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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2018: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 126, House Bill 127, and House Bill 1295."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Kyle Severson, who is the Pastor of St. Philip Lutheran Church in Glenview. Reverend Severson is the guest of Representative Fine. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor."

Reverend Severson: "Let us pray. Blessed are You, oh God, author of life, for You are the source of all wisdom and understanding, the source of all counsel and might. We give You thanks for this day, especially for the good we are permitted to give and to receive. Bless these public servants that they may be beacons of Your hope and peace to all of whom they serve. Encourage them in their work, so that they might not grow weary, but be emboldened to serve the most vulnerable. The challenges of our days are many and profound, yet You, oh God of love, will surely be our guide. Reveal Yourself to us this day in the face of the one we might least expect as You continue to break down the walls between Your people. We pray all of this in Your most holy name to whom belongs all honor and glory, now and forever, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We will be led in the Pledge by Representative Bristow."

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

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

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Andrade, Cassidy, Gabel, Sente, and Slaughter are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Dan Brady and Barb Wheeler are excused. Oh."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Correct that. Representative Barb Wheeler is in attendance today."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wheeler, you can leave because you were excused already. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 110 Members present and we do have a quorum. The Chair recognizes Representative McDermed."

McDermed: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would everyone here today please give a warm Springfield welcome to my two Pages for the day. From Lincoln Way East High School, home of the AA football champions and these two stellar students, please welcome Michael Thompson and Kirsten Lutz."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House chamber. Thank you for being here with us. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 907. Mr. Hays is recognized."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my privilege to welcome to the House of Representatives the Schlarman Academy

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Hilltoppers, the girls State Champions from Class 1A. The Hilltoppers finished the season 33-1 and brought the first ever girls state championship trophy back to Vermilion County and to the community of Danville. I am pleased to welcome the players: Cece Damilano, Sydney Gouard, Capria Brown, Anaya Peoples, Tannah Ceader, Janiah Newell, Emma Bogan, Suzet Semersheim, McKaylee Allen, and Destiny Dye. Head Coach Keith Peoples is with us as well as are managers; Mollie DeBoard and Elizabeth Stimac, Principal Gail Lewis, the athletic director Phil Sexton, and Cheerleaders Tamara Kriening, Sarah Lukas, Sara Switzer, Jessalyn Gonzalez and Regina Hinkle. These young ladies... Coach Peoples knew that these young ladies were on the cusp of a special, special season. Schlarman Academy is a school in Danville, Illinois with an enrollment of 99 students. Yet, they scheduled this year Springfield High School, Springfield Sacred Heart- Griffin, Chicago Simeon, the story program at Chicago Marshall with their nine state titles, and Champaign Central; and they defeated each of those schools. Chicago Marshall won the 2A state title, Schlarman beat them by 20 points in January. These young ladies are not only a special group of athletes, but they are tremendous students. They are very visible and very active in the Danville area community and they are young people that we could not be more proud of. First team all-staters, Anaya Peoples and Capria Brown; third team all-stater, Sydney Gouard; honorable mention all-stater, Janiah Newell. Coach Keith Peoples was the coach of the year named by the *Champaign News Gazette* and Anaya Peoples, the player of the year for the second consecutive year. And if that isn't impressive

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enough, there's not a single senior on this team. This team will be back and they will be back with a vengeance. And for those of you who follow ladies basketball closely and saw the spectacular ending of the NCAA Tournament when Notre Dame made a buzzer beater to win the tournament, Anaya Peoples is one of the highest recruited guards in the country and after her senior season, she will be attending Notre Dame. And Anaya, we are expecting great things. Coach Peoples, Principal Lewis, congratulations, we could not be more proud."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations to all of you. Those... those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Congratulations. House Resolution 926, Mr. Davidsmeyer. Please proceed, Sir."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I want to welcome the Jacksonville J'ettes State Championship Team from Jacksonville, Illinois, my hometown. I know a little bit about this, my sister was a J'ette when I was growing up so I spent four years chasing the dance team around and not... you know... not in that way, but following them around to all their competitions. I know how much hard work they put in and I want to congratulate them. The varsity team won first in pom and hip hop and grand champion runner-up. And that team is Emilie Bezler, Anna Bezler, Jordan Brockhouse, Regan Davis, Jocelyn Fuhr, Sydney Hembrough, Breanne Kaufmann, Camri Middleton, Chloe Burrus, Sarah May, Grayson Moore, Olivia Pine, Sara Wilson, Ava Lahey, Kat Fuhr, Paige Hadden, Layne Rodgers, and their coaches Tiffany Hickox, Katie Armstrong,

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and Sara Gray. And I want to give a special mention to Emily Bezler who is Miss IDTA State Champion soloist on her own. If we could give them a quick round of applause, I would appreciate that. And we also have the JV team who won first in lyrical, first in pom, high point award in lyrical, and grand champions in the JV division. And that team is Dani Dillard, Esha Kulkarni, Gabbi Meehan, Millie Pine, Paige Scaman, Amelia Symons, Grace Turner, Clair VanAken, Julianne Wilson, Paiten Wilson, their coach is Stephanie Bezler, their manager Ariana Swift. And I want to give a quick shout-out to Anna Bezler who is also seventh overall soloist and Camri Middleton, who was a state qualifier soloist. Also, a couple of these young ladies are very good to me at home because they help me when I have events. They come over to my house and they babysit for me. We've got a couple of very responsible... a great group of very responsible young ladies here. And I hope we can give them a warm Springfield welcome and congratulate them on their success as state champions for the State of Illinois in dance."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations to all of you and thank you for joining us today. Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Congratulations. House Resolution 892, Representative Stuart. Please proceed."

Stuart: "Thank you. Are we going to read the Resolution? Or..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please read the conclusion of the Resolution."

Stuart: "Thank you."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 892, offered by Representative Stuart.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Gary Niebur for his diligent service to the City of Edwardsville, thank him for his dedication to his community, and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement."

Stuart: "Thank you. I wanted to introduce the Members of the House today to my guest Gary Niebur. He's in the gallery. If he could stand. Thank you. He's joined today by his wife Debbie, his daughters Ashley, and Abby, and Amanda. Unfortunately his son Andrew couldn't make it. Also joined by his son-in-law Josh and his adorable granddaughter Blair. And we're recognizing Gary today... giving a little bit of a personal story why it's so important for me to recognize him. I moved to Edwardsville in 1994 after a quick visit and fell in love with the place immediately. Luckily for me, Mayor Niebur had been elected in 1993 and he continued to serve until 2013 making him the longest-serving mayor in Edwardsville's 200-year history. He oversaw the population growth of Edwardsville from a village of 14 thousand to the huge town it is now with over 25 thousand people. It was named a top ten place to raise a family by *Family Circle Magazine* and I can echo that sentiment. He worked tirelessly along with a lot of Representatives here in this chamber, including my colleague Jay Hoffman. Expanded State Routes 159 and 157, which helped promote business growth and he secured nearly \$50 million in funding in order to do that. If it wasn't enough that he worked so tirelessly as our mayor to make it

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such a great place to live, he also served as President and CEO of the Edwardsville YMCA, starting back in 1982 when he was just 28 years old. He raised over \$10 million in donations, grew from one small building to three. We draw folks in from all over the area to take part in things like roller skating and rock climbing and swimming in both indoor and outdoor pools, thanks to the hard work of Gary Niebur. In 2007, our YMCA was given an excellence in facilities award by the YMCA of the United States of America. I don't think Edwardsville would be the amazing place it is to live had we not had Mayor Niebur backing our city for such a long time. And I want to thank him for all his hard work and dedication. Thank you, mayor."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations on your retirement, mayor and thank you for joining us today. This Resolution has already been adopted. House Resolution... Mr. Wheeler, do you rise on this Resolution?"

Wheeler, K.: "No."

Speaker Lang: "We'll get back to you. House Resolution 952, Representative McCombie. Please proceed."

McCombie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could have everybody's attention for a moment, please, and have the Knight family please stand. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have spoken at length about Pam Knight who gave the ultimate sacrifice this year while serving the State of Illinois to help our most vulnerable. Today I present HR952, the official Resolution in her honor. We are joined in the House today by her husband of 32 years as of April 4 and also her best friend, Don Knight. Her daughter, Jennifer Hollenback and her two oldest

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granddaughters, Kaitlin Burns and Cheyenne Hollenback. I know that this chamber is not in full agreement on how to proceed legislatively; however, I do know that all of our hearts sincerely hurt for their loss. Mr. Speaker, I humbly ask that all of the Members of the House as a token of condolences to the family and to her friends, be added as cosponsors to this Resolution and please share a moment of silence."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Lady moves that all Members be added as cosponsors. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Thank you, Representative. Thank you, Members and thank you to the family. Mr. Butler on House Resolution 955. Please proceed, Sir."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my great honor to welcome the Williamsville High School Bullets who are on the east side of the chamber here as they are the Class 1A State Scholastic Bowl championship... Champions. The Williamsville Bullets, over the St. Patrick's Day weekend, went to Peoria and came out victorious as State Champions beating Byron in the championship game... championship match by a score of 500 to 120. Great redemption for the Bullets, as last year they finished in second place, so they won a State Championship this year. I would like to say that this is really been a great honor to represent the community of Williamsville. Northern Sangamon County is represented through the school, both Sherman and Williamsville go to Williamsville High School and to see this team represented here is a... quite a great honor. The Williamsville scholastic bowl team is

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comprised of 15 Members of Providence Andrews, Nic Birky, Cara Buckley, Molly Budinger, Angela Egger, Mason Fleck, Evan Fortner, Dawson Higginbotham, Mitch McCullar, Dawson Moorman, Jared Owens, Caleb Poe, Konrad Powell, Amy Saladino, and Zach Walter. They're coached by Brant Trimpe and Jamie Vicich. I talked to Coach Trimpe beforehand and I asked him if there was a coaching method for scholastic teams and he basically said he just gets out of their way and lets them do what they do. This is the second state title period for the community of Williamsville, for the school of Williamsville High School after winning a softball championship in 1992. And I would be remiss if I did not mention one of the members of the team, Cara Buckley. Cara is a 2018 IHSA all state academic team member, 1 of 26, only 26 student athletes across the state that have been honored with that. She ranked first... is ranked first in her class this year. Is a four-year member of both the Lady Bullet's cross country and track teams as well as a four-year member of the scholastic bowl team and is President of the Class of 2018. Ladies and Gentlemen, please join me and welcome the Class 1A Scholastic Bowl Champions, Williamsville Bullets."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations. Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Chair recognizes Mr. Skillicorn."

Skillicorn: "I rise for a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Skillicorn: "So, I have the privilege to recognize and introduce my Pages for the day here. And first off right here this is

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Dayton Warren. And Dayton is 11 years old and the son of Mike and Victoria Warren. He is joined by his older brother Donavon and his younger sister Gwendolyn is here today. Dayton has been homeschooled his entire life. He is an avid reader. He enjoys reading biographies and the Hardy Boy's stories. His favorite board game is chess. And he also enjoys building Legos and a huge sports fan. Enjoys playing football, basketball, baseball, and kickball. Dayton is also been the varsity football ball boy at Jacobs High School, where he is joined by his father, who is the Jacobs varsity football coach. Dayton also serves weekly as a volunteer for Helping Paws Animal Shelter and has done so since 2013. And he is growing experience and stature and he's earned many well... well-earned responsibilities at the shelter. And he also cares for their family pet also. Both Dayton and Jonathan are also members of the Illinois Christian Homeschool Educators. So, my next Page here is Jonathan Hernandez. Jonathan Hernandez was chosen today to be a Page and he's 13 years old and is in the seventh grade. Lives with his family in Sugar Grove, Illinois, along with his parents and two brothers. He's the eldest of his brothers and he's a very talented young man with an interest in entrepreneurship and engineering. Jonathan runs his own candy selling business with the help of his dad on Amazon. He's also about to complete a second year as Toast Masters Speech Club, so he could probably join us some day. And he's got natural leadership abilities and is a wonderful communicator. I'd like everybody to give these Pages a warm Springfield welcome today."

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Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you for joining us on the House Floor today. We appreciate you being here. Mr. Wheeler."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Wheeler, K.: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, many of us have nurses in our families and our circle of friends. We all understand the vital role that they play in our lives and how important they are to our community. Today we are honored to be joined by several nursing students from Aurora University. They're up in the gallery just behind me. If you could all stand up. Thank you very much. Let's, please, give them a big Springfield welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you for joining us. Mr. Harris, you going to tell us what is right about Illinois, Sir."

Harris, D.: "Well, good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Harris, D.: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the good word for today in Illinois is horseradish. Horseradish and my distinguished colleague from the 112th District is probably better able to address this than I am; however, what you probably don't know is that Collinsville, Illinois, is the horseradish capital of the world. The soil is rich with potash. Potassium rich potash gives horseradish roots extra heat and that is why horseradish from Collinsville and Madison County became widely coveted. To this day, 65 to 80 percent of the world's horseradish is grown in the Collinsville area. Good news for Illinois."

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Speaker Lang: "That must be where Mr. Hoffman is right now.
Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you... thank you, Speaker. I think Keith already welcomed the AU nursing students, but I'd also like to invite everybody for coffee and conversation in Butler's office at 7:30 in the morning tomorrow. What we do is we have coffee, learn about each other and our families, and then we pray over each other. So, if anybody's interested in the morning, stopping in, we'd love to have you. Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Stuart: "Thank you. I would just like to take a moment to introduce my Page today, Joseph Brooks. He's sitting over there, if you could wave, Joseph. Joseph is a junior at Edwardsville High School, runs cross country, and also ran track during his freshman year. Plays the saxophone for the EHS jazz band, loves to watch SpongeBob SquarePants, and has a wonderful chocolate lab named Grant. He's a big military history buff, especially World War I and World War II. Intends to go to college for a four-year degree, participate in the NROTC program, and become a U.S... sorry. U.S. Marine Corps officer for the next 20 years. After the military, he'd like to become either a defense attorney or a military history professor. Welcome Joseph."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House chamber. Thank you for joining us. Members. Mr. Demmer, do you have an announcement for us, Sir?"

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Demmer: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans will caucus immediately upon adjournment."

Speaker Lang: "The Republicans will be caucusing... bear with us for one moment."

Demmer: "Okay. Immediately... Immediately."

Speaker Lang: "Do you have any idea how long your caucus will be, Sir?"

Demmer: "At least an hour."

Speaker Lang: "Republicans will go to caucus immediately. That's immediately. Democrats will be at ease. The House will be in recess until the hour of 1:30. The House will be in order. Members, we are going to start with your first priority Bills, both Republican and Democratic. And we're going to start with Bills that are on the priority list on Second Reading. So be aware when your name is called. The first Bill to be called is House Bill 4412, Representative Ammons. Representative Ammons. Do you want us to read the Bill, Representative? Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4412, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A state mandates note has been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Lang: "This Bill will be held on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 5760, Representative Bristow. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5760, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4663, Representative Bourne. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4663, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4711, Mr. Breen. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4711, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4237, Mr. Carroll. Just give me a wave, Sir. Do you want to move the Bill to Third Reading? Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4237, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading... this Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Carroll, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Carroll on the Amendment. Please tell us what the Amendment does, Sir. Take your time; we're here 'til Friday. Do you want to go ahead, Sir? Mr. Carroll, just tell us what the Amendment does, Sir, please."

Carroll: "I'm going to hold it right now. Hold it right now."

Speaker Lang: "All right. We'll take it out of the record for now, Sir and then let me know what you want to do. All right? Returning to House Bill 4412, Representative Ammons. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4412, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A state mandates note has been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Lang: "Chair recognizes Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd like to make a Motion to rule the fiscal note inexplicable on 4412."

Speaker Lang: "It's a state mandate's note is that correct, Representative?"

Ammons: "That's correct."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen on the Motion."

Breen: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Representative, why don't you just let us know what exactly does your Bill do in regards to state mandates? I believe that's the note that we're discussing."

Ammons: "Yes, Sir. This Bill gives an instruction and that is only an instruction to the State University Retirement System, who said they agree with the premise of the Bill to make sure that the senior administrative staff represent the diversity of its membership. That is the only thing that this Bill does. It does not have any actual fiscal impact on the state any further than the current operation of SURS."

Breen: "So, again, to the note. We object to the fact that this does have a mandate on the state. We'd like to have it fully vetted by the relevant agency."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves that the note request be held inapplicable. Those in favor of the Lady's Motion vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. This requires 60 votes."

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Burke, DeLuca, Drury, Harris. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 59 voting 'yes, 50 voting 'no'. And the Lady's Motion fails. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "The state mandate's note is still requested and not filed at this time."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 4348, Mr. Connor. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4348, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4998, Representative Bryant. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4998, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5686, Mr. Butler. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5686, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor #2, offered by Representative Butler, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Butler."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 2 merely made some changes requested from AFSCME as well as making some

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clarification on the State's Historic Preservation Officer.
I'd be happy to take any questions."

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. House Bill 5599, Representative Coneyears-Ervin. Representative Coneyears-Ervin. Out of the record. House Bill 4923, Leader Currie. Leader Currie. There are Amendments. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4923, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Do you wish this Bill to go to Third Reading, Representative? Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 4956, Mr. Cavaletto. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4956, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4936, Mr. Demmer. Mr. Demmer. Out of the record. House Bill 5155, Representative Feigenholtz. Representative Feigenholtz. Representative Feigenholtz. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 5062, Representative Flowers. Representative Flowers. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5062, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5513, Leader Durkin. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5513, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4808, Mr. Fortner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4808, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5201, Mr. Ford. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5201, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5341, Representative Gordon-Booth. Representative Gordon-Booth. Out of the record. House Bill 5195, Representative Greenwood. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5195, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4395, Mr. Hays. Mr. Hays. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4395, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4822, Mr. Halbrook. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4822, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Halbrook, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Halbrook."

Halbrook: "Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Amendment adds to the Bill to further clarify that this new Act will not apply to school districts and permits any current electronic notification systems authorized under state statute to continue to do so. Permits that either a county official or a local government to create an electronic notification system... system in accordance with the Act."

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. House Bill 5537, Representative Jesiel. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5537, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4900, Mr. Guzzardi. Out of the record. House Bill 4702, Mr. Halpin. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4702, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1265, Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman. Out of the record. House Bill 4467, Representative Hurley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4467, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4295, Representative Jimenez. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4295, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4507, Mr. Long. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4507, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5143, Representative Mah. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5143, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4392, Mr. McAuliffe. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4392, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4428, Mr. Meier. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4428, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5019, Representative Manley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5019, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4661, Mr. Martwick. Mr. Martwick. Out of the record. House Bill 5121, Mr. Mitchell. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5121, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5544, Representative Moeller. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5544, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been

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approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Moeller."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment... Committee Amendment #2 to House Bill 5544 makes three changes to the Bill. It amends Section 5 under findings and declaration of policy. It amends Section 10 under definitions. It amends Section 15 under the purpose of the council."

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: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Moeller, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 3 merely requires that the reports of the council shall be electronically transmitted to the General Assembly."

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. House Bill 5247, Mr. Pritchard. Mr. Pritchard. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5247, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5123, Representative Conroy. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5123, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4774, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. House Bill 5490, Mr. Sosnowski. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5490, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5180, Mr. Rita. Mr. Rita. Please read the Bill. You sure about that signal, Sir? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5180, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4765, Leader Turner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4765, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5011, Mr. Spain. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5011, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4317, Mr. Unes. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4317, a Bill for an Act concerning military service. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4964, Representative Wallace. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4964, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A fiscal note and state mandates note has been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 5696, Mr. Welch. Read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5696, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4819, Representative Williams. Out of the record. House Bill 5221, Representative Willis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5221, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House... House Bill 5777, Mr. Yingling. Out of the record. House Bill 5553, Mr. Zalewski. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5553, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Members, we're going back to first priority Bills that are on Third Reading. Third Reading. The first Bill is House Bill 3909, Representative Conroy. Out of the record. House Bill 5317, Mr. Costello. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5317, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Costello."

Costello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 5317 amends the Wildlife Code to increase the evaluation on Illinois wildlife that... It actually imposes fees for illegal taking of wildlife in Illinois. I ask for your 'aye' vote and I'll take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "There being no debate, those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Martwick. Martwick. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5242, Mr. Davis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5242, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5242 is some technical changes to a

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Bill that I advocated for and that was a part of a final budget package a few years ago. Specifically it's called the Brownfields Redevelopment and Intermodal Promotion Act, which is modeled after an effort in the Elwood area near Joliet, where a rail developer used a mechanism that allowed for future employees... you kind of monetize what they otherwise would be contributing, it creates some dollars that are then reinvested into the property for the purposes of remediation and redevelopment. What we tried to do... at least what I attempted to do was specifically for areas in my district around the Canadian National Intermodal. And after reviewing it, we saw an opportunity for development in the City of Markham, but in order to capitalize on this effort there needed to be some technical tweaks. So, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity approached with this particular piece of legislation to offer what the technical changes... offer the technical changes necessary so that we can move this forward and utilize it to its potential in the south suburbs. Be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Burke. Please take the record. There are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4104, Mr. DeLuca. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4104, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. DeLuca."

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DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. Municipalities that file their annual audit with the Comptroller's Office using a cash basis or modified cash basis method of a county will find themselves financially impacted by a recently enacted policy change by the Comptroller's Office. Under current State Law, municipalities have the option to file their annual audit reports with the Comptroller using either the accrual or cash basis method of accounting. The option has been both statutorily law and the policy of the Comptroller's Office for decades. However, in June 2017 the Comptroller's Office notified municipalities that there will no longer... they will no longer accept audit statements prepared using the cash basis or modified cash basis accounting method. The policy shift undermined existing law and decades of precedent. Municipalities currently use generally accepted auditing standards when preparing their municipal audits and the Illinois Municipal Code requires audits to be GAAS compliant. Cash basis accounting is GAAS compliant. Requiring that audit statements must be submitted based on the accrual basis method of accounting will add unnecessary complexity and cost to municipalities that utilize cash basis accounting for their audits. A forced conversion will simply... will impact smaller communities the hardest. Now, the legislative history reveals that Legislators focused on the auditing standards rather than the accounting principles. Now, if I revert back to when the original legislation was filed back in 1987, it was discussed on the House Floor and I pulled the transcript and it talked about how that the Bill was about simply providing that the

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audits shall comply with generally accepting... accepted auditing standards and the Bill passed unanimously. So, this Bill addresses the recent changes. And I'll be happy to answer any questions. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Representative, if you'll help me out. I'm a little confused when I see you running a Bill that the Illinois Municipal League opposes. What happened there? 'Cause it looks like they started with you and then you lost them somewhere on the way and now they're actually opposed to the Bill?"

DeLuca: "Back in... Thank you, Representative. Back in June of last year, I sent a letter to the Attorney General's Office requesting an opinion on the new interpretation that the Comptroller's Office had. I was given an assurance that we would receive that opinion from the Attorney General's Office and still have yet to receive it. So, the reason the Illinois Municipal League has filed in opposition to the Bill is they want to see that opinion."

Breen: "And there's some mentioned in our analysis that the Illinois Municipal League believes that this is going to impose, or at least the Comptroller's mandate, will impose a significant financial cost. Where are the bases of that cost? Where are the sources of the extra costs?"

DeLuca: "The cost from moving from an accrual... from a cash basis to an accrual basis."

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Breen: "Okay. So are you... what your Bill is doing is that you can file with either the cash or the accrual at your option, no matter your size?"

DeLuca: "Yeah. The Bill, as amended, will basically allow those municipalities that have always filed on a cash basis to continue to do so. However, in the future, any municipality that would move from the cash basis to the accrual basis would not be able to revert back."

Breen: "And why did the Comptroller issue her mandate just now, June 2017, when we've had these... we've had both methods of accounting for so many years?"

DeLuca: "Well, it had been... the current practice had been in place for 31 years and it was just an interpretation change of the current law."

Breen: "Okay. And then... how, just for instance, how does the accrued pension liability of a municipality get treated under a cash basis instead of under an accrual basis?"

DeLuca: "Mr. Leader, we might have to get back to you on that question."

Breen: "Okay. 'Cause I mean, I... we've now got municipalities in the State of Illinois who are having their tax revenues collect... or they're being withheld from them because of their pension liability. So, if the accrual basis is the one that shows the pension liability and cash is being used by some units to hide it, then I... they know that... that would actually make the Comptroller's mandate a bit more reasonable instead of something that's really... having a negative impact on our municipalities. So, have we got a cost estimate of how much

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it costs to go from cash basis to accrual? Or how many... how many municipalities are even using cash basis anymore?"

DeLuca: "I don't have an exact amount. This is usually impacting the smaller municipalities that currently use the cash basis. And I believe there was about 400 notices that went out back in 2017 from the Comptroller's Office."

Breen: "Four hundred notices. Okay. So that's likely 400... is that all just municipalities or is it all local units of governments?"

DeLuca: "Municipalities."

Breen: "Just municipalities. So 400... how many municipalities do we have? Do we know?"

DeLuca: "In Illinois?"

Breen: "Yeah."

DeLuca: "It's approximately a thousand."

Breen: "So 400 out of our thousand are using cash basis. We're not sure if that's actually properly showing their pension liabilities. So that's a grave concern. I hope that we'll find, before the end of the debate, the answer to that question because we certainly don't want to have... we don't want to be hiding our pension liabilities under any circumstances certainly. So, thank you for the answers to my questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Representative, so I am still confused on this IML opposition and I'd appreciate it if you could help me understand it. Your underlying... your Bill it would seem IML

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would support because you're returning us to the status quo before the Comptroller's change in policy. Is that correct?"

DeLuca: "That's correct."

Andersson: "Okay. So our analysis does show that IML thinks your Bill is going to cost municipalities money. And how is that going to happen, if we're just returning to the status quo where they are already at? I don't... I don't understand their objection."

DeLuca: "That says... on your analysis that's what it says? Is that what you just read?"

Andersson: "Yes. Well, I didn't read it, I summarized, but I will read it for you. It says, the underlying Bill was an initiative of the Illinois Municipal League to help municipalities. So that would seem to suggest that the Bill was good. But then it says, according to the IML the Comptroller's mandate will impose significant financial costs. As well, the IML argues that smaller municipalities may be unable to find an accounting firm that is capable of dealing with the accrual method. All of that should weigh in favor of supporting the Bill. And yet, they're opposed. That's what I don't understand."

DeLuca: "I believe you might have stated that incorrectly. The Bill that's on the board would save the municipalities money."

Andersson: "See, that's what I think..."

DeLuca: "Yes."

Andersson: "...and yet, IML, and the United Council of Counties are both opposed according to our analysis. Is that... do we have that wrong? I mean, do you know that IML opposes your Bill?"

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DeLuca: "Well, it has to do with the Attorney General's opinion. They felt very strongly that the Attorney General's opinion of this interpretation by the Comptroller should.. we should have received it by now."

Andersson: "So, they're a tentative no? In other words, they.. they're holding on the AG's opinion letter?"

DeLuca: "Maybe I could call the Illinois Municipal League and get an answer for that."

Andersson: "Well, honestly.. honestly, Representative, I do support the concept of your Bill and I would vote 'yes', but could I encourage you to pull it from the record and find the answer to this? I really would like to know. I don't understand their objection."

DeLuca: "My understanding is the opposition is because of the opinion from the Attorney General's not coming yet."

Andersson: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley."

Riley: "Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Riley: "Representative DeLuca, I'm sort of at a quandary, too, about the opposition. I'm not going to ask you about it because you might not have known that they were opposed to it, but there are two groups that are somewhat similar in terms of representing units of government. And that's the Township Officials of Illinois, who is listed as a proponent, and the IML, who is listed as an opponent. You might remember a few years ago, I'm not exactly sure of when it was, maybe 10 years or so ago, there was a pronouncement from the Governor... Governor's... from the Government Accounting

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Standards Board, GASBE... GASBE 34 which changed... which allowed a change to a sort of a modified accrual basis of accounting... of accounting whereby units of government would have to value infrastructure assets. And you know, a lot people went through a lot of changes with its implementation, but they went on and did it. Now since the Illinois CPA Society endorses your Bill, did they make any pronouncement to you about what these changes would do? In other words, the problem with the Comptroller's... the Comptroller's edict? Did the CPA Society weigh in and say that there wasn't going to be any problem if units of government, municipalities implemented..."

DeLuca: "Yeah. The CPA Society supports the Amendment... supports this... the language, yes."

Riley: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. DeLuca to close."

DeLuca: "Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for your questions. In regards to the Illinois Municipal League's filing in opposition to the Bill, as I stated, it was in regards to their strong feeling that the opinion from the Attorney General's Office on the interpretation changed by the Comptroller should have been received by now. It's nearly been a year. This is the Bill that would allow municipalities currently on the cash basis to continue to operate that way and not be forced to move to the accrual basis, which will save these smaller municipalities financially from having to go through that. So, thank you for your questions. I'd appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5027, Mr. Frese. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5027, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Frese."

Frese: "Thank you, Mr.. thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5027 simply amends the Geographic Information Council Act. It repeals the User Advisory Committee, which no longer meets. So it's simply a clean-up Bill. I see no opposition has been filed. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Ammons, Smith. Ammons. 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. House Bill 4990, Mr. Crespo. Out of the record. House Bill 4589, Representative McCombie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4589, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you. This Bill simply amends the Savings Bank Act, putting savings banks in line with State Banks to have an annual audit. There is no opposition to the Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Members, please record yourselves. Burke, Flowers, Manley, Tabares. Burke. Please take the record. There are 90 voting 'yes', 20 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4637, Mr. McSweeney. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4637, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. McSweeney."

McSweeney: "Mr. Speaker, House Bill 4637 applies to consolidation of townships in McHenry County. That's the primary feature of this Bill. And what it says is that there are two ways that voters can actually approve a consolidation of a township. One is that the township board actually puts it on the ballot or if there is a backdoor referendum if more than five percent of the people voting in the last comparable election want to put it on the ballot, they have to approve that. The responsibilities are picked up by McHenry County. The McHenry County Board Chairman, our former colleague Jack Franks, is supportive of this Bill. There's also a provision that the county for road districts can negotiate with municipalities to pick up responsibilities. So that's the primary portion of the Bill. I worked very closely with Chairman Yingling. We have a provision that was added for McHenry and Lake only that actually would consolidate into the township road districts with less than five... 15 center miles, which would apply to five different townships. In my district, there is

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a situation that has made statewide news, \$500 thousand worth of legal bills, criminal investigations. There are three townships now in McHenry County that are under investigation. So all that I'm trying to do here is give the ability to citizens to actually consolidate township government. It has to be approved in a majority vote. And I have talked to most everybody here in the chamber and an issue that has come up is, does this just apply to McHenry County and the cosol... consolidation provisions? And the answer is absolutely yes on the township 15 miles from us that applies to McHenry and Lake. But what I have said to a number of people, and I'll say it today is I have no plans to call any other townships Bills this Session. I'm focusing on my district, mostly in McHenry County. I believe giving the ability of citizens to consolidate local governments is a positive thing. I would appreciate a 'yes' vote. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "This Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. Mr. Riley, do you rise in opposition? Please proceed."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Riley: "Representative McSweeney, I've seen many of these kinds of Bills and where, you know, you've got a right to come up with your Bill, how is what you're proposing any different than what a citizen can do right now by referendum?"

McSweeney: "Well, right now, as you know, Chairman Riley, it's next to impossible to eliminate a township government because you actually have to apply..."

Riley: "I'm sorry, I can't hear. I can't hear Representative McSweeney."

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McSweeney: "So Mr. Chairman, right now, as you know, it's next to impossible to actually eliminate township government. With the requirement now is that you would need 10 percent of the signatures of all of the townships in a county. There's not the ability to eliminate an individual township as this Bill would do. You'd have to eliminate all the townships and then there would be a three-fourths requirement of townships to approve it in a majority vote. So this is only applying to McHenry County and this would apply to individual townships. So that's the difference, to answer your question."

Riley: "Well, I think I might disagree with you about, you know, the ease of getting rid of townships or road districts or whatever the case may be. We've had a lot of pieces of legislation that have come up in the last few years doing just so. And I'm... I just have a problem with, again, Township Code is pretty large, pretty comprehensive. And there is a method to do that right now, if those residents within the township so choose. And so to this extent, I just think that this is duplicative of what's already... already in statute."

McSweeney: "And when I'm..."

Riley: "It seems to be begging... begging the question, if you will."

McSweeney: "And this one, Mr. Chairman, again, actually this applies to allow individual townships to be eliminated. So it is different, but I... I understand your remarks."

Riley: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. Mr. McSweeney to close."

McSweeney: "I'd appreciate a 'yes' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 80 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4733, Representative Mussman. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4733, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This Bill actually passed unanimously off the House Floor just last year, but it was gutted and replaced in the Senate so we're trying it again. This is a request of my own local police department to add clarifying language to the Pawnbrokers Act to just make sure it is well understood that if a pawnbroker is in receipt of stolen goods and the original owner is found, the owner doesn't have to pay to get his own goods back. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Halpin. Gentleman does not wish to speak. Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Thank you. Representative, I see there is an opponent to your Bill. Could you let us know what the Illinois Pawnbrokers Association... what their concerns are with your measure?"

Mussman: "I think their concerns just linger from last year. I think they wanted a little bit more wiggle room for how it

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was evaluated as to what had to go back. But they have not come to speak with me about the Bill that I'm presenting today. They've not... they did not speak in opposition in committee. I think it's just sort of a point that they're putting themselves out as opposition."

Breen: "Fair enough. And then what it does is you've got a hold order of some sort that if that expires or is rescinded, then the title to the subject property vests in the pawnbroker, but otherwise the person can come and get their... get their property... what is it within 90 days or so?"

Mussman: "Yes. So as you can imagine in a lot of instances there's sort of multiple things written in different locations and they decided that where it was written, in a separate part of the Bill, it wasn't quite so clear and there were some pawnbrokers who were trying to make people pay to get their goods back which is not what the law is intended to do. So we're just making it clear what the law actually intends."

Breen: "And you've got no other opponents besides the pawnbrokers. Is that right?"

Mussman: "Right. As I said, this Bill passed unanimously with the exact same language just last year. It's just that the Senate turned the Bill into something else, so we have to go through the process of reintroducing."

Breen: "Shame on the Senate, but that's nothing new for folks here."

Mussman: "Exactly."

Breen: "So thanks much. Seems like a good Bill."

Mussman: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reick."

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Reick: "Mr. Speaker, I had something... this isn't about the Bill, the current Bill. I want to speak about something else."

Speaker Lang: "You're not rising to speak on this Bill, Sir?"

Reick: "No, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "So we'll try to get you in a little bit."

Reick: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mussman to close."

Mussman: "I would just appreciate an 'aye' vote. I think this is an important step."

Speaker Lang: Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. There are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2222, Mr. Olsen. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2222, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Olsen."

Olsen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2222 came to me from Lisle Library District. The Library Code does not provide that a trustee... a candidate for trustee for library district has to reside in that district. This Bill would align the requirements to run for trustee of a library district to that of other offices, such as park commissioner, municipal boards, and school boards. I ask for your support."

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?"

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Please take the record. There are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4231, Mr. Severin. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4231, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Severin."

Severin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is quite simple. It's House Bill 4231 and it allows hunters to wear not only blaze orange, but they would also be allowed to wear blaze pink when they're hunting. And I have possibly the first time on the House Floor we have a sample of what the item would look like. Representative Mussman, she has a sample of what the shirt... that's actually is a close comparison of what the blaze... we don't necessarily see the other side of the shirt, but that is the color. Blaze pink. So it would allow hunters to use blaze orange or blaze pink. And so I ask for an 'aye' vote. Fairly simple, it allows hunters to wear either color. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "I like the bipartisan nature of the prop. That was good. 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. Manley. Please take the record. There are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4310, Representative Scherer. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4310, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I'm presenting 4310, as amended, it's the Legionnaires Bill. And what this Bill does is... it says that if there is an outbreak that the families of the residents, the residents, the health care providers, the power of attorney, and visitors, and employees need to be notified within 24 hours of a laboratory test confirmation of an outbreak."

Speaker Lang: Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Burke. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4495, Mr. Thapedi. Out of the record. House Bill 4237, Mr. Carroll, on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Turner in the Chair."

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

Carroll: "Yes. Floor... I have a House... House Amendment to add to this that through the Department of Revenue requests provides copies of certification provided by the Treasurer to the Department of Revenue may be provided electronically."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ives, do you have a question about the Floor Amendment?"

Ives: "No."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4237. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say

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'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Floor Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 4870, Leader Lang. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4870, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Lang, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an Amendment that's agreed, suggested by ISBE. I ask your approval."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4870. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 987, offered by Representative Unes. And House Resolution 988, offered by Speaker Madigan."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. Representative Reick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

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Reick: "With regard to HB4637, my question is, have we been on the Order of Short Debate since that Bill came up?"

Speaker Turner: "That Bill was on the Order of Short Debate."

Reick: "Yeah, that Bill was on the Order of Short Debate. What about subsequent Bills that we came... that came up on Third Reading after that Bill? Were they on Short Debate?"

Speaker Turner: "Yes, Sir. Unless stated otherwise, Representative."

Reick: "In so far as this Bill directly affects my county, the issue of Short Debate is very critical to the determine... to a full discussion of what's going on in McHenry County and I object. I object to the fact that the Repre... one of the Representatives from McHenry County was unable to even speak on that Bill and bring up legitimate concerns about its passage. I... I can't object too strongly to the manner in which this Bill was rammed through. I just... It just... I'm sorry. Words fail me."

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

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately because I did assume that there would be much debate, I missed the vote. I'd like the record to reflect that I am an 'aye' vote for House Bill 4637."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. The Journal will reflect your request. Representative Ives, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ives: "I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

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Ives: "I, too, wanted to make some remarks as it goes for HB4637. I was unable to do that since it was on Short Debate. I think... I think, though, my remarks should be noted by this Body as we look towards doing more consolidation. And I'd like to point out that DuPage County, which initiated this entire consolidation process, has actually claiming to consolidate but doesn't claim to necessarily save taxpayers money. And so if you're... you're going down this route, if you're in McHenry County and you're looking at consolidation, you should make them prove up that they're going to save money. Two prominent examples, Fairview Fire Protection District was a 'paper' fire district. It was consolidated, but the 187 property owners never saw any tax savings at all. In fact, what they saw was their property taxes increased because a special services area tax was immediately put on. The latest is last week DuPage County, once again, claimed that it consolidated another fire protection district. All it did was relieve the \$300 thousand of debt and then charged all of the county \$11 thousand per year, instead of just that one special district. So, if we're going to do consolidation, let's make sure that we're saving taxpayers money. And that's the statement I wanted to make and that's the warning to all of you who are in favor of consolidation. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Long. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Long: "Thank you, Speaker. Let the record reflect that I intended on voting 'yes' on 4637. Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "Journal will reflect your request. Representative Walsh, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Walsh: "For a purpose of an announcement."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Walsh: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to notify everybody that tonight is the Illinois Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus dinner and auction. The Illinois Sportsman... Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus is the largest bipartisan caucus in the General Assembly. And tonight the festivities start at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30, and then a live auction following dinner. And our own former colleague Representative Jim Sacia will be there to provide the auction services for the live auction tonight. And I'd like to invite each and every one of you to come out and support the largest bipartisan caucus, the Illinois Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Butler: "I'd like to introduce my Page for the day. Bill Spaniol is... It's Williamsville day here for me. Bill is a student, a junior, at Williamsville High School. He plays football. He's in the jazz band and he was just recently in Youth & Government here on this floor, the Illinois House of Representatives. And so for him to come here and see it in action is a good day for him. He also informed me that he sat in the Speaker's Chair as the member of the... his assignment

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was in the Speaker's Chair over there. So, please welcome Bill to the chamber here today. Thank you very much."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Hammond: "I would like my colleagues in the chamber to help me and joining Western Illinois University President Jack Thomas, up in the gallery... gallery behind the Dem side this afternoon. And let you all know that you're invited to a reception at the Wyndham this evening from 6-8 p.m. So if you're going to the Sportsmen's Caucus, you can do both. Thank you so much."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative and welcome to your Capitol. Members, we're going to move back to the Order of Second Reading. Please be in your seats and ready to present. House Bill 4413, Representative Ammons. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4413, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 4339, Representative Connor. Representative Connor. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4339, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1469, Representative Burke. Out of the record. House Bill 5447, Leader Currie. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5447, a Bill for an Act to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 5288, Representative Andersson. Out of the record. Didn't see the signal. Okay. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. House Bill 5288."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5288, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 4568, Representative Butler. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4568, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 4846, Representative D'Amico. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4846, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 4645, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4645, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 4954, Representative Cavaletto. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4954, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 5157, Representative Feigenholtz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5157, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in Committee. No Floor Amendments are approved for consideration..."

Speaker Turner: "Clerk... Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Out of the record. House Bill 4205, Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4205, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 4909, Representative Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4909, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 4081, Representative Halpin. Out of the record. House Bill 4234, Representative Harper. Out of the record. House Bill 4560, Representative Frese. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4560, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 4309, Representative Jimenez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4309, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Jimenez, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Jimenez for Floor Amendment #2."

Jimenez: "Oh, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment #2 basically cleans up the language in the Bill and clarifies some of the definitions."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4309. All in favor of say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 4081, Representative... No. House Bill 4234, Representative Harper. Out of the record. House Bill 1292, Representative Hoffman. Out of the record. House Bill 4346, Representative Jones. Out of the record. House Bill 5596, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5596, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 5745, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5745, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 5814, Representative McSweeney. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5814, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 4911, Representative Thapedi. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4911, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2717, Representative Welch. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2717, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time a previous day. Amendment 2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. A fiscal note and state mandates note has been requested, but not filed at this time."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please hold this Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Welch is recognized."

Welch: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move that these notes be found in... Nevermind. Out of the record."

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Speaker Turner: "Okay. Mr. Clerk, please hold House Bill 2717 on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 4965, Representative Wallace. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4965, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 5021, Representative Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5021, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1443, Representative Willis. Out of the record. House Bill 4811, Representative Zalewski. Out of the record. House Bill 4849, Representative Swanson. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4849, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in Committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committee was canceled for this afternoon: Public Utilities has been canceled. Meeting at 3:30 is Aging in Room D-1, Agriculture & Conservation in Room 118, Environment in Room 413, Health Care Availability & Accessibility in Room 115. Meeting at 4:00 is Personnel & Pensions in Room 122, Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges in C-1, and Judiciary-Criminal in Room 118."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Unes: "Mr. Speaker, with us today in the back of the gallery, if they could stand, is a group of Bradley students led by Amanda Newell, who runs the Dietetic Internship Program at Bradley University. And so I'd like to give a warm welcome to the Dietetic Internship Program, Amanda Newell and the students from Bradley University visiting their Capitol today."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. And welcome to your Capitol. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House will adjourn until Wednesday, April 18 at 12 p.m.; Wednesday, April 18 at 12 p.m. Leader Currie moves that the House adjourn. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House is adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolution. House Resolution 989, offered by Representative Halbrook, is referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5862, offered by Representative Hurley, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 558, offered by Representative Connor, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2459, offered by Representative Sauer, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2469, offered by Representative

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Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Senate Bill 2511, offered by Representative Butler, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2524, offered by Representative Breen, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2528, offered by Representative Drury, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2557, offered by Representative Drury, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2606, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 2609, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2615, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2618, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2620, offered by Representative Willis, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2641, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2655, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning juveniles. Senate Bill 2660, offered by Representative Breen, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2852, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Introduction and First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #44, offered by Representative Skillicorn.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general

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election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article IX of the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 3 as follows:

ARTICLE IX

REVENUE

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS ON INCOME TAXATION

(a) A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the rate shall not exceed the rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.

(b) Laws imposing taxes on or measured by income may adopt by reference provisions of the laws and regulations of the United States, as they then exist or thereafter may be changed, for the purpose of arriving at the amount of income upon which the tax is imposed.

(c) For the purposes of this Section, a tax on or measured by income does not include retirement income, and there shall be no such tax imposed by the State upon retirement income. "Retirement income" as used in this subsection (c) means income derived from pension or any other retirement plan.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was the First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #44. First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article IX of the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 4 as follows:

ARTICLE IX

REVENUE

SECTION 4. REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, taxes upon real property shall be levied uniformly by valuation ascertained as the General Assembly shall provide by law.

(b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) and such limitations as the General Assembly may hereafter prescribe by law, counties with a population of more than 200,000 may classify or continue to classify real property for purposes of taxation. Any such classification shall be reasonable and assessments shall be uniform within each class. The level of assessment or rate of tax of the highest class in a county shall not exceed two and one-half times the level of assessment or rate of tax of the lowest class in that county. Real property used in farming in a county shall not be assessed at a higher level of assessment than single family residential real property in that county.

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(c) Any depreciation in the value of real estate occasioned by a public easement may be deducted in assessing such property.

(d) The aggregate real property tax rate imposed on a particular property by a county or other taxing district shall not exceed one percent of the fair market value of that property, unless the voters of the taxing district approve an increase above the one percent rate by three-fifths of the registered voters in the taxing district.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was the First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #45. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."