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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order in regular Session. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Padget."

Padget: "Let us pray. Bless this House and all who serve here, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "Be led in the Pledge by Mr. Sims."

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

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

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show there are no excused absences among the House Democrats today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representatives Sosnowski and Winger today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. We have 116 Members present and we do have a quorum. The Chair recognizes Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans request an immediate caucus."

Speaker Lang: "The Republicans will caucus immediately in Room 118 for one hour. A reminder that Special Session must start at 10:00. The Democrats will be at ease. The House will be in recess 'til the call of the Chair or no later than 10 a.m."

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Ladies and Gentlemen, we are now in regular Session. The Chair recognizes the Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on June 30, 2017: recommends be adopted referred to the floor is Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1461; recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3399. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on June 30, 2017: recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 238. Representative Sims, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on June 30, 2017: recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 270. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 522, offered by Representative Riley is referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Martwick is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed, Sir."

Martwick: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would like to introduce to you my Page for the day. Joining me on the floor here from my districts, a student at Taft is Griffin Bonnin Jones. Would you please give him a warm welcome to the House of Representatives?"

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House chamber. Glad you're here. Representative Hurley is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Hurley: "Thank you. I want to welcome my Page for a day, Crystal Cabada, who is actually from Representative Kelly Burke's district, but she's here working as a summer intern for me. She's from St. Xavier University and she's a senior, and she's going to be in business administration. So, if we can give her a Springfield welcome, as well."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for joining us. Thank you, Representative. Page 6 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 6. Mr. Harris. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 6, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. The Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Greg Harris."

Speaker Lang: "With leave of the Body, we will adopt the Amendments and debate them on Third.. Sorry. Mr. Harris, on Amendment 1."

Harris, G.: "I would like to withdraw Amendment #1."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please draw.. withdraw Amendment 1. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Greg Harris and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris on Amendment 2."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. Senate Bill 6, Amendment #2 is the appropriation side of a balanced budget for the State of Illinois. As you know, SB9 is the revenue

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portion and it's been available for your inspection. Now, we all know how dire this situation our state is in. And as I've thought about what to say today, you know, I was trying to think, you know, what great speech could I give or something, there's really nothing you can say given the gravity of what's facing us today. And we know that, you know, across Illinois people are watching from every corner of our state to see what we do here, if we act and if we get our job done. And so, I don't want to give a political speech or a table pounding speech, the stakes are way too high, everyone knows it. Everyone knows that we're standing here today staring into an abyss. We're staring into an abyss that's going to, you know, face us tomorrow morning when the clock passes midnight. It's going to engulf everything we wish to do here and stifle every important issue facing our state. Every Illinois family, business, school district, university, day care, senior center, hospital, every first responder, every farmer, every bond rating agency, every investor, and every construction worker knows that today is the make or break day. It's our moment to put everything else aside except the future and wellbeing of our state. How we'll vote today will probably be the most consequential act that any one of us makes in our lives. Every person in the state hangs in the balance. Our seniors, children, the most vulnerable don't want to hear from us any political rants. They don't want to hear any finger pointing from us. They don't want any more blaming. No one wants to hear any excuses. No one wants to hear it. They've heard it over and over. Today people want to see action and they want to see us solve a problem that has

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hung over us for far too long. You know, I spoke the other day with Representative Grant Wehrli, the Gentleman from Naperville, who wanted everyone in this room to realize a significance of this date for the ability of our state to ever dig our way out of this financial abyss. He reminded me that our credit rating is one step above junk grade. Should we fail to act by midnight tonight, our failure could result in a credit downgrade that would have catastrophic effects on our state in the financial markets. And once a downgrade is taken, it may be years before we can repair the damage, years. Our bond rating will not go back up overnight once it goes down, and people need to understand that. It will cripple all our daily operations and our ability to borrow to pay down our \$15 billion backlog of bills. And even worse, because of what's known as the contagion effect... and every one of us who has to go home and talk to our local units of government needs to understand this... because of the contagion effect, your school districts, local units of government, universities, libraries, transit systems, and other peoples... agencies credit ratings are going to be dragged right down with us. We don't have any more time. You know, we can't take one more day to delay. This is what we're facing. It's bleak; it's catastrophic. And there are really two choices today. Do we drive the state over the cliff, or do we start down the road to stabilizing our finances and saving our state? I want to just briefly tell you some highlights of what is in this Bill, then I'd be happy to answer any questions. Our goal in drafting this Bill was to take the best ideas from other efforts that have been suggested by our caucus and the other

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three caucuses, and the Governor. We've drawn on the best ideas that came from the Senate in SB6 and 9. We've drawn on ideas that were presented in the joint budget presented by the House and Senate Republicans. We've also listened for many, many hours in public hearings across the state to the testimony of hundreds of citizens who came to us to tell their stories, explain their situations, and demand that we take action and pass a budget. We've tried to accommodate the Governor by substantially reducing spending, living within his expenditure limits, and the income tax rates in SB9, that was the basis of the Republican plan, which he supported. We spend less in our plan than the Governor's introduced budget because we heard loud and clear and understand that we need to control our expenditures. There are \$2.4 billion in cuts from current expenditure levels. This year, Illinois is on track to spend \$39 billion. This proposed budget only spends \$36 billion. And again, it is below the Governor's introduced budget. So with passing a budget, as we all know, when we take control of our appropriation process again rather than existing under the framework of court orders and consent decrees and continuing appropriations, we will be spending at a rate that is \$3 billion less than we are spending today. This proposal fully funds pension, group health and debt payments. It adds \$350 million to elementary and secondary education to fund the evidence-based model. In addition in the area of education, we add \$65 million for additional funding to the student transportation mandated categorical and increase early childhood funding by \$15 million. We fund the MAP program. We increase job training for displaced workers

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by 16 million. There is a five percent cut to state operations and bureaucracy across the board in order to provide funding for community-based services. But to give our departments the most flexibility to manage these cuts, you know, we are lump summing their budgets to make their life easier in the management area. We fund community violence program to help bring down the violence we're seeing in our streets and intervene with these young people before they are harmed, before they are shot, before they end up in the criminal justice system. We fund after school programming, summer jobs for youth, mental health and substance abuse treatment services. Capital for projects such as road and transit and bridges is all reappropriated. The Lincoln Presidential Library is funded as a stand-alone entity at the request of the Governor. We fund fully Community Care Programs for seniors and this is a point where we diverge from the Governor. We propose continuing the CCP program at its current levels and we do not support the CRP program but have indicated over and over again our willingness to work with the other three caucuses and advocates to find a solution that would responsibly control our costs and make the program affordable as the baby boom ages. We increased funding in agriculture for extension services, county fairs and agriculture societies. Funding is increased for soil and water conservation districts. We restore welcoming centers and immigrant immigration services for refugees, addiction treatment supportive housing, community-based supports for people with disabilities, respite care for the families raising developmentally disabled children, the epilepsy

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program and the autism program are all restored. So here's where we are. According to the United Way, if we don't act today, 36 percent of all human service agencies in Illinois.. 36 percent face closure within six months; 40 thousand people with disabilities will lose services; 69 thousand people needing treatment for substance abuse will be denied; 80 thousand people needing mental health treatment will be turned away; 47 thousand survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence will lose services; 40 thousand high-risk youths will be turned back on to the street. Every road project, bridge repair, transit improvement and all of the capital projects in the state are being shut down and mothballed as we sit here. If the clock strikes midnight tonight, 25 thousand construction workers will lose their jobs. That will happen tonight. Our universities and colleges are shutting down, losing faculty, students are fleeing to other states. Elementary and secondary schools may not open in the fall. This is where we are, Ladies and Gentlemen. We're proposing today a balanced budget that reduces our expenditures. The income tax and corporate income tax rates that we're proposing, that will be in another Bill, are identical to those proposed.. that came to us from the Senate. We're at a very serious moment. And I hope we all understand the consequences of our actions today. I respectfully urge your support. And I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to put a five-limit timer on everyone, but we will not limit the number of



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speakers on this very, very important piece of legislation. So, the first speaker is Mr. Andersson for five minutes."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll speak to the Bill. I don't have any questions of Greg. I do have a thank you to Greg and a thank you to all of the hard work that's been gone into this compromise. And I don't need to repeat the danger and the negative consequences that Greg so clearly outlined for us. But I come to you today with joy. I come to you today with joy. Not with fear, not with remorse, not with hesitation. I come to you with joy because I know and I've always said I know the people in this room are here to do the right thing. And I know today we're going to do the right thing. We're going to save our state; we're going to save our state together. I wore... Thank you for that, but that applause is for all of us, not just for my statement. What I was going to say was I wore a purple tie today. Purple is not red. Purple is not blue. Purple is what we need to be today to get this job done. And so, I again say I come with joy. This is the right thing to do. It's a balanced budget. We're being responsible. And I want to just reemphasize the good, not the negatives of what happens if we don't do this, 'cause we are going to do this. I want to reemphasize the good, the things that we're going to help. We're going to reinstitute those fundings for those needed human services. We're going to fund autism. We're going to fund breast screenings. We're going to fund at-risk youth. We're going to make that happen again. We're going to stabilize our state. We're going to let our businesses grow 'cause they know there will be a state tomorrow and the next day, and the next day. We're going to

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make all of that happen and more. We're going to save our educational institutions; they're not going to lose their accreditation. We are going to do great things today and I'm going to walk out of here with a smile on my face because I know we're going to do it together. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. Let's do this."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Wheeler for five minutes."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Wheeler, K.: "Greg, I got a call this morning from some providers who are interested in if Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 6 has any provisions that will help us get that backlog of bills paid down."

Harris, G.: "Very good question. This is an FY18 appropriation, but as you know, there are also groups talking about how do we deal with closing the gap for the unpaid appropriations for FY17 and also dealing with the pay down of the backlog of bills on which we're paying \$800 million a year of interest. This is a separate piece of legislation. It came to us from the Senate. It's SB4. We look forward to working with, you know, all four caucuses and the Governor to figure the best way to pay these back and reduce the cost burden on our state."

Wheeler, K.: "I appreciate that. I just want to make that clear. I think that there's some people are looking for that in this Bill. It may not be there. There's more work to do still with respect to that issue. And secondly, Greg, is as you know, for my entire time in this chamber, I've been advocating for a small process that is prescribed by law. This is an

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Appropriations Bill. I hope that before we get to the Third Reading on it we could actually go through the process of maybe adopting a revenue estimate before we actually get that process completed."

Harris, G.: "Before you sit down, I just want to be sure I... I may have stated something a little incorrectly. There are FY17 appropriations in this Bill so bills can start going to the Comptroller, but then we have to consider the... also the larger case of how do we pay those bills, where does the cash come from when they arrive, which would be part of the borrowing process."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you. Appreciate the answers to your questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris for five minutes."

Harris, D.: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before you start the clock, if I may verify. This is an Amendment. How many votes does it take to pass?"

Speaker Lang: "An Amendment requires more positive votes than negative votes."

Harris, D.: "Yes, Sir. Thank you. And on that note, I'd like to say to my colleagues in the House, this passes with a simple Majority of those people voting on the question, that is not going to be enough. There has to be, if we're serious about this, 71 votes or more on this Amendment, 71 votes or more, not just a simple Majority. Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, here we are. We're at the last day of Session. Final hours. We have a couple of votes that we have to take. This is an Appropriation Bill. It's not a revenue Bill. It's half of the equation. It appropriates 30... roughly

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\$36.5 billion which is down, as the Sponsor said, from the 38-plus, maybe even close to 39 billion that we're spending now due to court orders and consent decrees and all those other things that are forcing us to send out checks without appropriations. I know that many people will be voting 'no' and I respect every Member for any vote that they take. They know their districts. I would not question them. Some may be voting 'no' because maybe they believe that we need to do this but their constituents have said no, no more spending, you've got to hold the line. Others may believe that we can indeed live on a \$32 billion revenue base that we're bringing in now and they believe that our expenditure should be... should be cut to that and that's their contention. I respectfully disagree with that. Let's look at some of our required payments. We have a seven... we're bringing in \$32 billion. We have a \$7 billion Medi... pension payment. We have group health of \$1.8 billion. We have debt service of \$2.1 billion. Medicaid is another 7 billion. If we want to pay for K-12, that's what, 6 and a half billion. Right there, you've added up to over 24 billion dollars of the 32 that we're bringing in now. So, I suppose we could cut the Department of Agriculture, but I'm not sure that the farmers would like that. I suppose we could cut the Department of Natural Resources, but those people who go to Cut Rock State Park and all those other parks like to have the Conservation Police in place. We could cut public health. We could cut State Police. We could cut the Department of Transportation, but you know what, there are services that need to be provided. There's an interest group out there that say, well, just do away with

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the Local Government Distributive Fund. Oh, that's \$1.2 billion which I'm sure the municipal officials would be real happy with us to do something like that. So, I don't like everything that's in this plan, absolutely not. There will be something in every budget plan that someone doesn't like. But we need a spending plan that recognizes the needs of downstate, the City of Chicago, and the suburbs. I believe this plan does that. I'm not going to let our universities lose their accreditation because we don't have a spending plan in place. Sure, it's fair to ask how did we get here. And some people will say, well, it's that... that Speaker Madigan who is being portrayed as evil incarnate. Some blame Governor Rauner, who probably has been extremely firm in his demands for reform. But I'll tell you something, we all, in my opinion, share the blame. We all share the blame, myself included, because we have enabled our Leaders to do this. We have enabled our Leaders to get to this position and that's unfortunate that we're in the position that we are in. But now is the time to bring this nightmare to an end. Now is the time to stop quarreling and start governing. Now is the time to stop confrontation and go to compromise. The spending plan that's in front of us today is reasonable. It's one that addresses our needs. It's one that moves us forward in a responsible way. I recommend a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Jimenez for five minutes."

Jimenez: "To the Amendment, Mr. Speaker. During this budget impasse, my friends, neighbors, the community members here in Sangamon County, have felt the pain in only a way you could feel it in the Capital City. During this crisis, the bills

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owed here in my hometown have grown to more than \$300 million. State workers, hospital workers, university employees, retirees, those who provide the services to the most vulnerable, almost everyone in my district has been touched by this crisis and many have lost sleep, including me. I've not been able to go to church, drop off my kids at school, go to the grocery store, eat out with friends, neighbors and people I don't even know urging me to pass a balanced budget. I've worked on staff in State Government and as a reporter in this building. I've covered one former Governor's sentencing, watched the impeachment of another. I've seen so many unbalanced budgets be passed and signed into law for years in this building. There is no doubt that we need to reform our state and make changes to our way of life here in the Capitol. The path here was long and it will take years to get completely back on track. We've taken some steps forward this year, but we do have a long way to go. We must continue the negotiations on essential reforms in our state and I'm confident that we can hammer out these issues that are important to our state and economy. In my opinion, we're taking a major step forward by working on a balanced budget and trying to pass that out of this chamber and out of the Senate today. This is major progress. This crisis has literally depressed my community, my county, my district, my hometown, a place that you all spend a good part of your lives. We must end this impasse today and hopefully, we can all sleep better tonight. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch for five minutes."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A quick question of the Sponsor."

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Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Welch: "Representative, will this... will the passage of this Bill here today lead to massive layoffs across State Government?"

Harris, G.: "No, not at all. Again, we have made some departmental reductions, but we have lump summed all the funds so that the department secretaries and directors can manage their departments most effectively. We're believing that if there are vacancies that could be maybe left unfilled for a month or two longer and help make up that difference. There is no way I see that there would be massive layoffs."

Welch: "Thank you, Representative. To the Bill. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Representative Greg Harris for all the work he put in to getting us here today. I want to thank Leaders like Representative Steve Andersson and many others on the other side for the work they did in getting us here today. What we have before us, because of all of that hard work in a bipartisan way, is an honest, fair, and balanced budget that cuts spending by \$2.5 billion. This plan spends \$800 million less than both the Governor's proposed budget and the Senate Democrats' proposal. This plan funds critical services all across the board. And I'm especially supportive of this Bill because of what it does for higher education. Our universities are on the brink. Many of them risk losing accreditation if we don't pass this budget today. Students are leaving our state in masses. And we are losing good, talented professors like Dr. Nanette Potee from Northeastern Illinois University, who is here today as my guest and joins us in the gallery. And I think we should give all of our professors like Dr. Potee a round of applause for what they were able to continue

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to do during this budget impasse. Let's give them a round of applause. This is not a perfect plan, but it's the best plan that was developed in a bipartisan way. President Abraham Lincoln once said, be sure to put your feet in the right place and then stand firm. Members, this is the right place. Plant your feet right here, right now, today, and stand firm. Stand firm, Democrats. Stand firm, Republicans. You've done great work. Stand firm. Today is the day we get our state on the right track. We're going to save our schools. We're going to save our social service providers. And we're going to save the State of Illinois by voting 'yes' on Senate Bill 6. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives for five minutes."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, there's been a lot of talk about what this budget funds. Well, let me tell you what this budget funds. This budget funds higher education that just gave the NIU past President a \$600 thousand bailout after he was discovered violating our procurement laws, according to an OEIG investigation. This budget continues to fund that type of behavior. This budget continues to fund a Medicaid program that now has one in four Illinoisans on it and allows adults... single, able-bodied adults to stay on that program without getting a job. This budget funds... this budget does nothing to fund... nothing to fund at all our back bills which are a festering problem and it needs to be taken care of. This budget also funds things that are based on your demographic group rather than based on just simply you as an Illinois taxpayer. This budget continues to fund all sorts of particular tax breaks for particular interest groups rather



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than a general tax system that treats all the same. This budget continues to fund a particular university that last year only had 86 students in their freshman class. That's less than I had on my middle school cross country team. But yet, we're not going to talk about consolidating higher education that is losing enrollment. This budget continues.. will fund an education program, the evidenced-based model that has failed in all the other states that have attempted it. This budget does not look out for small businessmen. This does not look out for the ordinary taxpayer. This budget is a gross overspending of hard.. of people's hard-earned income going to a bloated system that we have failed to reform. This budget continues to form prevailing wage rates where if you're a laborer in DuPage County, your analyzed compensation would be over \$120 thousand. This budget continues to fund bloated local governments, through state subsidies, without forcing us to reform those same systems that create the pressures on property tax owners at the local level. This budget is not our best work. This budget does not get Illinois out of an uncompetitive environment when it comes to attracting business. This budget is a disaster and this budget is the death, now, for Illinois. It tells every taxpayer who's capable of moving from the State of Illinois it's time to pick up stakes and leave. That's what this budget does. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons for five minutes."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. First, let me thank Chairman Harris for the great work and facilitation that he led as a Member of the budget team, who met for a couple

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months, attempting to bring this to resolution. It is not the easiest thing to do, to lead an effort that would ultimately have to raise the taxes to meet the needs of the state. It is not an easy job for Chairman Harris to have to run between the two chambers to try to get consensus on Senate Bill 6 from the Leadership in the Senate. It's not easy to have to work across the aisle and bring the meeting of the minds together to put on this board today a proposal that will bring an end to the impasse that has caused so much harm to our state. Everyone in the state is experiencing the harm that not having a budget has produced. And Chairman Harris has done it with great dignity and stately manhood that I believe represents exactly what we are supposed to do as Legislators in this House. I also want to thank our Floor Leader on the other side, Representative Andersson. Truly is a man of great passion and love. And I believe that in his heart he has worked diligently on this and every other Bill to look out for the interest of his Members and his constituents. And to the Members of the Democratic Party Leadership who has done everything, I believe, within their power and authority to bring to the board today the best compromise that we can find to address the needs of the Governor, that have held the budget for this long, but to address those needs through legislative procedures and process here. I thank all of our Leadership for their direction. And for my members in my community, to my constituents, to the University of Illinois who has worked diligently to come here and speak to all of us about the importance that higher ed plays as an economic engine to this state, they have contributed greatly not only

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through research but as a developing community, making sure that people have jobs in our community. I appreciate the leadership of the University of Illinois. And so today, we are called at a moment in history. The moment that has never visited our state before. This moment is calling each of us to the history books today to determine where you will come down on the most important thing that we are called to do in this House, which is to pass a budget. No, it is not perfect. It is not where I believe we should be. I believe we should be spending what is necessary to provide all services and that there are no waiting lists for child care, and that there are no waiting lists for seniors, and that we adequately fund our Meals on Wheels program, and that every student who needs MAP funding gets it. This budget doesn't do that, but it does bring us to the middle enough that we can not only vote 'yes', but we can vote 'yes' knowing that we will continue to work even after this Bill passes. So, today I wore a yellow jacket because I believe it represents the sunshine that will rise tomorrow. I do believe that we have an opportunity to stand together to continue to negotiate further. We can always pass Appropriation Bills if this one is not right, but this is what we have today, and this is what history is calling us to. And I urge an 'aye' vote today."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wallace for five minutes."

Wallace: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to speak to the Bill, but I'd like to just thank you so much, Chairman Harris, for the hard work that you've put in. And to my freshman classmate, Representative Andersson, thank you so much. I seem to find myself in tears quite a bit often over the last

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few years. And usually, it's because of something devastating or heartbreaking that I'm sharing about a constituent or my own experiences or things that we all come here to fight for. But today, these are not those tears. These are tears of joy. These are tears of hope because I really do hope that today is the first day that we'll move forward together as a Body in the House of Representatives. We cannot continue to allow the media, uninformed individuals, politicians and bloggers, to separate us. Yet, that's what we have allowed to happen for the entire time that I have been in this Assembly. So, I'm very grateful today for what we're able to do with this particular vote. Nelson Mandela once said that there can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children. But you could say it's seniors, it's differently abled, it's veterans, those members of the society who live in poverty. Those are true revelations of the soul of a nation, the soul of this state. I'm grateful that over the last 10 days, we've been blessed with the presence of a number of children in our chamber, one of them being my own. Representative Ford's, Representative Mayfield's, Representative Conyears-Ervin's, Represent... or Leader Booth. We've seen many children throughout... from the other side as well who have been here at numerous points. We've also talked about our grandparents; we've talked about those who are in our districts that need us. But I think the reminder that those children brought to us over the last 10 days was such that we have to understand that we are building a foundation that they will inherit. And some days weren't always the best here. They got to see us argue, but a lot of

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times they got to see us speaking to each other, talking with each other, and some of us even praying with each other. And for that, I am extremely grateful. And for the negativity that was injected into this conversation, I ask that you go ahead and vote the way you feel you need to vote but please do not allow your mean spiritness and your negativity to continue to drive a wedge between us. So, again, thank you, Chairman Harris, and thank you, Leader Andersson. Thank you every single person who is listening to those who are in need of us most. This is indeed a reflection of your soul when you cast this vote today. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Morrison for five minutes."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Yeah, these are very serious times in the State of Illinois. And for those of us who have not been privy to all the negotiations, look, we all know the seriousness that we're facing as a state. We all know the seriousness of inaction. We all come here with different perspectives on how the state should function, what happens in the economy, what is the proper role of government at the state level, the local level. But for those of us who are concerned about this Bill and maintenance of the status quo, we are hearing from our residents, not just... we're hearing from our residents who depend upon state services and local services. They depend upon a social service agencies, but we also hear from those who provide a large portion of our state's tax revenue. And what they are telling us is that there are greener pastures elsewhere. They go back, many of them, just like we do, just like our families go back generations in the State of Illinois. We are in an

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increasingly competitive environment globally and within our nation. And these tax... the taxpayers, small businesses, medium businesses and such, they provide jobs for our constituents. They contribute to the local economy. They contribute to the state economy. They contribute to the national economy. And if we don't heed the warnings that they are giving us, if we don't heed the warnings that the rating agencies are giving us about some of our structural... the demands on our budget. Things like Medicaid spending and pension spending is consuming an ever larger portion of our state's budget. And so, it's not a matter of being cold or hard hearted, we're looking at this picture from a 30 thousand foot view. We're listening to what our taxpayers are telling us. We're looking at the math of the consumption of the overall state budget. And simply raising taxes, or raising tax rates, or raising taxes on things like services or the things that we all depend upon... If we're looking at the numbers and we see the consequences... you know, my district is in Palatine. We're at... we're the north part of Cook County. There are billboards, there are banners that are just over the road, the Lake Hook Road, that say no Cook County taxes here. Now, why would that be something that a business would promote? It's because tax policy does affect behavior. It affects the behavior of individuals. It affects the behavior of larger entities like businesses. And we're not just talking about big business. We had a vote this week on Edge Tax Credits. I was one of the people that voted 'no'. I don't think we should be giving special breaks to special interest. I think the best tax policy is to treat everyone equally,

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fairly, and just make for a transparent environment so that a business with one employee or a business with 10 thousand employees can thrive. And so, you know, we have policy differences. I do believe that we should try to work in a spirit of civility. But to characterize someone or an individual as mean-spirited, I don't think that's... that's fair. We're going to continue to have these very difficult discussions because no matter what happens today, or tomorrow, or next month, we still will have very, very, very difficult challenges ahead as a state. And the need for reform is being demanded by our citizens, not just because of one person's political perspective, but because if we don't, we cannot fund the other essential things that our citizens need or demand. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford for five minutes."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I want to first thank Greg Harris for his hard work and I also want to thank the Speaker of the House for all of the caucuses that we had. There's always talk about rank and file Members not having a say, but the Leader on this side really engaged all of us. And I believe that all the Democrats on this side of the aisle, rank and file Members, had a say in crafting this Amendment and this proposal. So, I want to thank the Speaker for that and thank the budget team as well. I'm from the west side of Chicago, many of you know, and we need this passage of this Bill. We need this passage because there are so many people dying of heroin overdoses on the west side of Chicago, in Oak Park, and different parts of my district. So, the passage of this is very important. And I also want to tell

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the Governor that I think that he could claim a victory for reducing the spending in the State of Illinois as a Republican because me, as a Democrat, I think that we need to spend more to take care of the people of Illinois and the Governor could take this as a victory by driving down spending in Illinois. And so, I urge the Governor to take note and to take pride in his hard work of driving down spending in the State of Illinois. And I urge him to support this measure so that we can protect the most vulnerable people in the State of Illinois. It's clear that if we don't pass this, we will be putting ourselves in a penny-wise, pound-foolish state because we're going to spend more money and to me, that is not what a conservative Governor would want, to spend more money than we need to spend. A conservative Governor understands that he doesn't want to waste taxpayer dollars. A conservative Governor understands that it's very important that we pass this measure today and end the wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars because to continue to spend without a budget is exactly what we're doing. We're spending more of taxpayer dollars and we're digging ourselves deeper in a hole. So, I urge the Governor to recognize victory when there's victory. And I urge all of us to continue to make Illinois better and better by passing this Bill and to continue to work to have a better and more balanced budget in the State of Illinois. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Durkin is recognized."

Durkin: "Thank you. To the Amendment. Let's just make sure we know what we're voting on right now. We are voting for an Amendment. We are not voting on Third Reading, but this is a



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good start. We have about 13 hours left and I am committed to getting the job done. That means a balanced budget, responsible cuts, and reforms that are going to put Illinois back on track. Now, this chamber compared to the one on the other side of the building has been very partisan; there has been a lot of... a lot of activity and the tensions have been very high. I understand it. And because of that, there has been a lack of good faith that has permeated this chamber for the past two years. Here's my commitment. I am committing to vote for this Amendment; and I'm also committing to put Republican votes on this, not just to get passage, but to bring us past 71. And that, to me, is my commitment to you that we continue with our work today because I'm telling you, we are close. We are so close; I can taste it. But folks, bear with us. I'm offering you this gesture of good faith that we're prepared to bring this to the final hours to finish this impasse and put Illinois back on track. I am voting 'yes' on this Amendment. And let's get back to work."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Sente for five minutes."

Sente: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very briefly, I'd like to address what our constituents have asked us to work on. They've asked us to work on a full-year balanced budget. They have asked us to stop kicking the can down the road. They've asked us for cuts; they've asked us for reforms; and they've asked us to address the backlog of bills. They've asked us to compromise and work together. So, I just want to say that people do, on the outside, feel that we are very partisan and this chamber does not have people who want to work together. So, I want to conclude by saying thank you to, Greg; thank you to, Steve;

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thank you to, Elaine and Sara and Avery, and my list could go on and on. Thank you to the Senators on the other side who did the heavy lifting all Session. Thank you to Leader Radogno and President Cullerton. Thank you to the 33 Members on both sides of the aisle that signed the statement that asked us to move forward. Thank you for every evening you met. Thank you for every suggestion you had and every time you gave in and said, how about his, how about that, let's work together. Let's show the world, let's show our state there is more that binds us and let's continue with the trust of the day and get this done. I just say thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Kifowit for five minutes."

Kifowit: "Thank you. To the Bill. First, again, I'll echo what my colleague said about Leader Harris and Leader Andersson. Thank you for being available, answering numerous questions, and keeping information as readily as possible. I do want to address what the Member from Palatine said, and I think that we do need to come together and have an economic plan for jobs in this state and a plan to get things going in the right direction. This plan today is a plan to stop the bleeding, start the breathing. But we also have to fix what is wounding Illinois... and I agree, actually, across the aisle, that we do need... and I offer my services and I offer my companionship so that we can get a true, robust, economic development plan for Illinois, but we cannot do that without balancing our budget, starting to pay our bills, and getting things going in the right direction. So, I think that properly funding our schools, taking care of our children, putting this state in the right direction, ending the impasse, is so important and

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vital for the success of Illinois. And I think from this point going forward, I extend to anybody who wants to work with me, that we must also continue to put good Illinois people to work, training programs, higher education, support our businesses and create jobs as well. So, I want to thank him for bringing up that point, and I think that we are in agreement with that as well. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris to close."

Harris, G.: "So, thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. Before I do my closing, I just want to say two things to two people in the room. To Leader Steve Andersson, you know, you mentioned you're wearing your purple tie 'cause it brings you luck. After being down here so long, I can say I'm wearing my, you now, coral tie. It's the only clean thing I have left. But I also wanted to say to you, you know, I talked about our flowery speeches and I couldn't think of one to make on the floor. What you said today may have been, in the years I've served here, the finest remarks I've ever heard on the House Floor. I am so grateful. And to Leader Durkin for his remarks, yeah, maybe we have turned a corner here, Ladies and Gentlemen, today, maybe we've turned a corner. You know, in every journey of a thousand miles begins with one step and we're about to take that one step. And hopefully, on issues that are important to us; they're important to you, important to the City of Chicago, important to southern Illinois and central Illinois and the suburbs, we can continue taking steps to solve all those issues together. Ladies and Gentlemen, on this, I would ask for an 'aye' vote. And thank you all very much."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Amendment will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Chapa LaVia. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 90 voting 'yes', 25 voting 'no'. And the Amendment is adopted. The Chair recognizes Speaker Madigan."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, first, thank you to Leader Durkin and to the Republicans who voted for the Amendment. I think it's a good step forward. A step that we can build upon. There's much work yet to be done; therefore, the House will be in Session tomorrow. Next, momentarily, I will send a message to the bond rating agencies asking them to defer any further opinions relative to the credit rating of the State of Illinois until we've had sufficient time to finalize our budget making. That message will leave momentarily. Next, I will convene a meeting of the Leaders today to continue our discussions relative to budget making and nonbudget issues. And I will convene a meeting of interested parties on a revenue Bill. Much work has already been done on a revenue Bill, a Bill has been filed, but today we'll convene interested parties in an effort to finalize the revenue Bill so we can balance out spending against revenue. Again, thank you for your cooperation on this vote. Much work remains to be done. Let's keep up the good work; we'll get the job done. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please hold Senate Bill 6 on the Order of Second Reading. Page 10 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, House Bill 531. Leader Currie. Out of the

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record. House Bill 2537, Representative Nekritz. Please proceed on your Concurrence Motion."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2537 started out as a... made numerous changes to the statutes that govern changing your name legally. The Concurrence... there's two Motions that the... two Amendments that the Senate added. One has to do with the name change. It actually reinstates the provisions in current law that you must publish when you change your name, but it sets a cap on the amount that the publication can cost. And then the second Amendment has to do with the Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act and the revisions to the maintenance guidelines. It clarifies a number... there was some confusion in the interpretation by the courts. This clarifies it so that the courts should be able to establish maintenance as was intended by this Body. I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady'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. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 2537. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3399, Representative Feigenholtz. Please proceed."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I concur on Senate Amendment 1. This is an agreed Bill supported by the Sierra Club, IEC; Todd Vandermyde even loves it. It is a compromise on bobcat hunting in the state. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Costello."

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Costello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Representative Feigenholtz said, this is an agreed Bill. The analysis on the Democratic side wasn't correct when this Bill was first run. It's agreed to by parties that, at times, have problems coming together. So, in the spirit of the Bill we just passed, I would recommend an 'aye' vote and let's move this forward."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Phelps."

Phelps: "To the Bill. Just to reiterate what Representative Costello said. The Illinois Sportsmen's Caucus is behind this. We appreciate what Representative Feigenholtz and Senator Harmon did. And I just ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady'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 all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Burke. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3399. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3450, Representative Soto. Representative Soto. Please proceed."

Soto: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I move to concur in Senate Bill 3452 (sic-House Bill 3450). Senate Amendment #1 simply grants the contents of House Bill 3452, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulations, DFPR's 10-year sunset extension from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2028 of the Podiatric Medical Practice. House Bill 3450 DFPR's sunset extension to the Home Medical Equipment

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and Services Provider. I vote... I ask and encourage an 'aye' vote. And there's no opposition to this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. This requires 71 votes. 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 House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3450. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 3 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, House Bill 1479, Representative Stratton. Representative Stratton. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1479, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Stratton, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Stratton."

Stratton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1479 is the trailer Bill to House Bill 3904, which I presented earlier this week. It removes the language subject to advice and consent as I promised to do. And I respectfully request approval of this Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bryant, do you rise on the Amendment. Representative Bryant."

Bryant: "I want to thank... Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

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Bryant: "Want to thank Representative Stratton for... Oh, sure.  
I'll do this on Third Reading."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1479, a Bill for an Act concerning  
criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Stratton."

Stratton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, House Bill 1479 simply  
change... adds the Amendment that we would remove the language  
subject to advice and consent as it pertains to the  
appointment of the Chief Administrator of the Women's  
Division, per House Bill 3904. And I respectfully ask for an  
'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bryant, I'm surprised you want to  
speak now."

Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed. Sponsor yields."

Bryant: "I, unlike my seatmate, are not... is not... are not nervous  
right now, but I do get a little bit anxious so thank you for  
bearing with me on speaking to the wrong thing. Representative  
Stratton, thank you so much for honoring your word and  
bringing this trailer Bill. This is a very good piece of  
legislation with this trailer Bill added to it. Appreciate  
that very much. And for you, as I said in committee, being a  
woman of honor and integrity. I support this trailer Bill



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full... full-throated and wholeheartedly and would recommend an 'aye' vote."

Stratton: "Thank you so much."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's 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? Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 8 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 1461. Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit, please proceed. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1461, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Representative Kifowit, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask that we adopt House Floor Amendment #1. There are some small changes to eliminate any opposition."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1461, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1461 is agreed language worked out by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, the Motion Picture Association, and amends the Film Production Services Tax Credit Act."

Speaker Lang: "Those is 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? Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Wheeler on a point of personal privilege."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In this morning's spirit of bipartisanship, I thought we'd take a quick moment and recognize a friend of ours. This is his last day on the floor. Donovan from the Governor's office is moving on to bigger and better things. He'll be the Deputy Director at the EPA starting next month here. And he's been a great friend, great to work with. He's been helping me tremendously in JCAR issues and he's always been a friend to everyone here on the floor and has helped us understand different things as we try and work together. So, let's give Donovan a big round of applause as he moves on."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations and good luck. The House will come to order. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions, Sir."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 521, offered by Representative Winger and House Resolution 523, offered by Representative David Harris."

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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. An announcement for Members. The House has completed the work it needs to complete today. There will be meetings going on all over the building on various topics that are still being negotiated and debated, before we get to voting on all the Bills we need to vote on. And because of... the Body has completed its work for the day, Leader Currie moves that, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House in regular Session shall adjourn until Saturday, July 1 at the hour of 11 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it? And the House stands adjourned until July 1 at 11 a.m."