at \$150 thousand anyway. So, it's all about remaining flexibility and good government operations. I request your support."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah. Marcus, I just want to thank you for explaining this to me. I talked to you. I was actually at a doctor's appointment getting the boot off my foot when we... when this came up for a vote earlier this week. And I think that you're trying to do the right thing. This still requires a bid process. You're just taking off the overwhelming, burdensome stuff on top for the smaller bids, correct?"

Evans: "Without question, yes."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. I rise in support. Thank you."

Evans: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. This requires 71 votes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Switches haven't moved. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 89 voting 'yes', 21 voting 'no'. And the House concurs with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 2953. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Phelps, are you ready? We'll wait a minute for you, Sir. Mr. Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1811 is the same thing we did with Senate Bill 1839 that reauthorizes all the Acts that are... we don't know what the Governor's going to do about vetoing this Bill, so we don't have a lot of time because after June 30, there might not be a 9-1-1. And I don't think we want that on our watch if somebody needs it desperately and needs the help. So, we're trying to hurry up and get this done. We can't really wait anymore because like I said this sunsets June 30. It reauthorizes all the Acts. It's the same thing we did, 1839. I just ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of inquiry. Is this on Standard Debate or Short?"

Speaker Lang: "This is on Concurrence, so debate away, Sir."

Andersson: "It's on Concurrence? So... I can debate away? That is wonderful. Thank you, Sir. Representative, so we went through this before, but I think it's important enough that we go through the consequences if we don't do this."

Phelps: "Yeah."

Andersson: "So..."

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Phelps: "Representative Andersson, if we don't do this, there are going to be some lives at stake."

Andersson: "Right."

Phelps: "This will be... 9-1-1 could be gone. I talked to a bunch of the 9-1-1 people last night. They're thinking there's over 80 9-1-1 centers that will close down, maybe July 1."

Andersson: "July 1, which is three days from now."

Phelps: "Absolutely. And that's why... Representative Andersson, let me say this. Out of respect to the Minority spokesperson of Public Utilities, Representative Hays, he came to me this morning. I didn't know it was going to be called this quick, but we don't have a lot of time. That's why we're doing it. But I wanted to... I went over there a while ago to try to talk to Representative Hays out of respect to him, so I know he's not here right now... oh, there he is. Anyway, I didn't want Representative Hays to think I'm doing this without him. He's been very instrumental on this as well as Andre Thapedi. And I appreciate their help."

Andersson: "I appreciate that. And also, I want to talk a little bit about the carrier of last resort because I think that gets a lot of confusion. There is in no way the intention on the part of AT&T to rip out copper lines, correct?"

Phelps: "Yeah. I mean, Representative Andersson, it's so outdated. We're spending so much money on that old technology that we could be putting investment into new technology. You can't even find the parts for the old copper network. They have to find it on eBay."

Andersson: "Right, but again, they're not taking it out. I'm talking to them myself. So, the people who have it will

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continue to have it until at least it degrades to the point where it can't function anymore."

Phelps: "Yep. And Representative Andersson, let me put this on the record too. Landlines won't go away until the feds approve that with... through the FCC."

Andersson: "Right. And we're... let's be clear. AT&T is the only company that is subject to this requirement out..."

Phelps: "In the Bill, it's not necessarily correct."

Andersson: "Oh."

Phelps: "I mean, there could be some other ones, but it's mainly AT&T, yes."

Andersson: "It's mainly AT&T. And so, again, and there are alternatives that work for... mostly senior citizens have been concerned in my district about this. And what I've explained is there are very efficient ways to get phones that appear to be landline phones. They're actually cell phones, but they work fully functional; 9-1-1 works on them, reverse 9-1-1 works on them. Is that correct?"

Phelps: "Absolutely. And Representative Andersson, we all know AT&T and the great company they are. Remember, they're going to want to make sure they keep their customers. So, they're going to do everything they can to make sure they take care of their needs."

Andersson: "So, the open market will help dictate to that as well."

Phelps: "Absolutely. Plus, Representative Andersson, the money that we had for the old network, we're going to be able to put in for better coverage, better... so, better service."

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Andersson: "Sure. And I do, of course, recognize that we are talking about increasing surcharges. Some of them to the City of Chicago, which that's their choice, and it is their responsibility to impose it, correct?"

Phelps: "Yeah. Representative Andersson, remember this. We're just giving them the permission to vote on it themselves."

Andersson: "Correct."

Phelps: "That's it. It's not automatic."

Andersson: "Right."

Phelps: "They have to do it themselves."

Andersson: "Right. And the downstaters it is not... it is automatic."

Phelps: "And it is... they're ecstatic because they never thought they'd get this."

Andersson: "And is there any opposition from the downstaters on that issue?"

Phelps: "No. We haven't heard of anything. And matter of fact, that's what I was going to show Representative Hays a while ago. We've even got more proponents on this Bill..."

Andersson: "Right. Well..."

Phelps: "...cause they know the critical need that we're in. And Representative Andersson, the reason why I guess we're rushing this, to be honest, but we got to get it to the Senate."

Andersson: "Right. So, this... this Bill, I would say, Ladies and Gentlemen, speaking briefly to the Bill, this is one where perfect is the enemy of the good. But the perfect good that we want to do is we want to preserve 9-1-1. I was originally

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a 'no' vote on this. I'm going to support this Bill this time.
And I thank you for your work on it."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Brandon, I just want to make sure I heard that correctly.
There is... this Bill is exactly the same as the Bill that's
already on the Governor's desk that's waiting for his action?"

Phelps: "Yeah. Representative Breen, to be honest, this just makes
sure that we reauthorize the Acts that could be sunsetted
really, really quick here."

Breen: "But didn't... I mean, this is all part of a Bill that we
already put on the Governor's desk, isn't it?"

Phelps: "A lot of it is. And like I said, we're just worried that
he hasn't acted on it. I mean, I'm not trying to do anything
stupid..."

Breen: "Right."

Phelps: "...against him on this, but we just need this and I don't
want this on my hands. I don't think we want it on each
other's hands if 9-1-1 goes away."

Breen: "So, what this... I mean, what this Bill essentially is...
Now, the Governor... this still would have to go to the Senate,
three readings in the Senate..."

Phelps: "Real quick, Representative. It reenacts the Acts if the
Governor doesn't take action."

Breen: "Oh, it's on Concurrence. Okay. But it... so, it's going...
but the Governor already has a Bill on his desk, 60-day clock
is ticking, and we're going to send him another Bill that

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does substantially the same thing, start another 60-day clock for him."

Phelps: "Not necessarily. We're trying to do this to reenact the Acts in case he doesn't do this in time before June 30. The Acts will sunset June 30, so we're trying to get this going..."

Breen: "Ahh."

Phelps: "...so it won't go away."

Breen: "So, you're saying this Bill is rewritten to reenact the entire Acts..."

Phelps: "That's right."

Breen: "...to avoid the..."

Phelps: "If it goes... if it goes over."

Breen: "Okay. I..."

Phelps: "In case it goes over. He's still got a couple, few hours, I guess, to do this, but in case it goes over, this is kind of a security blanket, if you will."

Breen: "Interesting. Okay. And the Governor's Office, the Illinois State Police, AARP, and CUB are still opposed to this Bill, correct?"

Phelps: "And Representative Breen, I have not heard anything from them. I would assume, and I hate to assume, but I would assume they would be. But you know..."

Breen: "Right."

Phelps: "...Representative Breen, I'm going to go ahead and say this. AARP, they're even doing their own cell service right now. And Representative Butler, I know Representative Hays and I when we were in committee, we went through that. And we didn't get good answers that they're even doing their own cell service, so I don't know why they'd be against this."

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Breen: "I was in the same committee."

Phelps: "I know you were."

Breen: "No. I know what you're talking about. Sure."

Phelps: "And I appreciate that."

Breen: "Sure. I'm going to go to the Bill. And obviously, I have great affection for the Sponsor, but we are at a time... I'm going to the Bill, please. Okay. Thank you. Have great affection for the Sponsor and certainly enjoy working with him on the committee, the Public Utilities Committee, but the problem is this Bill is not just a simple Bill where we work back and forth and there was some compromise or give and take. This Bill has a lot of parts of it that the Members of this Body want to support, could support, should support, but it also is indicative of one of the problems that we face in this chamber. It had fees slapped on to it at the end, after we had all kind of talked it through and gotten a good language, an agreed language, in order to assuage special interest needs. And those fees really have nothing to do with administering the costs, the actual costs, of the program. And the problem is, you know, the City of Chicago, we're just using their... these 9-1-1 fees as, you know, ways to, you know, shore up the pension system which is nearly an impossible task. But I'm more concerned about the... in the increase in fees on folks in my district. We were paying in the 70 cent range for a 9-1-1 just a couple of years ago and that was adequate. They were getting the work done. Well, they increase them to 89 cents 'cause they said, well, the rest of the state needs to improve its 9-1-1, so we're going to charge you to improve the rest of the state's 9-1-1. And now, we go to a

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buck-fifty, because apparently the rest of the state's 9-1-1 systems are so inadequate, they need a doubling in the funds. And despite the fact that the commission that studies this said, well, maybe we need a dollar, dollar-five, but it went all the way up to one-fifty. And what happened here, at a time when we're dealing with this budget issue... you know, it's funny, we've been at the top of *Drudge Report* every day that we've been down here. And of course, all of us know about the little dirty tricks that happen on Bills like this. And in a normal time, maybe you just let it through, but in a time when the entire country is watching this General Assembly, maybe it's time to stop these games where we slide little fees and surcharges, and little helps for our special interest groups into these Bills. Why don't we actually debate and follow and put forward Bills based on their merit, based on their policy stand? We're two days left 'til the end and we're playing around with these tricks again. And with all due deference, I mean this is a terrible Bill with this surcharge. It's an unnecessary surcharge and there's no reason for it other than to jam it down our throats. So, please, vote 'no' to this. Let's actually go back and do a clean, repea... either a clean extension or get these Bills put through in their individual components which are out there. I filed a clean extension to 4072. Of course, it hasn't gotten out of Rules. But there are plenty of other ways to get this done we could actually do in a proper bipartisan compromise manner. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer is recognized."

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Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representative Spain."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Representative Ives."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ives: "Representative Phelps, in your talk... discussion about this Bill, you indicate... could you tell us again exactly what happens if the 9-1-1... If this Bill goes away, what happens to 9-1-1?"

Phelps: "So, Jeanne, what I... what I've been talking with 9-1-1 centers last night and they gave me a list... and I actually just got it emailed again... there's over 200 call centers. They're thinking there's over 80 will close down if we don't reenact this Act by July 1."

Ives: "Okay. Well, I find that interesting because, you know, I live in DuPage County. And in the City of Wheaton in which I live, we give nearly a \$1 million to DU-COMM on top of our cell phone fees. I guarantee you, if I call 9-1-1, I'm going to get serviced; 9-1-1 is not going to shut down in my county."

Phelps: "And Jeanne, that might be great for you... great for you, but I can't say that for my constituents. I can't say..."

Ives: "Okay..."

Phelps: "...that for Representative Reis's constituents or Representative Bryant's or Representative Costello's. But I am so glad that's going to happen to you."

Ives: "I know."

Phelps: "I just don't want to take that chance."

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Ives: "I know, but well, let's talk about who's... I mean, Naperville themselves, hopefully, Grant Wehrli will speak to this, they have their own entire system. They don't... they don't need this Bill to service people for emergencies. We're doing it ourselves. Now, what's interesting here, when this Bill originally passed two years ago, when we originally said, hey, look, Illinois State Police, you're going to be responsible for statewide 9-1-1. We're going to do this consolidation. When we had done that, there were nine counties that had never even taken the steps to tax themselves and implement 9-1-1 like they could've. They didn't even bother to tax themselves. And in our county, we're getting taxed to death over this. And two years ago when you passed this, it set up a system, worked every year, \$2 million flows out of our county, on net, and goes to other counties across the state who refuse to implement the systems, refuse to put the tax in place to take care of their own citizens for 9-1-1. And now you want our county to pick up that cost. And not only that cost before, but you're now escalating that cost on our cell phone services to pay for other peoples' state 9-1-1 that they never did themselves."

Phelps: "Jeanne, I think your... I think your 9-1-1 centers want this. They have never told me..."

Ives: "Oh, I know they do."

Phelps: "...one way or the other. They don't want to be against it."

Ives: "I know. I..."

Phelps: "They're actually getting more which is going to make it even better for your constituents."

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Ives: "I disagree with them."

Phelps: "And it's less property taxes going to them."

Ives: "And I told them I disagree with them. No, I totally disagree with them. And they're the ones who told me, net net, we're losing \$2 million a year of our citizens' money that's going to flow to other wide state 9-1-1 services that people have not... Now, maybe they're big government folks. I'm not into that."

Phelps: "Jeanne, I don't believe that could be true."

Ives: "And we're taking care of our own. I'm sorry, I mean, I just... I just disagree with the fact that we're going to bail out other counties who even refuse to impose the initial 9-1-1 tax."

Phelps: "It's not a bailout."

Ives: "Yes, it is."

Phelps: "It's not a bailout. They're all for it, Jeanne. They're all for it."

Ives: "Listen, if you did a clean Bill, this simply extended the sunset because ISP also testified two years ago..."

Phelps: "But Jeanne, that would change what you're saying if we just did that though. That doesn't make sense, in all due respect. That does not... that is not true. That is not true."

Ives: "Representative Phelps, if you simply wanted to extend the Act without an increase in fees, I would look at it."

Phelps: "I understand."

Ives: "If you also... I would also prefer that these were divided up into two sections; one for the AT&T piece and one for the 9-1-1 piece. We should be doing that as well. But as put

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together here... look, when I call 9-1-1, we're going to get serviced. So, if you're..."

Phelps: "I hope that to be true."

Ives: "...sending DuPage, we are going to be taken care of. Okay?"

Phelps: "Hey, Jeanne, I'm not trying to be disrespectful to you at all, but I don't run a Bill that's going to hurt your area either. I'm trying to make sure that nothing shuts down. That's all I'm trying to do and I don't think we want that on our watch."

Ives: "I'm here to tell you that I don't think 9-1-1's going to shut down. I don't think it's going to shut down in other counties. I think people are paying for this in other ways. And I would... I would urge a 'no' vote and allow this to come back to the chamber with a simple extension, no fee increases. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hays."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill was robustly debated a couple of weeks ago. You know what's in it. It's an extension of the Telecommunications Act that has been worked on for the better part of two years. Also includes funding for a 9-1-1 programs in every county. As you may recall, those of you who were here at the time, because of the dramatic decline in landline use... of course, landline utilization paid the entirety of 9-1-1 for a long, long time. As that use has gone straight south down to, literally, about eight or nine percent of households even have a landline, and cell use has gone north, we tried to make an adjustment a couple of years ago. And what many of our 9-1-1 systems had found is that adjustment was not the proper adjustment and they're

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underwater. So, what happens pragmatically in most of your districts is, in Champaign County for example, which is a county that I represent in part, the City of Champaign, the City of Urbana, the City of Rantoul, other communities in that county are making up the difference out of their own budget so the 9-1-1 system doesn't go underwater. That's what this is really about. So, for most households, 92 percent, the money that they were paying initially has fallen off of their monthly list of bills. And what they were paying to 9-1-1 has fallen off as well. So, what this really is, is an adjustment, a right-sizing, the 9-1-1 fee so your 9-1-1 local service, in many cases on a countywide basis, can go forward. I would encourage everyone who voted 'yes' on this a couple of weeks ago... On 1839 I believe there were 81 votes here in the House of Representatives. If you were a 'yes' two weeks ago, you must certainly should be a 'yes' now. If you were not a 'yes', I think you should give it very strong consideration. I thank the Sponsor for bringing this Bill. It's been a pleasure to work with him in the Public Utilities Committee. And this really is a fallback position to make sure that we do not have interrupted service for 9-1-1 and to allow the Telecommunications Act to go forward. I strongly encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Phillips."

Phillips: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Phillips: "Good morning, Brandon. I just have a couple of questions for you. I have a couple of districts that can't... they're running low on their money, so I can see that this

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could be a positive effect for them. But they brought up a few comments about how... and I wanted some clarification from you 'cause I don't understand it fully. But under the current rules, they have to maintain two separate locations. Is that true?"

Phelps: "I don't know about that situation in your area, Reggie. I don't know what one..."

Phillips: "But every 9-1-1 system has to... they have to maintain two separate... a backup system..."

Phelps: "Okay. Yeah but..."

Phillips: "...in their district."

Phelps: "Yeah, I understand, which a lot of them don't have the money to do that because of their consolidation and everything so that's why they're wanting this fee increase."

Phillips: "So, they're not..."

Phelps: "I hate to even call it a fee increase."

Phillips: "...forced to do that and that's just an option? They don't have to do that? I thought it was an... that wasn't an option, that they were forced..."

Phelps: "They're still being forced to consolidate, Reggie. Yeah."

Phillips: "So, they got to maintain two separate locations in case one drops down or... you know."

Phelps: "They got a backup."

Phillips: "And then as I also understand that we're forcing them to update their computer systems here to a tune of \$100 thousand per system, so that's \$200 thousand they have to add in small districts? 'Cause you have to have the backup and the..."

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Phelps: "And that's what part of these fees are going to be used for, Reggie."

Phillips: "Yeah, I understand that."

Phelps: "Yeah, to transfer and make sure they're all work... yeah."

Phillips: "And then my third point is, they also have to have at least two people on duty every night, with backup people on duty, and so that costs. And so, it brings up my final question. Is it possible we could figure out a way to, like... this is a small district. They don't handle that many 9-1-1 calls at night say..."

Phelps: "Yeah."

Phillips: "...that there was a way to allow them to consolidate, then they only have to buy two computers in the two districts which cuts down half their costs. I mean, you know..."

Phelps: "Yeah. And Reggie, there's nothing in this Bill that prohibits that togetherness towards your consolidation."

Phillips: "So in other words, they have the right to consolidate now?"

Phelps: "Yes. That's part of this next gen... next generation deal. They're promoting that consolidation."

Phillips: "Okay."

Phelps: "And they can do that. There's nothing in this Bill prohibits that. That'd be their own local decision if they wanted to do that. But with the money in this that they're going to get, that's going to help them even have a better system and better backup too, Reggie."

Phillips: "Well, that would cut out quite a bit of costs if they..."

Phelps: "And it's... and there's more..."

Phillips: "I wonder if we should... I wonder..."

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Phelps: "...money for consolidation. No doubt about it."

Phillips: "They didn't know they could do that. I mean, they.. I didn't know they could do that. So, I wonder if we wouldn't be wise in setting out some you can consolidate, cut your costs down, and I wonder if they wouldn't be in the shape they're in."

Phelps: "And Reggie, we encourage that. As a matter of fact, all that's in this Bill was when we did these 9-1-1 hearings years ago, Chad will tell you, that this is all input from the 9-1-1 centers, how to make them better. And that's what we're trying to do today."

Phillips: "Okay. Thanks for the explanation."

Phelps: "Thanks, Reggie."

Phillips: "Good bye."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Sponsor yield for a quick question?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ammons: "Representative, when... while you've been working on... I think this is about two years you've been working on this process..."

Phelps: "Seems like 22, but..."

Ammons: "In this... in that time frame though, has there been research around downstate systems that have had to close or consolidate with a nearby county while you've been working on this?"

Phelps: "Carol, I don't know that to be true, but I know that's why we're doing this Bill and why the input of the call

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centers, 9-1-1 centers, wanted to have this in the Bill so they can make sure that they don't shut down."

Ammons: "So, to the Bill. Thank you, Representative Phelps, for working on this for over two years now. My geographic colleague that represents a portion of Champaign County made the point that, actually, we've already had to consolidate and we have consolidated Champaign-Urbana, Rantoul, and smaller communities within Champaign County to have one 9-1-1 system so that we are using our resources as effectively as possible. But unfortunately, because of the cost of software and maintenance of a 9-1-1 system as it currently exist, communities like the City of Urbana, for the almost two years that I served on the City Council, one of the main problems that we experienced was being able to fund our 9-1-1 system based on the rate that was allocated to downstate districts. And unfortunately, Representative Phelps has inherited a problem that maybe could've been addressed two years ago but was not and was not adequately funded at the level that 9-1-1 systems required in downstate communities like ours. And so, we have been forced to, unfortunately, require a rate that would substantially cover the cost of running a consolidated 9-1-1 system like we currently have. And so, I appreciate Representative Phelps working on this for the last two years. When I came to the General Assembly, this was one of my top four issues that we really needed to address; 9-1-1 systems was one of them. Our Chamber of Commerce was in support of us addressing the 9-1-1 funding which was inadequate at the time. And this Bill, unfortunately, which will sunset as of tomorrow if we don't respond today, will

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add adequate funding to those downstate systems. And so, I move for an 'aye' vote, a large 'aye' vote, in support of this Bill. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the previous question."

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

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, there's also another aspect of this I didn't get into that we don't want on our watch. This also, if we don't do this, this takes away from our anti-terrorism aspect within our state. If something should happen in a strip mall or a stadium, God forbid we don't have this to counteract that. But also, let me just say this. And I know we've been working on this for a long, long time, but I'd be remis if I didn't thank Representative Chad Hays for his leadership, and Representative Andre Thapedi for his leadership on this Bill 'cause I would've never able be able to do this without them. I ask for an 'aye' vote. Let's save our 9-1-1."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman... Gentleman moves for the Concurrence to this three Senate Amendments. This requires 71 votes. Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion 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. Guzzardi, Lilly, Scherer. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 86 voting 'yes', 24 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And the House does concur

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with Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 1811. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 14 of the Calendar, Order of Resolutions, House Resolution 402. Representative Gordon-Booth. Please proceed."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution is a simple Resolution that designates May as Lupus Awareness Month. As many of us know, Lupus is a chronic immune disease that can damage any part of the body, the skin, joints or organs. It's difficult to diagnose. It's also very difficult to treat. We know many people in our communities are suffering from Lupus and the design of this Resolution is merely to bring awareness to this disease that is plaguing so many citizens in our district. I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. SJR15, Representative Soto. Please proceed."

Soto: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Senate Joint Resolution declares September 16, 2017 as the Illinois Waterways Cleanup Day in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. SJR21, Representative Bryant. Please proceed."

Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to ask for support of SJR21. I appreciate if we could get the attention of all the Ladies and Gentlemen in the chamber. I rise today to honor the memory of a fallen hero from my district. Private First Class Tyler Iubelt was killed in action in Afghanistan on November 12, 2016, as a result of a roadside bomb. Tyler left

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behind a wife and young daughter. He was but a young man himself, 20 years old. In honor of his sacrifice for our country today, I offer Senate Joint Resolution 21. The Resolution names the stretch of Route 51 that runs through Tyler's hometown of Tamaroa as the PFC Tyler Iubelt Memorial Highway. I ask for your support in recognizing this fallen American hero. And Mr. Speaker, I'd ask that all Members be added as cosponsors and that we take a moment of silence to honor Tyler and his family. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves that all Members of the House be added as cosponsors. Is there leave? Leave is granted. All Members will be added as cosponsors. The House will take a moment of silence. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Beiser, Chapa LaVia, Rita. Please take the record. There are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. SJR22, Mr. Costello. You may proceed, Sir."

Costello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. SJR22 seeks to name a portion of Route 3 the James Brockmeyer Memorial Highway. Officer Brockmeyer died while on duty protecting the citizens of the state. I think it is only right that we would name this portion of the road after him. And I would also ask for a moment of silence in his honor."

Speaker Lang: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record, Mr.

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Clerk. There are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. SJR31, Mr. Hays. Please proceed, Sir."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Joint Resolution 31 seeks to designate West Church Street in Champaign as it runs from North Country Fair Drive to North Mattis Avenue as a Robert... Officer Robert L. Tatman Memorial Drive. Officer Tatman was killed in the line of duty on November 25, 1967. Survived by his wife and four children. This, I believe, is an appropriate recognition of a gentleman who served his community with great honor and brought respect to his field. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote from this Body. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. SJR32, Representative Bourne. Please proceed."

Bourne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Joint Resolution seeks to designate the section of Route 16 from Stagecoach Road to Gillespie as Private First Class Gary Wayne Price Memorial Highway. Private First Class Gary Wayne Price was killed in the line of duty just one month into his tour in Vietnam on May 6 of 1967. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal with one service star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He was only 19 years old. We think this is a fitting way to honor his sacrifice. And I would ask the Body for their 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. There are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Mr. Turner on a point of personal privilege."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Body. I thought it was fitting while we were in the spirit of honoring people who had passed that we honor or at least acknowledge Commissioner Robert Steele, who recently passed this last week in Chicago. Commissioner Steele was a very good friend of mine, and a neighbor, a family friend and a dedicated steward of his community. He is the son of former Cook County Board President Steele, Bobbie Steele. I'm sorry. I'm just a little broken up by all of this. It was... it was a tough loss for me personally. Commissioner Steele has been very supportive in the neighborhood in North Lawndale and on the west side and for all of the second district that he represented in his official capacity. Just a champion for those who go without and for providing quality health care and for, you know, bringing up young guys like myself and Alderman Michael Scott on that end of town as well. So, I just thought that it would be nice if we could acknowledge him and hopefully take a moment of silence in his honor."

Speaker Lang: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you, Mr. Turner. Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "I, too, want to stand in recognition of the work and the body of work that Commissioner Steele has done in our great county, our great city, our great state. As the secretary to

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the west side black elected officials, he kept us together in making sure that we working alongside many community organizations, individuals, our elected officials to make sure that we stay focused on what we can give people the opportunity to be and do in our great state. And I thank you, Representative Turner... Leader Turner, for really taking a moment to share his life. His life is our life of public service. And he will be missed. He understands what we are going through down here even though he's up above. His passion to make sure people matter is what really enlightened... ignited my spirit and to keep me doing what I know is best for people. I thank you, Leader Turner. I thank each of you for this moment."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just would like to say that I knew the commissioner. And one thing about the commissioner, he loved children. He made all of them feel so important. He would always go that extra mile to put a smile on a child's face. And he has helped children that was hungry, that was homeless; he's helped their families. But the most important thing, he says if I can get up every day to bring a smile to a child's face, he said his living will not be in vein. And I know... I know that this commissioner is resting in peace because despite the fact he had an amputated leg, despite the fact he woke up every day in pain, he never, ever complained. And he always said make sure that I keep the children first. And I told him that I will always do that. And I will always emulate him and the things that he's done, or try to, I would say. I would try to because I could never walk a mile in his

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shoes. But he will be missed; and a lot of families are going to miss the commissioner. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to speak to a separate loss of my own personal nature."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Ammons: "Thank you. In recognition of Mr. Steele, as well as my grandmother, Marlene Merchant, whose name may not be known by many in this room. But my grandmother who was part of the great migration from the south whose family came up to Illinois, settled in East St. Louis, Illinois, who was born right after the great riot of East St. Louis. Just transitioned and joined my grandfather who served in World War II. And my uncle who served in the Army as well, who's lost his mother. I am here because of her; I stand on her shoulders. And I want to acknowledge my grandmother who will be laid to rest next Friday in the great City of East St. Louis. The city who is representative ground zero for me in this state. People who are suffering under great poverty but whose hearts and spirits are resilient and come from a line of great people. And so, I raise my grandmother, Miss Marlene Merchant, to our ancestors and want to ask the Body for a moment of silence for my grandmother."

Speaker Lang: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you, Representative, and our condolences. Mr. Riley."

Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to give my condolences to our colleague, Representative Ammons. You know, we've lost a lot of people in all of our districts, such as what life is made out of. We've lost Carolyn Rush a few months ago and

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just so many people. But I knew Robert Steele. I knew his mother better, but he followed in her footsteps. And every time I saw him, he was always gregarious, always had something to say that was funny. But he also talked about policy and I know he was very, very instrumental in his membership to the National Association of Counties, and I think he was an officer with that body. And one of the things that Commissioner Steele did was he reached out and he was friendly, you know, on Republican, Democrat, it didn't matter, those people who represent... represented themselves on county boards or were county board commissioners, really all of our region and all over the state and that's what service is all about. So, I believe his visitation is tomorrow and his funeral, wake and funeral, I think is going to be on Saturday. I hope I can make that. But he was just a tremendous example of what people do every day in terms of serving their community, reaching out, and doing what's best for everyone. So, my heart and my condolences go out to, certainly, to his family."

Speaker Lang: "Please remain standing, Members. SJR34, Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Joint Resolution 34 designates a portion of Illinois Route 72 from the south side of the bridge in Byron to the Ogle/Dekalb County Line as Lance Corporal Alec E. Catherwood Memorial Road. Lance Corporal Catherwood was from Byron; he was 19 years old when he was killed in action on October 14, 2010, while conducting combat operations in Afghanistan. He was a 2009 graduate of Byron High School and immediately enlisted in the Marine Corp on

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June 1 of 2009. Catherwood was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Korean Defense Service Medal. It was said of him, Alec was a Marine who always wanted to be a Marine. He loved his country and wanted to defend it. He is truly an American hero. I ask for a moment of silence and the adoption of this Resolution."

Speaker Lang: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. Please remain standing for one more of these, Representative. SJR39, Mr. McAuliffe, please proceed."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, SJR39 designates the bridge on Illinois Route 19, (Irving Park Road) that runs across the Des Plaines River in Schiller Park for former Marine Corporal Donald W. Bollman Bridge. Corporal Donald was killed in action on March 1, 1967, at the young age of 63 (sic-23). He also.. Captain (sic-Corporal) Bollman also received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star with a V for Valor. And I ask for its adoption and a moment of silence in his memory."

Speaker Lang: "Body will take a moment of silence. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. There are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is

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adopted. Please be seated, Members. SJR40, Representative Hammond, please proceed."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. SJR40 creates the Statewide Task Force for the Future of Adult Education and Literacy within the Illinois Community College Board. This is an initiative of the ICCB. The last state adult literacy plan was written in November of 2009; and it was intended to guide the operations for five years. That plan has expired. We have taken the initiative of that task force; and this will help the ICCB to plan accordingly for the next five years. And I appreciate your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Members, please record yourselves. Connor. Please take the record. There are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. Returning to the House Resolution 437, Representative Parkhurst. Please proceed."

Parkhurst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present this Resolution opposing a proposed private 260 mile railway from Indiana to Wisconsin that would cut across the heart of Illinois. The current Great Lakes Basin Railway plan would cost an estimated \$70 million a year to Grundy County, and \$90 million a year to Kankakee County in lost agricultural revenues. Those are yearly revenues that could never be re... made up. Those are just the numbers I have for the counties I represent and not the numerous other counties this railway would cut through in Illinois. In addition, the plan would negatively impact the environment, fire and police response

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times, and many communities' livelihoods. The GLB railway project has bipartisan opposition from across three states. I thank Members from both sides of the aisle for signing on for their districts to support this Resolution. I'm happy to take any questions and ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Please record yourself, Members. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Leader Currie for a Motion on Senate Bill 771."

Currie: "I'd like to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill 771 was adopted."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the reconsideration of the vote by which Senate Bill 771 passed. Those in favor say 'yes'... Excuse me. Those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Lady's Motion prevails and this Bill... the Bill is being reconsidered, put back on the Order of Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, now place the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Soto on a Motion to Table House Floor Amendment #1. Is there leave? Leave is granted. House Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 771 is tabled. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "No Further Amendments. No Motions filed."

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

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 771, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Back to Soto."

Speaker Lang: "Excuse me. Representative Soto."

Soto: "Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. The Bill extends the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act by 10 years. I have previously explained this Bill on Third Reading and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "While I recognize that you've explained it previously, since we just went through so many changes to the Amendments and bringing it back, could you go over what the... what now the Bill does?"

Soto: "Okay. So, what the Bill does it deletes the unnecessary definition of practice of audiology, provides an exemption for audiology licensure, and certified individuals to conduct a procedure known as NIM, N-I-M, under physician supervision to protect the patient's hearing during various surgeries. Number three, clarifies the intraoperative monitoring other than the NIM. It's conducted by persons other than NIM, certified individuals. Number four, prohibits the various terms in advertising which may not be used for persons not licensed as audiologists. And number five, deletes the qualifier willfully with respect to various violations of the Speech, Pathology, Audiology Practice Act. The technical

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change requested by DFPR is necessary because a person violating the Act pursuant to, for example, a failure to demonstrate the required education for licensure need not willfully fail to do so. I ask for an 'aye' vote and I am open to any questions. Thank you."

Andersson: "So, still me... so, thank you for the explanation. So, at this point with the corrections and the changes that you've made, has all opposition been removed to this Bill?"

Soto: "Yes, Sir."

Andersson: "Thank you."

Soto: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. This Bill requires 71 votes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 12 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrences, House Bill 3519. Mr. Butler on a Motion to nonconcur."

Butler: "I would move to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments to 3519, please."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves to nonconcur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 3519. Is there Leave? Leave is granted and the House nonconcur. Page 12 of the Calendar, under Concurrences, House Bill 3691, Representative Gabel. Please proceed. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Page 5 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Third Reading, Senate Bill 702, Representative Conroy. Out of the record. Page 13 of the Calendar, under the

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Order of Resolutions, House Resolution 191, Mr. Jones. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 518, offered by Representative Meier. House Resolution 519, offered by Representative Welch. And House Resolution 520, offered by Representative Welch."

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. On Supplemental Calendar #1, under the Order of Resolutions, appears HR480, Representative Nekritz. Please proceed."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution designates Healthy Pet Week. And this is on behalf of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association. I'd like to thank Chairman Costello for guiding this through committee for me this morning. And I'd ask for your vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. SJR12, Mr. Demmer. Please proceed, Sir."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Joint Resolution 12 creates the Recreational Bridle Path Task Force, a suggestion of the Horsemen's Council. And I ask for your favorable support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Record yourselves, Members. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And

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the Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Ives."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Ives: "Mr. Speaker and the rest of the Members in the General Assembly, I'd just like to note that we just passed a task force on bridle paths, bridle paths. And yet, we refuse to have any discussion about a task force dealing with how we assess property in the State of Illinois. With the highest property taxes in the most onerous and inequitable system in the United States, we need a task force on property taxes and how they're assessed. We don't need a task force on bridle paths. This is the most unserious Body on the most serious issue that we have before us. I really do appeal to the other Members of this Body that they join me in trying to push forward the Property Tax Task Force, now redesignated as HJR69. It already has bipartisan support. It's a bipartisan task force involving both chambers and it simply looks to the inequities in the system right now, what we can do in terms of modernizing our system so that it is fair for everyone. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sims is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Sims: "Mr. Speaker, to the previous speaker. This is the... this is the multiple times that the previous speaker has brought up the task force on property taxes. The last time she brought up the task force on property taxes you implored her to reach

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out to the Chairman of the Property Tax Subcommittee of the House Revenue Committee. I have yet... I happen to be the Chairman of said subcommittee. I have yet to have said conversation. So, if the Gentlelady from Wheaton is going to stand on the floor and complain that we are not going to have a... we were not going to implore or take... or talk about this task force, I would implore the Gentlelady from Wheaton to cross the aisle and have a conversation. If we're going to... if we're going to move forward, don't stand and complain, act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair is prepared to recess for Party caucuses. At 1:00, not immediately... at 1:00, Democrats will caucus in Room 114, Republicans will caucus in Room 118. The House will be in recess 2... 2:00 or the call of the Chair. The House is in recess. Leader Lang in the Chair. Leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris now moves that the House stand adjourned into regular Session on Friday, June 30 at the hour of 9 a.m., 9 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned until Friday, June 30 at the hour of 9 a.m."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4076, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of this House Bill. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 711, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 4008, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4075, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of these House Bills. These are to be held on the Order of Second Reading. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara

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Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on June 29, 2017: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 114, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 115, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 116, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 117, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 118, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 6. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."