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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 25, 2018: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4889."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting laptops, turn off cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most gracious and sovereign God in heaven, You are the God of all wisdom. God of all power. The God of all presence. And the God of all creation. Today we invoke Your blessings upon this august Assembly, upon the Speaker of this House, upon its Leaders, upon all of its Members and upon all of their families. Today may they be empowered with Your wisdom that they not lack understanding and that they not be blind to Your knowledge. May they be led by Your spirit, Oh God, that they not be confused, that they not be misguided. May they find their strength in You, Oh God, that they not feel weakened, that they not feel exhausted. Today I ask that Your grace, that Your mercy, that Your peace would be with them. This we ask in Your Son's name, Amen."

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

Yingling - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands,

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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 reflect that Representatives Gabel and Hernandez are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

Breen: "Please let the record reflect that Representative Sauer, Stewart, and Sosnowski are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 113 Members present and we do have a quorum. Mr. Breen is recognized."

Breen: "Please let the record reflect that Representative Cabello is excused today as well."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Mr. Clerk, House Joint Resolution 105. Mr. Long is recognized."

Long: "Thank you, Speaker. Can I have quiet in the chamber, please? One of the things that we need to recognize about our veterans is that... there is a saying that says all have served and some have served... have given all... Or all have given but all... some have given all. But I want to say something about our veterans, Speaker. And that is that we need to recognize also not only the veteran themselves but also their family and their loved ones that are at home that are paying the price for their service and their wives, their husbands, their children, their mother, father, and their kids. On this day today I have Rosanne Ragusa, the wife of Michael Ragusa, who I'm going to present this Bill on behalf of. Rosanne Ragusa, if you would please stand in the gallery, and family. I have Rosanne Ragusa and I also have Renee Ainsley, that's the

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daughter. And I have Ray and Amy... Anita Bliss. That's the brother and the sister-in-law of Michael Ragusa. Michael Ragusa was a good friend. I didn't know him all that well, but I got... I began to know him very well right before he passed. Michael Ragusa was a wonderful man and a true patriot. I met him in 2013, but I wish I had met him sooner. Michael Ragusa was the type of person you wish you had known your whole life. Warmth and kindness just radiated from him. At the time I met him, Michael, was battling cancer of the throat. This terrible disease was caught... caused by his exposure to Agent Orange during his Vietnam tour. This was not Michael's first battle with this illness though. He had bravely battled lung cancer, skin cancer, and heart disease all caused by exposure... exposure to the Agent Orange. Despite all of this suffering, his spirit remained undiminished. On September 27, 2016, he finally lost his battle with cancer. He truly sacrificed his life for our country. Michael Ragusa enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 19. In 1968, he began his service in the 2nd Marine Division in Vietnam. Then as a great medivac in Japan and ended his enlistment here in Illinois as a... at the Great Lakes Naval Base. His service to our country and its veterans did not end with his enlistment, though. Michael worked for the Disabled American Veterans and the AMVETS eventually becoming the Deputy Service Officer for Illinois AMVETS. For 35 years, Michael dedicated himself to the service of American vets and their families making himself available 24/7. Even when he was on medical leave, he would be there for a veteran in need. Michael also served his community as a member of the Streator VFW, AMVET Riders, Pekin

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Marine Corp... Marine Corp Legion, Streator American Legion, and Streator Elks Club. He was an avid Cubs fan and although he wasn't on this earth when the beloved Cubbies won the World Series, I'm sure he was cheering them on from heaven. Michael Ragusa dedicated his life to others. His legacy is reflected in his family, his wife Rosanne, daughters Renee and Kim, and three grandchildren, as well as the lives of countless veterans he assisted and their families. It is only fitting that we dedicate the Route 23 bridge in south Streator over the Vermilion River in his name, the bridge he passed over every day to go out and assist his brothers in arms. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "We'll take a moment of silence. Mr. Long moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. We thank the family for joining us today. Mr. Harris is recognized."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege, if I may?"

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Harris, D.: "Thank you very much. Very briefly, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would like to put into the record today that a #1 for Illinois, as you're looking for something positive about Illinois. Illinois ranks first in the nation, #1 in the nation with \$180 billion in processed food sales. Now most of those companies are located in the Chicago area, which contains one of the largest concentrations of food-

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related businesses in the world. Illinois, #1 in processed foods in the United States. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. We appreciate it. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to begin with Third Reading Bills on the priority list. The first one is House Bill 5104, Representative Ammons. Please read the Bill. Apparently there is a Floor Amendment, Representative. Do you wish the Bill to be returned to Second Reading for an Amendment? Mr. Clerk, move the Bill to Second Reading and please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5104, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 has been adopted. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Ammons."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Okay. Give me one second. I'm sorry. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #2 is simply a technical cleanup. Something was removed for the Department of Juvenile Justice in the Bill that we did not want removed when it was... the House Floor Amendment 1 was drafted. So we want to just restore it and restore the language."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5599, Representative Conyears-Ervin. Representative Conyears-Ervin. Out of the record. House Bill 4888, Mr. Bennett. Mr. Bennett. Out of the record. House Bill 5054, Mr. Breen. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5054, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5054 is almost identical Bill to the one that we passed by a broad bipartisan majority last year. What it would do is ensure that we have a consistent speed limit on the tollways in the Chicagoland area. That 70 miles an hour on all of the tollways except for Interstate 294, which would have a 60 mile an hour because they are going to reconstruct Interstate 294. We were trying to get some language to help protect the tollway, but we had to negotiate that with the Trial Lawyers just to make sure that there would not be any increased liability based on the speed limit. As well, we're ensuring that trucks are within 10 miles an hour of the cars. So we wouldn't want that gap to get any larger than 10 miles an hour. Be glad to take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Sponsor yield, Speaker?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Chapa LaVia: "Representative Breen, so do the Amendments make the opposition disappear?"

Breen: "I know of no opposition. We were... the Amendments were the language from the Trial Lawyers because we were dealing with a liability issue so that is their language."

Chapa LaVia: "Okay. Thank you."

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

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yourselves, Members. Members, please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 3 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair recognizes Representative Wehrli on a point of personal privilege."

Wehrli: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to take this time right now to wish my wife of 25 years a happy birthday. Sharon, I love you more than words can ever describe."

Speaker Lang: "Happy birthday. House Bill 5770, Representative Conroy. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5770, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 577 (sic-5770) addresses an issue in our schools. Currently we have, what I would consider, a crisis of mental health and the lack of help that our students are getting in our schools. I consider mental health to be the invisible disability. So all this Bill does is it requires schools to notify all parents that, if their child has a mental health diagnosis, they may be eligible for services through a 504 plan. And I'll take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "And Representative, I had seen in my analysis that the Statewide School Management Alliance is opposed, but I noticed that you had put an Amendment on. Did your Amendment

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relieve their opposition or address their concerns? What... what's the status on that?"

Conroy: "So, the concern was, initially the way the Bill was written, it said that they may be eligible for mental health services which we thought could be misleading. So we clarified it by saying that they may be eligible for support services if they have a mental health diagnosis. We just felt it was a cleaner language. So basically, it is a civil right and a mental health disability is covered under the ADA. So these are basically already in Federal Law, but our families don't know about it. And I know you had been so very helpful with the PANDAS Bill that we passed last year. And that is a community of people that really need this support. So basically, this is just allowing our families to know that these resources and this type of support is there for their child, who is basically suffering from what I refer to as an invisible disability."

Breen: "Fair enough. And then, is there any cost estimated to this or what's the... what's the impact?"

Conroy: "Well, the interesting piece about that is that because it is a Federal Law, and it is a civil liberty, it's not any different than if you had an auditory processing disability or you had a speech issue or any of those types of things. The schools by Federal Law are required to... to provide those services, those supports, for that student."

Breen: "So, just that I'm clear then. This would be just part of the regular disclosures that are given to all of the students and parents at the beginning of every school year as part of



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all of the other disclosures they get when they bring a child to school?"

Conroy: "Yes. So our parents need to know that they have a right to these services. Currently families are not aware of that."

Breen: "Right. Okay. And so we're not... again, it doesn't look like there's any impact financially. The notice can be provided electronically. So it's really just adding to that list."

Conroy: "Well, Representative, what I would say is that I think that this is a crisis that we are... we need to face in our state and in our country. And we need to put the supports there for these students, that I would say probably currently are not in existence."

Breen: "Fair enough. Fair enough. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ives: "Just a couple questions. First of all, who is actually making the diagnosis that there is a mental health issue with the student? I assume it's not the school."

Conroy: "It is not the school. So the diagnosis would come from a physician. And that would be... what this is doing is letting families know that if your student has a mental health diagnosis, they may be eligible for the support."

Ives: "So, is it also a requirement of the physician, who actually is looking at the diagnosis to make a... let them also be aware of the fact that they can receive services through the school?"

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Conroy: "It would be great if they did. Similar to other learning disabilities, but I don't know that that's currently being done. I think this is an issue that we're trying to address in terms of educating families that these types of supports are available for this disability."

Ives: "So, how would the school then... would the school be responsible for then looking through every person's individual medical history and understanding that there's a diagnosis of mental illness that that's when the letter is sent? Is that how you envision this working?"

Conroy: "No. So the families are notified that if their student has a mental health diagnosis, you're letting the parents know they have the ability to ask for these services. And then it's treated the same way it would with any other disability. There's no difference whether it's an auditory processing disability, whatever it might be, you sit down with your team and you figure out what the services are that are needed. If a parent wants to bring a physician into that meeting, it's their legal right to do that."

Ives: "Okay. So I... so actually every single student will be notified that if they have a mental health diagnosis, then they can receive services at the school. But literally every single student will be notified in some way, correct?"

Conroy: "Every... every family, yes, will be notified that they may be eligible if they have a mental health diagnosis."

Ives: "Okay. And this could be part of a packet of information included in medical information at the start of a school year. Just another line in a number of reports. You're not designating exactly how this is done, right?"

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Conroy: "No. I have not designated how it's done. It simply requires that it is done."

Ives: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Carroll."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Carroll: "I want to stand in support of this Bill. As a former special education teacher, and somebody who currently works with students that have challenges, I would like to say that this is a phenomenal Bill. That we're having more clarification on what role a 504 plan will play with students. Sometimes we have a real challenge to actually understand that, so I applaud the Sponsor for putting forth such a great Bill that's going to give us some clarity for what to do for people with mental health concerns. We like to talk about mental health a lot lately, and yet, we don't seem to want to do something about it. This Bill offers us the opportunity to help at-risk students without having to have an IEP. So I want to thank the Sponsor for this great Bill. And hope she will put me on as a chief cosponsor. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just going to go directly to the Bill. I want to say I appreciate this piece of legislation. I know a young student who was not sure of what their rights would be after being diagnosed by their pediatrician with ADHD and... and I believe anxiety. The parents didn't know that they had the opportunity to request some accommodations through the 501... or a 504 Section of our Education Code. So this is something that's very simple. It

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can be placed in a registration packet. It can be posted maybe in the nurse's office. It's just about informing the students and the parents that there is an opportunity based upon whatever their mental and behavioral health needs are to have an educational plan that will make those students successful. It's not something that will be cumbersome to the schools or to the school district. And I encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you for bringing this forward."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Conroy to close."

Conroy: "Thank you. I'd ask for 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 voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourself, Members. Representative Conroy, you want to vote for your Bill. Feigenholtz, Yingling. 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. Mr. Costello is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Costello: "I'd like the Body to help me recognize thirty-two 4-H members from across Illinois that are here with us today. If you guys would all stand up in the gallery. So they represent twenty-five different 4-H programs from across the state. There are nearly 200 thousand members in the State of Illinois. 4-H projects range from things such as animal science, aerospace, shooting sports, visual arts, nutrition, wellness, and environmental studies. These are the future

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leaders of our state. So we're very, very happy to have them here today. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Durkin: "To my right I want to recognize my Page for the day, Benjamin Cooper. He is 16 years old. He doesn't live in my district, but he's in Crystal Lake. But he is here with his father, Rich. I also have today three young men from Lyons Township High School, who are part of my youth council. And I'd like for them to stand up if they could. Behind me, Christopher Fryzel who is a junior. Joe Maino, is a junior. And Jack Dudley, a senior. If we could extend them a warm Springfield welcome, I'd be greatly appreciative."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to all of you. Thank you very much. Mr. Sommer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Sommer: "Thank you. I also would like to introduce my two Pages for the day. Sitting down in front are Nick Carnal and Soren Fifer. They are third-grade students at Grundy School in Morton. Nick's grandmother Dena and my Legislative Aide, Ann Armitage are seated in the gallery above the Democrat side. Please give them all a nice, warm Springfield welcome. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you for joining us. Happy you're here. Mr. Demmer is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed."

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Demmer: "I'd like the Body to join me in welcoming, I have a Page for a day today, Josh Payan. Josh is a junior at Newman High School, my alma mater. Glad to welcome him down to Springfield. And please feel free to hit your call button if you need something from him."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Thanks for being with us today. Representative Fine is recognized. Is that your Page standing to your right... or to your left? Please proceed."

Fine: "You are so funny. No, it is my twin standing to my left. I would like to introduce today, there are two students from Northwestern University here both undergraduate and graduate students. They are in... their professional fields of interest and their interest include government and public service. And they are watching us today to find out how we work as a Legislature and what we do. So, if you could please say hello to Claire Bugos and Raymond Solórzano, who are standing up there to the right. Thank you for coming today."

Speaker Lang: "Glad you're here with us today. Thank you. Representative Moeller."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Moeller: "Thank you. I'm happy to welcome representatives from the Manufactured Home Owners Association of Illinois. If they could stand up. They're in the gallery over near the Republican side of the chamber. They're here to talk to Legislators about issues effecting them. And Terry Nelson, their lobbyist and advocate, is here as well. So I just wanted to give them a warm Springfield welcome."

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Speaker Lang: "Welcome aboard. Thank you. Returning to the Calendar, House Bill 1471, Mr. Evans. Out of the record. How about 5598, Mr. Evans. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5598, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this General Assembly. This is an initiative of the Farm Bureau. It's a clean-up initiative with regards to license plates. We're not going to create a new license plate. We are just going to allow a registration card of a specific designation for specialty Ag vehicles to be exempt from some federal requirements and operate. I request your support."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Representative, do you have any farms in your district?"

Evans: "As a matter of fact I do. I knew you were going to ask that question. Down in Sauk Village, right at the end of my district. It goes right up the Cook/Will County line. I have a farm bureau... I see an actual farm there, yeah."

Breen: "Have a proper farm. So they will be eligible for this new license plate?"

Evans: "Potentially, yeah. You've got... you've got to come over and visit the farm in my district."

Breen: "I will 'cause I don't have any farms in my district. Okay. I'll come to the farmland over in your district. Thanks, Representative."

Evans: "Thank you, Sir."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Costello."

Costello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And to the Bill. And even more so about its Sponsor. As the chair of Ag & Conservation, I can say that Marcus was on the Ag & Conservation Committee. He's really worked hard at trying to understand the diversity of the state and understanding that Ag is the #1 business of the State of Illinois, and that one in every four jobs in our state is in some way Ag-related. So Marcus, thank you for being involved and thank you for doing what you're doing to try and help the Farm Bureau and the people of the State of Illinois."

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? Arroyo, Carroll, Feigenholtz, Mayfield. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4368, Mr. Halbrook. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4368, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Halbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. 4368 as the Amendment was adopted yesterday, amends the School Code. This just allows the school district to take into consideration the parents or the guardian's choice of a school placement for twins or multiples of a higher order. We've worked with the opposition to craft the Amendment and



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all the opposition is neutral. And I urge a positive vote.  
Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor vote of the Bill will 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 109 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4724, Representative Phelps Finnie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4724, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Phelps Finnie."

Phelps Finnie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is just a technical change for the... for fracturing tax exemption. It basically just shifts the responsibility from the first purchaser to the producer. Just a technical change. It does not change the amount of tax in any way that's collected. Be happy to answer any questions."

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? Davis. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 100 voting 'yes', 11 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5752, Representative Phelps Finnie. Representative Phelps Finnie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5752, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Phelps Finnie."

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Phelps Finnie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a Bill to establish an advisory council for broadband, to expand it throughout the state. As I've spoken in committee, we have even counties in southern Illinois that do not have any broadband. So, I have many cosponsors and no... no opponents to this Bill. I'd urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Chapa LaVia: "Representative, is this your second first Bill?"

Phelps Finnie: "Yes, ma'am."

Chapa LaVia: "How did you get by with the first one and not getting harassed? I don't understand that."

Phelps Finnie: "I don't know. But I'm glad."

Chapa LaVia: "You must have some pull in the back row. Actually, to the Sponsor and not necessarily to the Bill or what we're talking about. I wish you many years down here, young lady. You're an amazing Legislator and I hope this the beginning of a phenomenal career for you, my sister. I love you."

Phelps Finnie: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Yingling."

Yingling: "Thank you, Chair. I just want the record reflect that I intended to vote 'no' on House Bill 4724."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Representative, I know that there was vigorous opposition to your Bill in committee especially from the Illinois Valley

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Libertarian Party. The Macoupin County Libertarians, and the Tri-Counties Libertarian Party."

Phelps Finnie: "Yes."

Breen: "Have you obviated their objections to your Bill?"

Phelps Finnie: "Yes, Mr. Breen. They were in opposition in committee. You are correct. After I spoke with much passion, and explained to them my... our plight in southern Illinois of no broadband and what that means and that I had no intentions of this being a state funded broadband initiative. They removed their opposition."

Breen: "Did they use broadband means to remove that opposition?"

Phelps Finnie: "I don't believe so. I don't know."

Breen: "Did they use carrier pigeons to remove that opposition?"

Phelps Finnie: "I didn't... I didn't hear you, I'm sorry."

Breen: "Carrier pigeons. What's the exact means of transmitting information there?"

Phelps Finnie: "I... I'm sorry, I don't know."

Breen: "Okay. What do you all use now if there's no broadband? They..."

Phelps Finnie: "Oh, well, they withdrew it in committee. So, I guess that... Was that good enough?"

Breen: "I just had a question from one of my colleagues, whether instead of using the internet, you merely sing to one another in your part of the state?"

Phelps Finnie: "You could do that, Sir. Yes, Sir."

Breen: "You could do that. I'm sorry. I don't really have much else. You know, I didn't... I don't want to..."

Phelps Finnie: "Thank you."

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Breen: "What else is there we want to do? I... you know... Sorry. I think I... I vigorously enough questioned your seatmate the other day, so I'll leave you be. So, thanks, Representative."

Phelps Finnie: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi."

Thapedi: "Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Representative Finnie came into committee. She did an outstanding job. The opposition was there. They had the opportunity to make their arguments. At the end of the committee, the opposition essentially folded. So, I would encourage all of the Members to vote 'aye' for this."

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? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5675, Mr. Wehrli. Mr. Wehrli. Out of the record. House Bill 4433, Mr. Rita. Out of the record. House Bill... Excuse me. Senate Bill 351, Representative Wallace. Representative Wallace. Out of the record. House Bill 126, Representative Willis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 126, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Willis."

Willis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is a companion Bill to a Bill that we passed last week. What this does is it allows of these six locals that are EMS only to now enter into the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act to be identified as

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members to be allowed in that. It is only for this Act only. And I would recommend adoption from it and be happy to take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the record will reflect that Mr. Wehrli should be excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir."

Breen: "And then, if the Sponsor will yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor will yield."

Breen: "Thank you. Representative, just so that I'm... the Body is clear. This is House Bill 126 as amended. And the second Amendment corrected it so that we are not legislating the same thing twice. This is just changing the Public Labor Relations Act?"

Willis: "Correct."

Breen: "And that's what this Bill does. And that's all that this Bill does."

Willis: "That is all it does. It allows these six small locals, which have a total of 60 members, to become recognized under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act."

Breen: "Okay. Thank you."

Willis: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 3 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3418, Representative Harper. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3418, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Bill 3418 which would create urban ag areas in the State of Illinois. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

Breen: "Sponsor will yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Thank you. And Representative, if you could just repeat what you just said because no one could hear you."

Harper: "Sure. House Bill 3418 creates urban ag areas in the State of Illinois."

Breen: "And then, what does that exactly mean?"

Harper: "Sure. So like the ag areas program in the state, the urban ag areas program will be entirely voluntary for both local governments and farmers. And the Bill also identifies incentives that local governments may extend to farmers, such as reduced water rates, reduced utility fees, and property tax abatements. But the local governments have the flexibility to pick and choose from among those incentives as they see fit."

Breen: "So, just so that I'm clear then. So, that this is... is there any cost to the state, first off?"

Harper: "There is no budget impact because... because these incentives are all conveyed by local government there are no state resources required to implement a new program. And again, it is voluntary. There are no tracking requirements as

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with our existing ag area programs, and there are also no state funded benefits."

Breen: "Now, just to be clear though. We are requiring the department to add rules and to administer this program along and, you know, in addition to their existing programing?"

Harper: "But they only have to make the rules and they don't have to do anything else."

Breen: "Okay. And then I noticed there was a... there's a property tax component to your Bill. Could you describe that? And you mentioned that as one of the incentives. How exactly does that work?"

Harper: "So if the local government so choose to, they may provide property tax abatements."

Breen: "And in what way? How do they... how do they do that? Because I... we understand a TIF District. We understand special service areas. What do they do here in order to extend the property tax? Is it..."

Harper: "I'm sorry. Can you repeat the question?"

Breen: "So, how do they extend the property tax relief? Is it an exemption from municipal taxes? Is it an exemption from all taxes..."

Harper: "Yes."

Breen: "...or are the taxes... How does it work?"

Harper: "It is exemption from municipal."

Breen: "So, there's still school district taxes and other taxes from other taxing bodies?"

Harper: "I believe so, yes."

Breen: "Now... so there's a concern about... well, and actually, let me ask this then. So this is done at the municipal level. And

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they... do they extend these benefits on a case-by-case basis or do they have to extend it to everyone across the board who meets some set of criteria?"

Harper: "So, I believe they would extend them to a case-by-case basis because each municipality creates the program and creates the rules around it. And so they would be seeing the applications of anyone who applied to this particular program and would be able to make their decisions on a case-by-case basis."

Breen: "And now, what parts of the state would this apply to, or is this intended to apply to, because it says urban. So, what counts as urban?"

Harper: "Just municipalities."

Breen: "Although urban sounds more like cities or proper cities, but in what... I live in the suburbs."

Harper: "Yes."

Breen: "So I wouldn't think of it as urban but I might..."

Harper: "It's affecting..."

Breen: "Would it effect Lombard, for instance?"

Harper: "It's amending the Illinois Municipal Code so anyone who falls under that is who it would apply to."

Breen: "So you can have an urban farming zone no matter the size or the scope of your municipality?"

Harper: "I believe so, but I am checking that just to make sure."

Breen: "Okay. I'm assuming it applies to Chicago?"

Harper: "Of course. Yes, this applies to Chicago, totally."

Breen: "Sure. I'm just... I'm wondering about the suburbs. I mean, you know, we don't even allow chickens in my town, so I... we wouldn't really be going into farming. But..."



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Harper: "I'd like to remind you that this is, again... it's strictly voluntary and municipalities get to choose whether or not they want to extend these benefits and/or create these geographic areas of urban ag areas."

Breen: "Okay. So just to be clear, you don't have to extend the urban agricultural area, but then it appears that once you do, the municipality may not regulate those urban agricultural areas in a manner that would unreasonably restrict or regulate farming practices. So there is a little bit of a... that once you set up the area as a municipality, you can't then regulate the farming practices they're in. Is that right?"

Harper: "Are you asking once you set it up... you saying that they won't be able to regulate the farming practices that take place inside of that area?"

Breen: "Right. So, so for instance..."

Harper: "So, the board... there is a complete board that is designed to make all of those decisions. And an applicant who applies to the program would have to fall under whatever guidelines that municipality sets forth. And so I think that in that respect they do kind of have some... a little control over what types of activities can happen in those areas. And the Bill also defines what types of activities are allowed or considered... that will fall under urban ag activities."

Breen: "And then we had a question from our side as well. What... what powers do municipalities have to regulate, based on output or what have you, because, you know, there's a concern that there could be abuse of the program. So, you know, can

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you just put in a few tomato plants and then you are an urban farm or how do you... how do you then qualify as an urban farm?"

Harper: "So, again, every municipality has to set up their own urban ag board, so to speak, where they stipulate these... where they stipulate what the qualifications are of an urban farmer. And with that, output production would be part of those stipulations that that municipality decides that those farmers have to abide by. And I think that that is getting to what."

Breen: "Okay. And just... so that I you know..."

Harper: "And I also wanted to say if they don't follow through on the agreement, then the municipality can dissolve that area, that urban ag area, if they are not following those rules."

Breen: "Now, and just so that I'm clear. Where are the opponents and the proponents on your Bill right now? Who's..."

Harper: "Sure."

Breen: "...who's in favor? Who's opposed?"

Harper: "We have been working on this legislation for over a year and I'm very happy to say that the Illinois Farm Bureau has helped us with the language on this, as well as the Illinois Department of Agriculture. And with that, we have removed all opposition because we have worked with them to... for... to get what you have before you today."

Breen: "So, and I see that your Floor Amendment 2 was agreed language from the Illinois Environmental Council, the Illinois Municipal League, and the Illinois Stewardship Alliance. Are those entities neutral now or are they supportive?"

Harper: "Those are supportive."

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Breen: "So they're actually in support. So the Environmental Council, Stewardship Alliance, and the Municipal League are now in support of your Bill?"

Harper: "Correct."

Breen: "Okay. Has the City of Chicago taken a position? Do they intend to actually use the provisions of this Bill?"

Harper: "The City of Chicago is neutral."

Breen: "They're neutral?"

Harper: "Yes."

Breen: "Are they going to... but are they going to... we're going to put this in place. Are they going to actually pick it up and run with it or what?"

Harper: "To be honest with you, Representative, the reason why I proposed this Bill is because we are already kind of doing this in Chicago. We have piloted urban ag areas in the city and now we want to codify it and also allow other municipalities across the state to do some of the same activities that we've been doing as well."

Breen: "Okay. Well, then, and I noticed the vote... the final vote on your Floor Amendment 2 was 11-2 in committee. And I know the initial vote had been, I think, 10-4. So, what... what are the remaining objections, even now with where you are?"

Harper: "To be honest with you, Representative, I couldn't say. The main objections that we had were those that were brought forth from the Illinois Department of Ag and the Illinois Farm Bureau. And like I said, because I've been working very closely with them over the past year to make sure that this legislation is sound, I can't tell you the... any other

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opposition to this Bill. None have been brought to my attention or have come to me."

Breen: "Fair enough. And so that... well, again, thank you, Representative. This has been a good... hopefully a good discussion for folks. It looks like you're, at least from what you said, you know, the municipality has full control. That board that they create under the auspices of this Act would then control the settings, and things like that. If they need to pull the program 'cause it's not working, they would have the ability to do so. So, that seems like a good Bill to me. I don't want to necessarily tell anyone else how to vote, but at the same time it's... it seems like you've fought around all of the corners and seemed to have figured out most of the objection. So, thank you."

Harper: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ives: "I was wondering if you could define for me what a socially disadvantaged farmer is?"

Harper: "So, you're asking me what a socially disadvantaged farmer is?"

Ives: "Yes, that's..."

Harper: "Does my Bill speak to socially disadvantaged farmers?"

Ives: "According to our analysis it does."

Harper: "I do not believe that my Bill refers to socially disadvantaged farmers."

Ives: "Well, it does... actually it does, but apparently there is..."

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Harper: "Okay. But either way, I do have a definition for you. A socially disadvantaged farmer is a farmer who is part of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to that member's personal qualities. And we define socially disadvantaged farmers... they could be female farmers, or farmers of color. And that is following the federal definition of the socially disadvantaged farmer."

Ives: "So, this Bill would give preferential treatment to those of farmers that are of color or are female? Is that essentially what you're saying?"

Harper: "No. This Bill does not give preferential treatment to any farmers."

Ives: "Okay. Well, it seems to be... our analysis seems to be differing there. The next thing is, is how big of a plot would be eligible for this type of urban agricultural zone?"

Harper: "There is no size restriction. And as an urban ag, we don't necessarily go by plot size because some of our farms are vertical and happen inside of buildings, and so we have put no restrictions on plot size."

Ives: "So, my garden in my backyard could qualify to get a property tax abatement if my city deemed it worthy?"

Harper: "If your city would... would deem you an urban farmer just because you're growing food in your backyard, then I think you've got some problems with the people running your city. Because that's not what this Bill would do."

Ives: "But it wouldn't prevent it from occurring, would it?"

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Harper: "It would if the municipality who are creating the rules and the regulations around the program provide for that. And that's why we give them total control over this process."

Ives: "Okay. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. I urge a 'no' vote on this legislation. One, it's not well-thought-out. Two, we have had a number of issues dealing with our property taxes, and abatements, and exemptions, and carveouts, and special deals, and TIFs. And as of right now, there is supposed to be a property tax task force that one of its duties is to look at the number of exemptions and its impact on tax rates for other members. So this is one more way where you're going to have carveouts for special interests, and special deals made and then that property tax levy pushed out amongst all other residential property tax owners. And I completely disagree with that, especially considering that our... one of our biggest problems is our property tax rates in this state. So, this is one more special deal. And I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Costello."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Costello: "Representative, so I know at the beginning of this process both the Department of Agriculture and the Farm Bureau had issues with this Bill. They were against it. And you've worked with them to get to a point to where they're neutral on this Bill. So can you give me a little bit of history of working both with the Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Farm Bureau which are, to my knowledge, the premiere groups that represent farmers in the State of Illinois."

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Harper: "Sure. So as stated before, I have really been working hard, again, with the Illinois Department of Ag and the Illinois Farm Bureau. When I first proposed this Bill, the Illinois Farm Bureau was opposed to it. They thought that it would give certain benefits to certain farmers over other farmers and so we have overcome that. They also were concerned that they wanted it to only apply to statistical metropolitan areas throughout the state. And that's why we have now made sure it is only happening in municipal areas. And again, I'm very pleased with the way the Illinois Department of Ag has also been advising us on this Bill, especially in the role that they should or should not play. And so, again, we have been working very, very hard to remove opposition and make sure that this is a Bill that is good for everyone."

Costello: "Thank you. And as I stated earlier, agriculture is the #1 industry in the State of Illinois. One in four jobs in our state are some way, shape, or form related to agriculture. That doesn't always mean corn, soybeans, wheat; it could be turf management. There are a number of things that occur in urban areas that have to do with agriculture. And I would also say the largest 4-H group in the State of Illinois is from Cook County. So those kids are working on agricultural projects all the time. I thank you for your work on this Bill. And I recommend an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davidsmeyer: "First, I want to say I can tell you have done some work on this and I appreciate what you've done to alleviate

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concerns of the number of groups. I have a concern, a little bit, on the, you know, the tax side. You mentioned some people have vertical farms on the side of buildings and things like that. So, would this... would this allow a municipality to give special treatments to developments as far as taxes, if they put these on the side of their building?"

Harper: "I don't think so. I think it's just property tax abatements to certain urban areas."

Davidsmeyer: "I... and the reason... the reason I have concern is, you know, with property taxes we've seen a lot in the news about special assessments and things like that for the... generally the more wealthy or people that know how to go through the process or know the right people. And I just want to ensure that that when municipalities go through this, there's a set standard, and they're not picking winners and losers when they go through this process. Is there something to ensure that they're not able to pick winners and losers that they have to go by... they have to create rules and follow those rules?"

Harper: "I think that we can be assured that incentives will only be given to property that is being used by a qualified farmer to grow food. Not any other property, not any other developments will receive any tax benefits."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. So, for purpose of intent... for purpose of intent, I just want to ensure that this cannot be used for that purpose."

Harper: "Yes."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. Thank you."

Harper: "Thank you."



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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Riley: "And I really can't... you know other people have said... you really can't hear in here. So I didn't even know you had acknowledged me. Representative Harper, this is a great Bill. But a lot of things have been said which have nothing to do with what you're endeavoring to do with your Bill. I mean, it really doesn't. If you're against it, be against it. But I mean, urban agriculture is something that really has been around for a while. I remember, it was about eight years ago I went to a symposium at UIC that talked about different techniques and actually zoning which would be able to incorporate these types of uses. And so I commend you for this... for this Bill. These urban agricultural zones, they would still be subject to zoning, the zoning regulations that exist in that particular municipality?"

Harper: "Yes."

Riley: "Okay. Yeah. Well, zoning makes an attempt to try to control land use, right? So that's where checks and balances exist right there by virtue of the zoning of that land. Something else, someone said something about the amount of land or the control of land. For the most part, these urban agricultural plots have taken place in abandoned lots in the City of Chicago primarily. Is that true?"

Harper: "I'm sorry, Representative. Can you repeat the question?"

Riley: "Okay. Most of the urban agricultural plots, haven't they taken place in abandoned lots?"

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Harper: "Yes. In fact, the #1 reason... or one of the biggest reasons why we use urban agriculture is to put our vacant land back to productive use especially in communities that are food insecure or food deserts, shall I say. For example, in the City of Chicago, hundreds of thousands of people are living in food deserts that are on the south and west sides. In those same communities, we have tracts and tracts and even acres and acres of vacant land that's just sitting there. And so now what people are doing is they're putting that land back to productive use, using it to produce healthy food for people in a food desert community who are dying every day from preventable diet-related diseases. And actually, reviving the local economy and bringing jobs to an area that is depressed and does not have them. So, yes."

Riley: "And there's also community-based organizations and there have been compacts of groups which want to try to come in neighborhoods and be able to, you know, grow crops and teach, you know, the local students how to go about doing this. Doesn't that exist?"

Harper: "Yes, it does. In fact, I spent four years working for an urban farm that does just that in the community. They educate residents on food and nutrition. They teach them how to garden, but the most importantly they are a source for jobs. Jobs built-in training for individuals with multiple barriers to employment. And so, what we've seen urban ag serve two or three different purposes in our community, Sir, by giving jobs, giving food, reviving the economics in the communities. So, yes, you are right."

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Riley: "And I would guess that if you got in your car in your district office, and you drove a little bit south and a little bit to the west, you would run into one of the largest agricultural schools in this nation, the Chicago School of Agricultural Sciences. Isn't that true?"

Harper: "That is true. I'm scheduled to be there next week."

Riley: "To the Bill. This is a great Bill. There's just all kinds of information and research done on urban agriculture. As I say, University of Illinois at Chicago had a symposium a few years ago, and a matter of fact I think there are courses that you can take there in urban agriculture. Let's make this Bill what it is, which is a great Bill. There are numerous restaurants in the City of Chicago that buy their produce from these types of plots. It's a great Bill. Everybody should be behind this Bill if you're for agriculture in the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Arroyo."

Arroyo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could you move the previous question, please?"

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

Harper: "The Urban Agriculture Areas Bill will definitely help with food access, put our vacant land back to productive use. But also, help clean up our neighborhoods, relieve maintenance and it even produces economic returns for the community. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

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

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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 86 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair recognizes Mr. Yingling."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Yingling: "Thank you. I want to introduce some... two very special people in the gallery from my district from Round Lake. Michael and Jennifer Blum, who also serve as commissioners on the Round Lake Area Park District. So let's give them a big round of applause and welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome aboard. Thank you for joining us today. Representative Hammond."

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

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed."

Hammond: "I'd like to recognize and welcome some folks from my district and members of the Central Illinois ABATE, of which my husband, Leonard and I are also members. And please give them a warm welcome to Springfield. Thank you for being here."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thanks for joining. Enjoy your day here. Representative Phelps Finnie."

Phelps Finnie: "Point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Phelps Finnie: "I want to recognize Cody Sandusky. He's up here to the left... my left. Hi, Cody. Cody is a pharmacist in our area. He's also here representing the Illinois Pharmacy Association lobbying for some very important Bills that are

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coming up for pharmacies. And he is a dear friend of ours. And I will say this about Cody, one of the most intelligent people I've ever known, kind hearted and an unbelievable classic pianist. Good to have you here, Cody. Let's give him a welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Thanks for being here with us today. Members, we're going back to this order of call on Second Reading. House Bill 4412, Representative Ammons. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4412, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4701, Mr. Burke. Dan Burke. Out of the record. House Bill 4512, Representative Conyears-Ervin. Conyears-Ervin. Out of the record. House Bill 4516, Representative Fine. Representative Fine. Out of the record. House Bill 1593, Representative Harper. Please read the Bill. "

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1593, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Harper."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Harper."

Harper: "Pull it out of the record, please."

Speaker Lang: "Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 4193, Representative Parkhurst. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4193, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee

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Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Parkhurst."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Parkhurst."

Parkhurst: "Floor Amendment 1 simply changes the word 'business' to 'calendar' and provides that a calendar day shall not include a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4236, Mr. Phillips. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4236, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Phillips."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Phillips."

Phillips: "It's got some of these fiscal notes on it, Sir. Can I hold... adopt the Amendment. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Briefly tell us what the Amendment does, Sir."

Phillips: "Okay. What the Amendment does is... Okay. What the Amendment does is remove all of the reference to the initial coal... clean coal facility, ensures for transparency in the ICC. As we've worked with IC, in order to inspect all books and records associated with the clean coal facilities during the term of any such contract. That's all the Amendment did, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi."

Thapedi: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield, briefly?"

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Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Thapedi: "Representative Phillips, just a little clarification about Floor Amendment #2. I know that you're working very hard on putting this deal together, but would you please clarify exactly what Floor Amendment #2 is doing with respect to the underlying Bill, how you've changed it? And the only reason why I ask that is that there seems to be some information going around, perhaps it's misinformation, perhaps its correct information, about what exactly you're trying to accomplish. I don't want you to go into too much detail, but I know you will debate this on Third Reading. But I just want to get some clarification about what Floor Amendment #2 actually does."

Phillips: "Okay. Originally in 2009, this General Assembly passed the Clean Coal Facilities Act to allow for the Tenaska plant, specifically in Taylorville. The Bill was inadvertently specifically set for the Tenaska Plant in Taylorville."

Thapedi: "Mr. Speaker, I'm having some difficulty in hearing."

Phillips: "Anyway, it was specifically for plants with 500-plus megawatts and it disallowed any other smaller-sized plants from being built in Illinois. So thereby it cut out for any other plants to be built. And what we're trying to do is on the old FutureGen site, we have a group that's, with their own money, willing to put a small pilot plant in Mattoon on the old FutureGen site, but they can't based on the tech... on the wording that currently is in the Bill that was passed in 2009 by this General Assembly, several people in this House that actually passed this Bill. So this clears up the language which will allow for the small plants. This would be a 77

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megawatt plant in our facility. But would allow for other clean coal facilities... 'cause using that Bill Illinois was supposed to by 2025 be using 25 percent of our energy from clean coal facilities. And we have... to date we have not done one facility. So, with the..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi, before you proceed. Ladies and Gentlemen. Ladies and Gentlemen. That's much better. Mr. Thapedi."

Thapedi: "That's very effective, Mr. Speaker, very effective. So, Representative Phillips, let's just make sure I understand correctly. So the goal of your Bill is to position Illinois to be able to generate power utilizing Illinois coal. In large part Illinois coal is not used in existing coal fire powered plants because of the high content of sulfur. So as a result, oftentimes we're utilizing Wyoming coal and other coal from other resources and we're actually exporting our coal elsewhere. Is that accurate?"

Phillips: "That's correct, Sir."

Thapedi: "All right."

Phillips: "And we're sitting on 25 percent of the coal reserves for the United States and not being able to utilize it."

Thapedi: "All right. And you said one very, very important thing. And this is my last question on this issue with respect to Floor Amendment #2. Your Floor Amendment #2, along with the underlying Bill, has the presumption that you have already lined up investors that are going to make the investment to build this plant. Is that accurate?"

Phillips: "That's accurate."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Sir."



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Phillips: "Yes, Sir."

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

Arroyo: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Representative, how much does this plant cost?"

Phillips: "Sir, I'm sorry. Could you say that again?"

Arroyo: "How much does this plant cost to build?"

Phillips: "This plant will be around \$700 million."

Arroyo: "Who's paying for it?"

Phillips: "Private investors."

Arroyo: "Private investors. Is there any state dollars involved?"

Phillips: "No state dollars, Sir. No federal dollars."

Arroyo: "So, my understanding is that the taxpayers in my district are going to have to help pay for this plant... for this plant in Coles County. I don't even know where Coles County is. And if that's the case, I don't... I don't... I wouldn't want my taxpayer from my district have to pay for a coal plant in anybody else's district. So could you tell me who is going to pay for it? You said this is all private investors?"

Phillips: "Well, the private investors are going to pay for the building of the plant. But basically what this Bill is... in 2009, this General Assembly passed a Bill for the Clean Coal Bill. And by 2025, 25 percent of our production was supposed to be in clean coal. The technology was available through gasification. This is a different process that will sequester the CO2 below the earth. And we're bringing this on board, but the issue here is nobody could build these plants unless they were 500 megawatts. So nobody was investing one and half, two billion dollars to build these plants. So this is a small plant in Coles County, with this legislation change, that can

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be built in Mattoon in the old FutureGen site, which was a federal site because of the best place to sequester CO2. It will be a 77 megawatts, which if it was in full production would be 77 thousand kilowatts. Illinois uses 130 million kilowatts of power. So at 25 percent in coal burning plants, that would be 32,500,000 kilowatts. Even at that rate, this is .00005 percent of the usage. So thereby, it's not going to. And with... and what the new tax Bill, the 45Q in the federal level, this will be basically... our plant will, when we give our performant will be zero neutral cost to your people. But without this we can't even bid."

Arroyo: "Thank you, Representative about... for telling me about how it's going to create the megawatts and how it's going to be... what it's going to do. I'm more interested in who's going to pay for it and if my constituents rates are going to go up. Is ComEd going to have to raise their rates or Ameren? What... who... how is that going to happen? Are my people, in my district going to have to pay for your coal plant in your district?"

Phillips: "No."

Arroyo: "I don't want to... I don't want to support anything that my constituents in my district are going to pay for somewhere down in Coles County, where I don't even know where it's at. So I'm not going to vote for this if the rates are going to go up, if ComEd is not for it, if Ameren is not for it. You have a lot of people here to oppose this Bill."

Phillips: "Yeah. And as I said in my rebuttal that I gave you. You know..."

Arroyo: "I haven't got..."

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Phillips: "If you've read that rebuttal."

Arroyo: "Yes."

Phillips: "You know, they said it was going to cost \$288 million.

I'm trying to tell you that it's not going to cost that. This is 77 megawatts, Sir. And I specific..."

Arroyo: "But you keep going back... you keep going back to what it is. I want to I..."

Phillips: "Yeah. It's not going to cost your people. By the time we..."

Arroyo: "I want to go and talk about what it's going to do. Who's going to pay for this, if the rates are going to go up for ComEd and for the agencies..."

Phillips: "It's just going to be a part of the procurement process is all it is, Sir."

Arroyo: "So you're saying it's not going to raise... it's not going to raise the rates?"

Phillips: "And standard rates are basically six cents per kilowatt a... hour."

Arroyo: "Are you telling me it's not going to raise the rates?"

Phillips: "I'm telling you that this particular plant is not going to raise your rates. Now..."

Arroyo: "Okay. I differ with you. But to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, from what I understand, there's a lot of agencies that are not for this Bill because it's going to raise our rates. And the people from the City of Chicago and people from all over the state are going to have to pay for a coal plant somewhere in Coles County. That I don't even know where Coles County is. I don't know where nothing is west of 88. But I'm not going vote for this Bill. And I would ask all of

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the colleagues on this side of the aisle and anybody that's got a good conscious not to vote for this Bill. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen."

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

Cavaletto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill here. Representative, how many jobs will this cause? How many jobs will happen over this?"

Phillips: "Well, I'm glad you asked that. This is a jobs Bill and not just for the coal plant that we would be using. But, you know, did I mention that we're going to be using Illinois coal which right now is not really being utilized. Illinois coal because it's high in sulfur. And we're sitting on a, you know, 200-year supply of Illinois coal. So it's going to create a lot of jobs. My little plant would create around 800 construction jobs at prevailing wage rates. And it ends up 60-80 permanent jobs at an average of 75 thousand. But that's not the end of it. It's like an octopus. It has a lot more legs than that. It reaches out and saves a lot of downstate Illinois..."

Cavaletto: "Excuse me. I can't hear. I can't hear what he's saying."

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen. Ladies and Gentlemen."

Cavaletto: "Thank you."

Phillips: "Yeah. It has a lot of occupants. But before I finish that, Representative, I'd like to go back to the Representative, Mr. Arroyo talked about. It's a little disingenuous, when we just gave \$230 million times 10 years to ComEd, for ComEd to come in and say we don't want this little bitty coal burning plant. We don't want you to use

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Illinois coal. I mean, how disingenuous is that? I mean, you know, this Assembly passed this in 2009, the idea of using coal."

Cavaletto: "Right."

Phillips: "Eventually natural gas is going to go up. And if we don't use this technology now, we lose a very opportunity to use Illinois coal. So, and back to you. The jobs build, in your district, which would be tremendous."

Cavaletto: "I only have one other question. You're going to use Illinois coal?"

Phillips: "Yes, Sir."

Cavaletto: "Well, then Illinois coal is going to be taxed."

Phillips: "Yup."

Cavaletto: "They are going to have to pay taxes on Illinois coal."

Phillips: "Yup."

Cavaletto: "So if you're going to use it here, you're going to have to pay taxes. So that answers the question for the Gentlemen over to... in Chicago that... that the plant will... you will be taxed on the coal that you use."

Phillips: "Yes, Sir."

Cavaletto: "So that's going to cover the cost."

Phillips: "Yes, Sir."

Cavaletto: "This is a good Bill. And I'm for it. You're using some resources that right here in our state. We have over 225 years of coal in the ground. It should be used and it should be sold. It should be sold overseas. And it should be used in our own state. It should put people to work again. And we need the coal mines. Just like y'all need the byways and highways in Chicago, we need the coal mines down south to

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survive. So, I would hope that you would support this Bill. It's going to prevent... have jobs. It's going to be taxed. It would take care of itself. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Costello on the Amendment on Second Reading."

Costello: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the previous question."

Speaker Lang: "No need. No need. Mr. Phillips, do you wish to close on your Amendment on Second Reading."

Phillips: "Yes, I'd like to close..."

Speaker Lang: "Go ahead, Sir."

Phillips: "...for affirmative vote."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. But several notes have been requested on the Bill and have not been filed."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold this Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would just like a point of personal privilege to recognize the Belleville West High School basketball team. Representative Greenwood and I are lucky enough to represent the area that is... makes up the Belleville West territory. They beat and won the state championship by holding off Chicago Whitney Young in overtime to win the championship. They have a record of 32 wins and 2 losses. Please give a warm Springfield welcome to Belleville West Maroons."

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Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Glad you're here with us today. Enjoy your day in Springfield. Representative Manley is recognized."

Manley: "Point of personal privilege, please?"

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Manley: "I just want to say... want to introduce all of you to some really good friends of mine. They've taught me a lot about motorcycle safety and I... We have Will County ABATE in the gallery behind the Republican side. If you will just give them a warm Springfield welcome, thank them for their advocacy and for being so good to me. Thanks, guys."

Speaker Lang: "Good to see you. Thanks for being here. House Bill 5197, Mr. Hoffman. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5197, 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 4575, Mr. Hoffman. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4575, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4297, Representative Lilly. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4297, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 has been adopted. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Lilly."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Lilly."

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Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to adopt the Amendment on the Floor. It's some technical changes that we discussed related to posting the reports electronically."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. But several notes have been requested on the Bill as amended and have not been filed."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 5164, Representative Moeller. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5164, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Moeller."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 is a gut and replace on House Bill 5164. It establishes a subcommittee of OASAC to discuss the streamlining and greater efficacy in signing seniors up for Medicaid. It also increases the reimbursement rate for Medicaid applications from \$60 to \$240."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. But a fiscal note has been requested on the Bill and has not been filed."



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Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 4404, Representative McDermed. McDermed. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4404, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative McDermed."

Speaker Lang: "Representative McDermed."

McDermed: "Thank you. Floor Amendment #2 is an Amendment from IDFPR. Amendment #1 was from the AG's Office. It has taken three years. I'm sure no one will... in this room will be surprised that it took three years to get those two agencies to agree. However, this was accomplished and the AG is satisfied with the new IDFPR Amendment. And I ask that it be approved."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5005, Mr. Wheeler. Keith Wheeler. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5005, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Keith Wheeler."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Wheeler."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 is agreed language with AFSCME that will get us to... get this Bill

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through and then address further issues that may come up in November. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4888, Mr. Bennett. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4888, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bennett."

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4888 has to do with staff and inmates in our prison. Institutions want to make sure they're safe and order is maintained. This Bill requires the Department of Corrections to collect data that is necessary for everyone to have a factual basis from which to assure we're constantly working toward a safer environment for everyone. Surveys about inmates and staff in the prisons indicate there's a significant gap in perception. And so what we're trying to do here, the Department of Correction, policymakers and the public have no data from which to make determinations about how to address these assaults. So this Bill requires the Department of Corrections to collect the data that would allow the Department of Corrections, policymakers and the public the necessary foundation from which to go from there to make some sound policy choices. The Department of Corrections is neutral with this Amendment. And I ask for an 'aye' vote, please."

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Speaker Lang: "I had switched to a Third Reading Bill here, Members. We had been doing Seconds. So just for the heck of it, there being no debate on this Bill, 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? Soto. Please take the record. There are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to Second Reading Bills. House Bill 1190, Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1190, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Under current statutes municipalities may combine their water and sewer systems, but sanitary districts cannot. This just provides that sanitary districts have that same opportunity. And I'd be happy to answer your questions. I'd appreciate your 'aye' vote on the Amendment."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1443, Representative Willis. Representative Willis. Out of the record. House Bill 4650, Mr. Zalewski. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4650, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Zalewski."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #1 represents an agreement among all the stake acts... stakeholders. I ask for its adoption."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4701, Mr. Burke. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4701, 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 4516, Representative Fine. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4516, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Fine."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 outlines what would and would not be covered for hearing aids for children under the age of 18."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4821, Representative Fine. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4821, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Fine."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment just clarifies language in the legislation that says if you have stage 4 cancer, you do not have to go through the fail first program for a FDA medication to be prescribed for you."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House... Third Reading on the next order of priority. House Bill 2367, Mr. Ford. Please read the Bill. We'll return the Bill to Second Reading, Mr. Clerk and read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2367, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Two Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 has been adopted. Two Floor Amendments have been approved for

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consideration. Floor Amendment #5 is offered by Representative Ford."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford on Amendment 5."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to Table Amendment 5."

Speaker Lang: "Amendment 5 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #7 is offered by Representative Ford."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford on Amendment 7."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I move for the adoption of Floor Amendment #7. And it simply makes technical changes to the Bill. And it changes the time frame that a person can seek an expungement from four years to three years. And it also states that the petitioner has to wait until the end of their sentence before they can apply for an expungement. I move for adoption of Floor Amendment #7."

Speaker Lang: "The Clerk is recognized. Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, can you clarify the record, please?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration. Motions have been filed to Table Amendments 1, 2, 3, and 4."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. So those Amendments will be withdrawn. Those Motions that... those are Motions to Table, but those Amendments will be withdrawn. Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 4495, Mr. Thapedi. 4495, Sir. Out of the record. House Bill 5293, Mr. Costello. Mr. Costello. Out of the record. House Bill 5212, Mr. Demmer. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5212, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5212 is an initiative of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. It allows IDFPR to license an applicant who has a license from a different state under a streamline procedure, especially if they've had a licensure for 10 consecutive years. I know of no opposition. Ask your support."

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? Soto. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to House Bill 5293, Mr. Costello. Please read the Bill. There is a Floor Amendment. Do you wish to adopt the Amendment and return it to Third, Sir? Mr. Clerk, please put the Bill on the Order of Second Reading and read the Amendment."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5293, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Costello."

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

Costello: "Mr. Speaker, there are a couple of changes that have been made to this Bill... this Amendment. Reduces the number of seats that we're asked on the board from two to one. It also would take incidental take to something that's more in line with what the environmental council and a couple of other

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groups asked for. It's not agreed, but it's definitely a Bill that comes closer to what the 'asks' were from the opposition.

I thank you. And I'd ask for the adoption of the Amendment."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5029, Mr. Meier. Please read the Bill. Please put the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Meier, do you want to adopt your Amendment or take it out of the record? Mr. Clerk, please put the Bill on the Order of Second Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5029, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Meier."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Meier."

Meier: "Floor Amendment 1 is a... brought to us from Id... Illinois Department of Agriculture. It gutted the Bill and turned it into an Animal Bill, which will take care of... it'll define a dog day care separately from dog kennels. There's different regulations necessary for them. And that's... it's a simp... pretty simple thing as what we're trying to do with that."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5793, Mr. Andrade. Please read the Bill."



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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5793, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andrade."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5793 creates an exemption in Illinois, two-party consent eavesdropping laws for doorbells or intercom devices installed in ones dwelling with their consent. This Bill addresses a situation that is growing every day in Illinois. There is a company called ring.com and what it does is when you come.. for example, at someone's home and you ring the doorbell or once you come in within motion of the doorbell or their intercom system, that it starts to record. And I just feel that as a homeowner and we should have a right to protect our property. And so, I'm asking for an exemption on the eavesdropping law to make sure that residents of Illinois are protected and not sued."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Representative, I want to kind of get to the bottom of some of the opposition. I see the ACLU is opposed to your measure. What's the nature of their opposition?"

Andrade: "They're just fundamentally opposed to the idea. They just... they feel... that's all. They're just fundamentally opposed. Just a philosophical difference."

Breen: "Just a philosophical difference in that they..."

Andrade: "Yeah. They just stated even though it's your property, if you install the doorbell on your property, they feel that... No, here. This is just... they just told me they oppose it, but I don't have specifics. I'm just talking on what I believe it

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is. It's just that even though they're walking onto my property or they come onto the motion, that I should have permission to record them. Currently, they're being recorded, you know, on video on most places, but I think though with the new technology there's the ability to record sound, and that's where the big difference comes in. And it's... you know, part of it is it's saved on the cloud for... if something you come home and your packages are missing or somebody could use it, you know, to try and catch the person."

Breen: "And so, just to clarify. You mean your... your Amendment to the Eavesdropping Act is really dealing with something that our homeowners are already doing. So they're putting the, as we call them, intercommunication devices in various places in and around their dwellings."

Andrade: "Right. This is..."

Breen: "And so... and it's being stored in the cloud..."

Andrade: "Correct."

Breen: "...but you're obviously not going and getting a consent or a consent form from everyone that walks in your house or rings your front door."

Andrade: "Right. And I think the biggest thing is what... is some is one person's expectation of privacy once they're either on the public way or on someone's property. I think that's the biggest expectation. What is the expectation of privacy? And you know, most of these... well, they do. The company sends actually a notice for you to post on your window or your property to say, you know, you're being recorded. So that's already included in the package. It's growing every day. I mean, they just purchased... the company was just someone who

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was purchased, you know, by Amazon and will... it's just every house is installing these every day. Every day."

Breen: "Fair enough. Thank you, Representative. It seems like a good Bill."

Andrade: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Drury."

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

Andrade: "Yes."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Drury: "Representative Andrade, where did this Bill come from?"

Andrade: "From me. Because I installed it in my home."

Drury: "Okay. And so when it says that with the consent of the owner or lessee of the dwelling in which it's installed, the use of intercommunication device is allowed. Who do you consent to? Where do you provide your... someone who installs a nest doorbell. Who does he provide the consent to?"

Andrade: "That's what I'm saying. I shouldn't... I shouldn't need your consent if you walk on my property."

Drury: "No. I'm talking about you though. It says with the consent of the owner. Who does the owner provide the consent to?"

Andrade: "So, basically, that means that you can't come to my house without me knowing and installing that for me. So it has to be the owner of the property that installs it. It has to be the owner of the unit. It has to be the residential owner that installs, for example, the ring or the nest system. That's the language for that part, that it must come from one's self installation. It can't be installed by someone else without your consent."

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Drury: "Okay. So if it's presumed then that if you install it, that the owner has consented to all of the conversations that happen on that device being recorded?"

Andrade: "Correct."

Drury: "Okay. And where are those recordings kept?"

Andrade: "They're kept on the cloud. If you pay a service, you can pay monthly or a yearly service. They're paid on a... they're kept in a cloud."

Drury: "Okay. What if you install that doorbell as an owner, and you don't want the recordings... don't want those recordings to be kept?"

Andrade: "Then you don't pay for it."

Drury: "So, describe how that process works. I don't have one of these doorbells."

Andrade: "So the process works is they'll send you... you install the ring device. And it will tell you if you want to store these... if you want to store them, you have to create an account. Once you create an account, you have to pay for it. Either you pay monthly or you pay yearly. So that's the process. They will... they don't keep it unless you pay for it."

Drury: "Okay. So when we go door to door campaigning and more and more of these doorbells have this. All of our campaign communications with people can now be recorded and kept and then played back."

Andrade: "Yes."

Drury: "Okay, great."

Andrade: "And so, I warned my workers that always assume that when you're walking into someone's property, you are being

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recorded by voice. And don't walk up and say my God that's an ugly house because you will be recorded. The moment you are in motion, you will be recorded. So I think everyone here should be brought attention that eventually every house will have one of these."

Drury: "Why did you limit your Bill just to these doorbells? Why not just telephone communications?"

Andrade: "I... it doesn't just... it's the definition just doesn't say doorbell. It says more of a recording telephone conversations is a separate issue. This doesn't..."

Drury: "But why not include that? I mean people, you know, you're talking about expectations of privacy. Illinois is one of the only states that requires two-way consent."

Andrade: "I think there's 12."

Drury: "So why not... if we're going to go this direction, why not just open it up and allow recordings of conversations in an office?"

Andrade: "I'm doing baby steps. One at a time. One at a time. All I know is... I'm not an attorney. I'm not there. I'm just a homeowner that feels I have a right to protection. This Bill just comes from me. I actually called the RING council, General Consulate of California. She says we are... we don't feel... she just said that we believe that you already have consent. I said I don't think that's the way Illinois looks at it. And so, I just want to make sure to protect my residents and my neighbors and the rest of Illinois residents with the opportunity to make sure they're not sued. I just think... I think... I would rather have clarification in the law than let someone sue and then spend millions of dollars, which I don't

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have a dollar even to defend myself and my residents don't, so I would rather make sure it's clear in the law now that the... you're not doing anything what's that word, unscrupulous... suspiciously. We're not doing that. That's my biggest thing."

Drury: "Thank you, Representative."

Andrade: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Flowers."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Flowers: "Representative, I'm reminded of a law that we passed when video cameras first came out. And if my memory serves me correctly, during that time if you had an audio on your video camera outside, you had to turn it down so you could not listen to the conversations. So, I think that's still the current law. And so, how would this Bill interact with that particular law?"

Andrade: "That is... this Bill is a narrow, narrow exemption for the Eavesdropping Law. That would fall within there. For your right... right dwelling unit for your residential property."

Flowers: "But my..."

Andrade: "Currently and that is why... that is why this Bill is for to narrow that, to make a narrow exemption to what you're describing."

Flowers: "Well, just can you, I don't have one of those bells. You know, I know what you're talking about."

Andrade: "I'll come over and show you. What happens is when someone rings the doorbell, it rings on my phone and I can

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answer it and I say get off my porch. I don't want to talk to you."

Flowers: "Fine."

Andrade: "But they don't know they do."

Flowers: "But... but my point is they have to come on your property."

Andrade: "Yes."

Flowers: "To activate that sound."

Andrade: "Yes. By pressing the button or by motion."

Flowers: "Right. So the current law would still stand in regards to the videos without the ringing of the bell. If I have a... if I have a video surveillance I have to still turn the sound down as to not..."

Andrade: "You mean mute it?"

Flowers: "Pardon me?"

Andrade: "Do you mean to mute the sound?"

Flowers: "I need to mute the sound in order not to hear the conversations around me. But with your device, because there's an action that must be taken, you have to ring the bell or either come upon the property."

Andrade: "So, you're describing more of a video camera that is not an intercom system. So, this is for intercom systems."

Flowers: "Okay."

Andrade: "These are... it's strictly, strictly in the language it talks about intercom systems. It must be an intercom system which, right now, the A phones are there. They've existed for many, many years. It's an A phone system where you go and you press a button and there's video, currently. The difference is now with the... the biggest difference is before the only way that camera would turn on is if you pressed the doorbell."

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This now activates by motion. And the other difference is, is that this is stored... if you want to you can store it. On old intercom systems you're not... Actually, let me take that back. You can store video now on DVRs systems now. So, that doesn't... I think the big difference now is that you are able and have the ability to buy motion and storage sound on the cloud. I think that's the biggest... biggest difference of this Bill."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Fortner."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Fortner: "I think you answered some of these questions. I just want to help people understand, I think, where we are going with some of the technology. Certainly, it has been true for decades that people have had doorbells with intercom systems that, when you activate them, someone in the house would be able to enter into a conversation with the person at the door without actually opening the door. That's not new and we've had that for decades, right?"

Andrade: "Correct."

Fortner: "And some of those systems have had video attached to them as well."

Andrade: "Correct."

Fortner: "And people have even had systems to do outdoor protection where they would have a video camera looking at, say, their front doorstep that they would run just as a means of protection. Again, that's not a new technology. That's been around for decades. So, what we have seen is that, as you've pointed out, you could have that video camera. You



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could hook a DVR to it and record that. Again, that technology has been around for a long time. What's new and what you are addressing here is that in this wireless age rather than having to have the wires strung through your house to handle the audio and video, we can do it wireless. And once it's wireless, it can come to our smart phones."

Andrade: "Correct."

Fortner: "And we can have an app on a smart phone. And you mentioned one such company which nationally markets that service. So what this is doing is saying, well, very much like we have provided for the old wire technology that we're used to in the house. Now that there's wireless technology, we need to make sure that people aren't caught unawares, not recognizing that maybe the way the law was set up didn't anticipate that we might be communicating the very same information wireless often through the intermediary of cloud services that are used in-between the two points that are in communication. I think... is that a decent way to explain that?"

Andrade: "Yes. Thank you, Representative."

Fortner: "Well, thank you. To the Bill. You know, I've been proud over the years I've served here to offer some important pieces of legislation to, in fact, constrain unauthorized videotaping in peoples' homes, unauthorized video tapings in peoples' apartments to make sure that people aren't using those technologies inappropriately to get into peoples' houses, get information they shouldn't. But this is the flip side of that. That same technology also has evolved to protect those very same people in their homes. And what the Representative has here in this Bill I think is a narrow way

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to recognize that and keep our laws abreast with current technology. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andrade to close."

Andrade: "I respectfully request an 'aye' vote, Mr. Speaker."

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 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 4284, Representative Chapa LaVia. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4284, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 4284, what it does it requires three of the nine board members of the State Board of Education to be represented by the education or educator community in the state. There's no opposition. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "And Representative, what is the current requirement for these three members of the State Board of Education."

Chapa LaVia: "Okay. So the current State Board of Education is comprised of eight members. They're a chairman of the members; two are from Cook County; two are from collar counties; two are from downstate counties, and three are from... at-large members. One which shall be the chairperson."

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Breen: "And then, you're changing that in what way?"

Chapa LaVia: "So three of the board members would be from the education realm. One... let me see... one would be from Cook, one from the collar county and one from downstate counties for those three members."

Breen: "And then, what does it mean to be a representative of the educator community?"

Chapa LaVia: "Well, these are the qualifications for those members: a citizen of the United States, resident of Illinois. Member shall benefit from... and I'm sorry. So, in that sense the School Management Alliance and the Illinois Association of School Administrators brought it to me because they saw a weakness that through their Vision 20/20 Initiative, according to that website, currently educators would... they were asking for us to allow current educators to serve on the state board. It provides professional expertise that would help guide implementation of the state initiatives and ensure that oversight and regulatory efforts positively impact student learning. So they wanted to make sure that those that are on the ground in the classrooms, administrators, of those sorts, even ROEs, were at the board to make sure that they're helping with the current board in making decisions on the ground."

Breen: "And... and so, you're actually striking in current law the members of the state board are required or we bar anyone who is gainfully employed or administratively connected with any particular school system or has any interest in funds provided by the State Board of Education to an institute of higher learning?"

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Chapa LaVia: "Right. So, Representative Breen, it's interesting you bring that up. So some of the members right now, like there is Ruth Cross, Lula Ford, Susie Morrison, Craig Lindvahl, and Kevin Settle. They're all former educators. So we're talking people that are actually in the throes of education in the state right now. So we're just hoping to get a little bit more of the voice of those that are dealing with issues within the school systems at the... at the board level."

Breen: "And then I believe it also says that the educator community appointments, no more than one may be employed as a district superintendent, principal, or school business official, or teacher?"

Chapa LaVia: "Right. Well, right now as it reads, current law, and so, I was reading it earlier just to give the rest of what the appointments look like currently. Citizen of the United States, resident of Illinois, members shall not benefit from funds provided by the State Board of Education to any institution of higher learning, public or private within Illinois. The member shall not be school trustee of a public or nonpublic college, university, or a technical institution within Illinois. And last but not least, no member shall be appointed for more than two-to four-year terms. And then, under the three members, the new members, to finish that... says further provides that of the educator community appointments no more than one member may be employed as a district superintendent, principal, school business official, or teacher. And that none may be employed by the same school district or school. To implement these changes this Bill makes other technical changes, that removes language prohibiting

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members of the State Board of Education from being members of a school board or employed or administratively connected with any school system."

Breen: "Right. And Representative, I was confused by that because you've got one sentence that says that the educator community appointments, no more than one may be employed as a district superintendent, principal, school business official, or teacher. So it seemed like you can only have a single..."

Chapa LaVia: "No, that's why I said in there, there are some other language that is put into that Bill to change that, the structure of that, allowing the three different new members from one upstate, one Cook, and then one collar county, and then one downstate member."

Breen: "Oh. I'm con..."

Chapa LaVia: "We changed the language that... House Bill 4284 also makes other technical changes that removes language prohibiting the members from the State Board of Education from being members of school boards, employees or administrative contact connected with any school district. So it removes that language within this Bill, too, the statute."

Breen: "And to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a current bar in our state statutes from having folks who have a direct interest in the school systems that are regulated by the State Board of Education. This Bill takes those protective regulations and strikes them out of statute and takes an eight-member board and requires three of those members to be representatives of what we call... what is called the educator community; doesn't really define that. And so, this is an undue restriction on the State Board of Education on... and

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really, is this a conflict of interest provision that's being stricken from the statute. So I understand the good intentions of the Sponsor, but when you're striking what was a well-taken conflict of interest provision, I can't support a Bill like that. Not at this time when we really need independence between our various units of government. And so, I respectfully have to oppose this particular Bill in its current form. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia to close."

Chapa LaVia: "Well, I really respect the last Leader also, but if... and your sense of, you know, prowess, if you will, in the field in which you discussed. But this Bill was brought to me by the educators of the State of Illinois that I fully trust. They wouldn't come to us with a 20/20 plan that's made a lot of adjustments to the State of Illinois including, you know, our new funding formula that we just passed. I think it's important that we leave... we always are complaining that we're, you know, we're kind of jack of all trades here, but we're not expert in any. We're leaving this to the experts. And this is what I'm doing with this legislation putting it back where it belongs. And I request an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 88 voting 'yes', 19 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair

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recognizes Representative Bryant on a point of personal privilege."

Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the point of personal privilege too. I just wanted to acknowledge one of my mayors up in the gallery today. The honorable Donald Wisely from the Village of Vergennes in Jackson County. So beautiful little village and a great mayor."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome aboard. Thank you, Sir. Mr. DeLuca is recognized."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to recognize one of my mayors who is with us today. Mayor Terry Matthews from the Village of South Chicago Heights. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Welch."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Welch: "I'd like to welcome my Page to Springfield for the day. This is her second year of joining me as a Page. She's a freshman at Kaneland High School. She's involved in the Model UN. And also her mom Mary Fields is up in the gallery. Let's please welcome Sadie Edgar to the House Floor to Page for the day. Please stop by and visit her and welcome her here. Thank you so much."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House chamber. Thanks for joining us. Members, the House Democrats will have an immediate caucus in Room 114 for one hour, one hour. I do not believe the Republicans are caucusing. Is that correct? The Republicans will do whatever it is Republicans do. The Democrats will caucus immediately for one hour. The House will be in recess 'til the hour of 1:35."

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Speaker Currie: "House will be back in order. Representative Currie in the Chair. We're going to proceed on Third Readings. And the next Bill is Representative Costello, if you're ready on House Bill 5293. Oops, we already passed it. House Bill 4689, Representative Crespo. Are you ready? Are you here? Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4689, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 4689... yes... puts some perspective on this. In 2014, by statute, we created the Grant Accountability Transparency Act which established consistent federally compliant requirements for all grants, regardless of the source of funding. Pretty much, we need that. We apply federal requirements to state grants. It has been a great program. It has been nationally recognized. The Bill before you today, what it does, it repeals a sunset of the Grant Accountability Transparency Act and makes technical changes to various changes in Federal Law. I'd also like to thank our colleague, Patti Bellock, who was instrumental in passing this Bill in 2014. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Crespo has moved for passage of House Bill 4689. And on that question, Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Currie: "He will."

Breen: "And Representative, if you could just let us know if there are any opponents to the... to the measure?"

Crespo: "Not that I'm aware of."



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Breen: "Okay. And it's been favorably supported by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget?"

Crespo: "Actually this is a program that we put together under Governor Quinn and to Governor Rauner's credit, he's embraced the program and it's been a great program for the state."

Breen: "Good. Hey, thank you much."

Speaker Currie: "No further discussion. Representative Crespo moves passage of House Bill 4689. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk, please take the record. On this measure, there are 108 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no'... I'm sorry... 2 voting 'present'... 0 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the appropriate Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Feigenholtz, are you ready with House Bill 2949? 4949. Clerk, please read the Bill. Representative, you want to bring this back to Second for purposes of an Amendment? No, she'd like you to read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4949, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Members of the House, we had a brief discussion about House Bill 4949. We put an Amendment on it that further clarified steps that would need to be taken on the Department of Human Services website. This Bill is designed to... you know, there are out-of-state brokers and scam artists who are taking advantage of residents in our state saying that they are licensed providers and costing vulnerable people a lot of heartache and expense. This is

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something that's happening around the country. We're seeing legislation like this in many states. I know that there were some Members across the aisle who will have questions and I am happy to answer them."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Feigenholtz moves passage of House Bill 4949. And on that Motion, Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Madam Chairman. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Currie: "She will."

Breen: "And Representative, could you give us the nature of your Floor Amendment? It... it added to the existing requirements of the underlying Bill that marketing materials have a number of other, additional requirements that we would have to... they'd have to put on them?"

Speaker Currie: "I don't believe the Amendment has been adopted, Representative. The Amendment has not been adopted."

Breen: "So we're not doing the Amendment at all. We're just on the underlying Bill?"

Speaker Currie: "That's my understanding."

Breen: "We abandoned the Amendment?"

Feigenholtz: "I thought we did the Amendment? I'm sorry, I thought we did the Amendment. Is it out of Rules?"

Speaker Currie: "It's on the floor. And I asked if you wanted to go back to Second Reading. So, do you want to..."

Feigenholtz: "I'm sorry. I do."

Speaker Currie: "Clerk, if you would put the Bill back on Second Reading so that the Amendment may be offered."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4949, a Bill for an Act concerning business. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by

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Representative Feigenholtz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you. I'm sorry about that confusion. This Amendment adds steps that... and other information that on the Internet that will be taken so that there's more information for people who are looking for providers of substance abuse treatment in Illinois. It will require them to disclose that they do not have an Illinois address, that they are not licensed in the State of Illinois. And it will direct them to a link at the Department of Human Services that shows them a list of Illinois-based licensed providers in our community."

Speaker Currie: "On Amendment 1 to House Bill 4949, all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Representative Ford, are you ready with... with House Bill 5508? Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5508, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. When I think of this Bill, 5508, it reminds me of Mother Theresa. One of Mother Theresa's favorite texts in the Bible, which she often quoted to support her ministry to the poor is, Truly, I tell you. Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me. House Bill 5508 creates a new Act called the Access to Affordable, Permanent, and Supportive Housing and Services Act. Under House Bill 5508, local

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governments 'may'... 'may' assist persons experiencing homelessness living in public spaces and provide assistance towards permanent supportive housing or affordable housing in the person's desired geographic location. With that, I'll take any questions from Members of this Body."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Ford moves passage of House Bill 5508. And on that Motion, is there any discussion? Seeing no one asking for an opportunity to speak... Oh, Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Currie: "He indicates he will."

Breen: "Representative, I want to... on your Bill I see that you noted on Section 5 that it does say in Section 5(a) it says if a unit of local government determines that a person experiencing homelessness is living in a public space, the unit of government 'may' do all of the following. So I understand that's not a mandate under... under Section 5(a). Right? It uses the word 'may' not 'shall'."

Ford: "Everything is permissive in this Bill."

Breen: "Okay. But let's go to Section 5(b). It says any person receiving assistance from a unit of local government in accordance of this Act 'shall' have the right to request housing in a geographical area based on his or her ties to the community, access to services, access to ongoing employment, and access to public transportation. So... so, even though there is a 'may' used in subsection (a), there's a 'shall' used in subsection (b)."

Ford: "Yes. I mean, if someone wants to ask for help they should be able to ask for help."

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Breen: "Okay."

Ford: "That's why that's 'shall'."

Breen: "But then in subsection (c), it says a unit of local government 'shall' not require a person to vacate a public space unless adequate affordable housing, permanent housing, units are available within the unit of local government's geographic area and a permanent housing option is offered to that person. So that's a 'shall' not, right?"

Ford: "A 'shall' not."

Breen: "Right. So that's a 'shall'. And then subsection (d) a person has the right to decline any housing assessment services offered by a unit of local government in accordance with this Act. So, the person has a right. That's not a 'may'; they have a right. And then under subsection (f) it says no unit of local government shall dispose of a person's personal belongings in any manner. So I'm assuming that means in conjunction with removing someone from a public space. They 'may' not... that's a 'shall'. No unit of local government 'shall' dispose of a person's personal belongings. So those are 'shalls' in the rest of the Bill. I want to... but looking at that, in your subsection (c) it says units of local government 'shall' not require a person to vacate a public space. So that... that means if someone, say, sets up a temporary camp on a public right of way or outside a village hall, they may not be moved until the unit of local government finds that person adequate, affordable housing within the unit of local governments' geographic area and a permanent housing option is offered to that person."

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Ford: "You know, it's our goal to have a dialogue with that person that's considered homeless. And our goal is to try to connect them with housing, if possible."

Breen: "Right, but it is a mandate on local government because they can't require a person to vacate a public space..."

Ford: "Well, they..."

Breen: "...unless a permanent housing option is offered to the person."

Ford: "I don't think they have to give them a housing unit in order to... that's right. I think you're right. You can't just tell them to leave the park without offering them some sort of shelter."

Breen: "A permanent housing option."

Ford: "If the person that's homeless actually wants help from the local government."

Breen: "Right. But if they do then they have to be offered a permanent housing option. And according to subsection (b) that permanent housing option, and they have a right to request housing in a geographic area based on their ties to the community, access to services, access to ongoing employment, and access to public transportation. So I think I'm reading this correctly. Right? I haven't said anything inaccurate, have I?"

Ford: "I take... I'll let you decide whether you are speaking accurately or not."

Breen: "Okay. Fair enough. To the Bill."

Speaker Currie: "To the Bill."

Breen: "Ladies and Gentlemen, it's certainly a good idea to take care of our homeless population. The problem is this Bill

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would literally require all of our units of local government... require of them that they could not require... they couldn't let... take a person out of a public space unless they offered that person a unit of housing within the unit of local government's geographic area and a permanent housing option. And then there are lots of other options for the person to demand that that permanent housing option be within the community, be within a range of their access to services, employment, transportation. This is... you know, this is not in any way optional on the part of the local government. It is absolutely mandatory. There is no way that this could be complied with by our local units of government. It literally is a mandate on our local units of government to provide permanent housing to everyone in the geographic area. This should be a mandate of unspeakable breadth that I just... There's no funding source and just an incredible mandate on our communities. So respectfully urge a 'no' vote despite the good intentions of the Sponsor."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Currie: "He indicates he will."

Bellock: "Thank you. Okay. So, I guess my question was a follow-up, Representative Ford, on what Representative Breen was talking about. Is this a mandate on the municipalities that they 'must' find services for somebody that's on home..."

Ford: "Well, it's not a mandate that they 'must' find housing for the individual, but they must have a dialogue with the

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homeless person if the homeless person is in a public location and the local government is asking for them to move..."

Bellock: "Right."

Ford: "...from that public location. You can't just throw the homeless person out of the park without providing them with some form of shelter."

Bellock: "So, you're mandating that the municipality, if they remove the person from the park, you're mandating that they 'must' find them either shelter or services?"

Ford: "So, here we are again with... I mean, I know I don't always read things the way I'm supposed to read them."

Bellock: "Right."

Ford: "Everything in this Bill says 'may'. And so they 'may'."

Bellock: "Okay. All right. So, I just wanted to ask if the... on our analysis it says that IML was opposed, the Illinois Municipal League. Are they still opposed to the Bill?"

Ford: "I'm not sure."

Bellock: "Okay. They are. And what about DHS?"

Ford: "They are not opposed. I know they are not opposed. And they did a physical impact study and this Bill has no impact on municipalities and it also has no impact on local governments. The impact study was done."

Bellock: "Oh. Okay. And did the Department of Human Rights have concern?"

Ford: "No."

Bellock: "Okay."

Ford: "There's no opposition to my knowledge, but I think that you're right that IML is opposed."

Bellock: "IML is still opposed?"



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Ford: "Right."

Bellock: "Okay. Thank you very much, Representative."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative McDermed."

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

Speaker Currie: "Sponsor will yield."

McDermed: "Representative Ford, it looks like the local government is required to have someone who is experienced in working with homeless people in order to comply with this Act."

Ford: "Well, I think that local governments have a responsibility to the people that they are governing over. And so if they don't have someone to tend to the homeless population, then that's a poor local government."

McDermed: "So, this is an additional expense on each one of the local governments in the State of Illinois, to hire someone experienced with homelessness and placing people in homes and getting them in touch with supportive services?"

Ford: "It... an impact study was done on this Bill and there's no impact for the state. And there's no impact... financial impact for local governments because everything is permissive. I think that we have to make sure that we really look at the Bill closely and realize that this is permissive."

McDermed: "I am reading the Bill closely and that's what it says."

Ford: "That it's permissive, right?"

McDermed: "And who's going to enforce that to... how are we going to afford that?"

Ford: "Afford what?"

McDermed: "To hire a person with expertise in homelessness, job training, substance abuse, mental health, transportation, child care, and other services."

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Ford: "Those exist in local governments and this does not speak to hiring any new staff or any new departments for the local governments."

McDermed: "Well, how many units of local government are you aware of that have people with this expertise, other than the City of Chicago?"

Ford: "Well, I mean, I would like to hope that if people in their municipalities experience homeless populations that they have some form of support for people that's homeless."

McDermed: "There's one other Section that I want to ask you about. Now, let's see, it seems like people get to choose... you know, homeless people get to choose where they live. Like they get to... they get to choose which geographical area they prefer to live in. So it seems to me that municipalities not only have to look at what's offered in their area, but in the geographic area of interest to the homeless person. So not only do you have to know about your own area, but you have to know about any area that the person might be interested in."

Ford: "Homeless people will probably be homeless in an area in which they are sleeping in public places. So, the goal is to make sure..."

McDermed: "Well, how do you know that?"

Ford: "I don't know just like you don't."

McDermed: "Well, that's my point. Maybe they'd like to move entirely across the state."

Ford: "So we could pass the Bill..."

McDermed: "How are we supposed avail them of those services?"

Ford: "I mean, I don't know what to tell you. But all I can tell you is that you want to speak..."

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McDermed: "Well, it's your Bill, Representative. How are people supposed to figure out how to implement this Bill."

Ford: "My Bill... but my Bill doesn't speak about hypotheticals. My Bill speak about taking care of the homeless and making sure that..."

McDermed: "It says requests housing in a geographical area based on his or her ties to the community, access to services, access to ongoing employment, and access to public transportation. Doesn't say anything about in that municipality. So if somebody chooses to move entirely across the county, that's their right. And furthermore, they have a private right of action to demand it."

Ford: "Does... doesn't it being permissive mean anything to this Bill? What... what does it..."

McDermed: "It's by no means clear that it is entirely permissive. It seems to be very confusing as our... as my Floor Leader pointed out. And if the municipality can't figure it out, now the trial lawyers have a crack at it. May request trial by jury and court may award injunctive and declaratory relief, actual damages, reasonable attorney fees and costs. Seems to me that your Bill is setting up an entire industry of lawyers shopping for homeless people. Is this a consequence that you're intending with this Bill 'cause that's what it does?"

Ford: "No, it provides rights for homeless people. I mean, if you... you don't want to vote for the rights of the homeless people, I understand."

McDermed: "There isn't anybody else in the State of Illinois that has the right of a private attorney to move them wherever they'd like to move to. This seems to me to be a pretty

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expansive right. Entirely new ground that we're covering here."

Ford: "Well, you know what could actually happen in those municipalities. They could leave the homeless person alone that's in the park and not throw them out. And then they don't have to worry about them."

McDermed: "The one part of your Bill that I agree with is (f). No unit of local government shall dispose of a person's personal belongings in any manner. That's an excellent part of the Bill which I could completely support. The rest of it seems to be very confusing and puts our... all our units of local government in a really difficult position to know when they're complying or not complying with the law. And it opens them up to private litigation. It seems like a trial lawyer's bonanza. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Wallace."

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

Currie: "Indicates he will."

Wallace: "What is the title... the short title of this Bill?"

Ford: "The short title of the Bill creates a new Act called Access to Affordable, Permanent, and Supportive Housing and Services Act."

Wallace: "Yes. And then in subsection 1 the short title is it this Bill 'may' be cited as the Access to Affordable Permanent Housing? Well..."

Ford: "Yes, it 'may'."

Wallace: "And then if you go a little further. If we go to, oh gosh, what Section is that? I'm sorry. The next 'may' in the Act is that Section 5 Housing Services and Supports. Does it

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suggest that the unit of local government 'may' do all of the following?"

Ford: "Exactly, it says 'may' in subsection 1 and 5."

Wallace: "So this is not a Bill that is a mandate, is it?"

Ford: "Absolutely not."

Wallace: "Does the word 'shall' appear at any point?"

Ford: "Yes, at one point."

Wallace: "And what shall they do?"

Ford: "That they shall offer if they are deciding to kick them out of a public place, they 'shall' offer supportive programs."

Wallace: "And it's your contention that there are departments throughout the state in a number of municipalities that are already providing these types of services?"

Ford: "It's my hope. And also, the DHS is in support because they're going to compile a list and put on their website, as a result of this Bill, of supported programs for the homeless population."

Wallace: "And are you aware that there are a number of federal grants that municipalities may apply for to get assistance with making sure that individuals who are homeless actually have some rights afforded to them?"

Ford: "Dr. Wallace, I think that that's our goal here is to make sure that local governments have the ability to have the conversation with the homeless population and begin to think more about providing homeless population with supportive housing or permanent housing."

Wallace: "Thank you, Representative Ford. To the Bill."

Speaker Currie: "To the Bill."

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Wallace: "I do wish that as we have conversations around Bills in this chamber that we were really focused on what the Bill actually does. That we would focus on what the Bill language actually says. And that then we would weigh what our vote should be based upon fact and not hypothetical or not what we have assumed is what is in the language. The language is clear. It's a... not a very long Bill. It presents several opportunities that say that this is 'may' and we suggest, and we hope to create these rights for individuals who are extremely vulnerable. They're already homeless. They are susceptible to a number of other things whether it's physical injury, whether it's death. I mean, a number of issues. And I think that we should focus on what the Bill actually says. And when you read what this Bill actually says about what units of government 'may' provide and then should they decide to intervene with that person, it just gives a little clearer definition of the type of assessment that should occur so that referral and connection can happen. It's not suggesting that the city or municipality become the case managers of these individuals and fully provide every single thing from step a to step z. It's saying connect this individual or these families, because we have a number of homeless families on the streets throughout the State of Illinois, connect them with the services that can help them give stability... or get stability. So let's just be, you know, clear about what we're voting on. This is a good Bill. And I encourage an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Currie: "Members, a lot of us have a lot to say on House Bill 5508, so I'm going to use the prerogative of the Chair to use the five-minute timer. Representative Keith Wheeler."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Currie: "Indeed."

Wheeler, K.: "Does this Bill preempt Home Rule?"

Speaker Currie: "We'll check that out and get back to you."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you. And then finally should this Bill receive the requisite votes, I request a verification."

Speaker Currie: "We'll make note of that. Thank you very much."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Fortner."

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

Speaker Currie: "Indicates he will."

Fortner: "Representative, I want to take the case that... so this is certainly policy in some municipalities where I represent and what might happen in this case, should your Bill become law. So I want to try and be specific and see how... make sure I understand what might happen here. So if I consider a municipality whose policy if they encounter let's say a homeless person sets up residence in a public park, and it's that municipality's policy currently to ask them to leave... require them to leave and say, well, if we need to we will take you to a shelter. We'll take you to a shelter. Would that be permissible under what you're doing with this Bill?"

Ford: "Well, certainly. Because it says access to affordable, permanent, and supportive housing services, which could be a shelter."

Fortner: "Is a shelter a permanent housing?"

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Ford: "Well, you know, that's a tough one to say. I would say that for some people it is."

Fortner: "Most of the shelters I know do... are not considered permanent housing, nor do they try to be permanent housing. They offer shelter to people who are homeless to act as a transition and keep them safe and secure. So, certainly, I would not think of a shelter as permanent housing. And I'm looking at specific language on page 2 in Section (c). It specifically says that you cannot require the person to vacate the public space unless, I'm going to skip a little bit, and a permanent housing option is offered to that purpose. And I mean, from what you were saying before, where you would count a shelter, I mean, I would understand that. But what the language actually says in that last part of Section (c) is it says you have to offer a permanent housing option. So a community that's doing its part and saying, hey, we're going to get you to a shelter so that you can get a place to spend overnight, access to food. If that's not a permanent housing situation, the shelters I know typically are not permanent housing, I could not use that as my offer to the homeless person. What am I reading wrong here, Representative?"

Ford: "I think you're reading everything properly."

Fortner: "I'm sorry. Could you..."

Ford: "Do you want me to say it twice?"

Fortner: "Yes, please."

Ford: "You're reading everything properly."

Fortner: "Would you like me... Okay. I will quote directly from the Bill. A unit of local..."



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Ford: "I've already told you that you're reading it accurately, properly. You're right."

Fortner: "Okay. I'm right. I'm sorry. That's the word. So I could not offer a shelter then is what this Bill would have... would provide if that shelter is not permanent housing."

Ford: "Well, it's still permissive, once again. It is a you 'may'."

Fortner: "No. I understand that other part of the Bill. I'm not talking about the part of the Bill where it says you 'may'. I'm talking about the part of the Bill that says a unit of local government 'shall' not require a person to vacate a public space unless permanent housing option is offered to that person. So that means that I cannot ask that person to leave the park unless I have permanent housing. A shelter would not be sufficient for just that one Section. I understand there are other Sections that are permissive. I agree that there are plenty of other Sections that are permissive."

Ford: "So, it..."

Fortner: "But this... but this particular piece..."

Ford: "You know, I think that that's something that I can hear you and that's something that I'm willing to amend in the Senate."

Fortner: "Well..."

Ford: "I appreciate that. I don't like the Amendment. But I would gladly amend the Bill in the Senate if that gains your vote to say that a shelter can be offered instead of permanent housing as the 'shall'."

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Fortner: "Well, I'm going to listen to more other debate. I'm sure there are other speakers who would like to ask. I appreciate that. I just think things like that need to have been worked out because that's a pretty significant issue. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Jones. The five-minute timer will be on."

Jones: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Currie: "He indicates he will."

Jones: "Representative Ford, there's been some debate about this Bill and some of the requirements. So, I only have five minutes. Let me go through this. There were fiscal notes filed on this Bill, correct?"

Ford: "Correct."

Jones: "And do you know the results of those fiscal notes?"

Ford: "The notes were returned for the state fiscal note and there would be no impact. And for the state mandated fiscal, there is no impact."

Jones: "Okay."

Ford: "It states that it would not require a unit of local government to establish, expand, or modify activities in such a way at all to deal with the issue."

Jones: "So the talk that this will impact local governments is... is it incorrect in your opinion?"

Ford: "You know, yes. It's very incorrect."

Jones: "Are you... had any discussions with the IML regarding this Bill?"

Ford: "No."

Jones: "Has the IML approached you at all regarding this Bill?"

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Ford: "They've only approached Members to ask them to vote against it. I have not heard from anyone to work with me to try to make it more palatable for them to accept."

Jones: "And to your knowledge, IML doesn't write statutes. They don't write ordinances. They don't apply for ordinances to local municipalities. They don't do that, correct?"

Ford: "That's correct."

Jones: "And with them not approaching you, do you think that's a fair assessment of your Bill?"

Ford: "It's not."

Jones: "Are you aware that the... there are also homeless school children that go to local schools? Have you contacted any of the schools? Have they weighed in on your Bill?"

Ford: "Yes. There are... I'm aware, yes."

Jones: "What about the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless? Have you been in discussions with them regarding your Bill?"

Ford: "Chicago Coalition for the Homeless? Yes. They helped with the language of this Bill."

Jones: "Would it shock you that in 2017, that we had 32 thousand people... estimated 32 thousand people who are homeless?"

Ford: "It's shocking and it's inhumane."

Jones: "Okay. Now what would your Bill... since there's no fiscal impact on your Bill, do you feel like local municipalities since they collect taxes from the local residents that they have an obligation to consider this and put this in ordinance form and support this type of measure?"

Ford: "You know, I would think so."

Jones: "Okay. To the Bill."

Speaker Currie: "To the Bill."

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Jones: "I pray to God that no one in this room ever becomes homeless. We have over 32 thousand... 38 thousand homeless people in our society. And for years, our society has treated homeless people like they're less than human. Representative Ford's Bill simply says it gives them the right to have something in their community, even if they're sleeping in their car, they're in a local McDonald's. The right to feel like they're part of our society. I support this Bill and I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Ammons. Five-minute timer will be on."

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

Speaker Currie: "The Sponsor will yield."

Ammons: "Thank you. I'm listening to the debate, Representative, and I'm a... I just wanted to clarify what you are attempting to do with this piece of legislation."

Ford: "What I'm attempting to do with this legislation is simply create a new Act called Access to Affordable, Permanent, and Supportive Housing and Services Act."

Ammons: "So under this legislation, how would that be done without resources from local community? Does that provide any kind of direction to local communities to make... meet this Act?"

Ford: "No."

Ammons: "And so, have we seen... and I have experienced some things of homelessness in our community. Would this preclude municipalities from working with already existing organizations that address homelessness in those communities?"

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Ford: "Absolutely not. And that's what this is all about. Bringing the organizations together to help the homeless in those communities including the Department of Human Services will be working with local municipalities to provide information about resources that may be available."

Ammons: "So, in that description, it's to your intent to not make this a mandate but to bring this to the attention, certainly, of the Legislature and ultimately the local governments to put in steps and instruments to help the homeless in our state?"

Ford: "That's accurate."

Ammons: "Thank you for responding to my questions. To the Bill."

Speaker Currie: "To the Bill."

Ammons: "One of the most difficult things that people experience is people who live check to check can become homeless overnight. We've seen the growth of homeless children. In my district, we have a number of children who are registered as homeless that attend our school districts, whose families are struggling day to day just to simply find somewhere to live each night and get that child back to school. I think this is an important initiative and really should be a statement of principle of the State of Illinois that says we care about what happens to our citizens. And when they are at risk of becoming homeless, we want to make sure that the municipalities, where the direct service work can take place, can ensure that those families have resources to use and to prevent homelessness at every cost. And where it does exist, that we provide dignity for those who are struggling with

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homelessness. And I urge an 'aye' vote from the Members of this General Assembly."

Speaker Currie: "For the record, the parliamentarian assures that this is not a preemption of Home Rule, in response to Representative Wheeler's question. Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler, K.: "I just want to clarify then that the vote total remains on 60 votes on this Bill then, correct?"

Speaker Currie: "It will require 60 votes."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative David... Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Currie: "Sponsor will yield."

Davidsmeyer: "So we've gone back and forth on this on whether it's a mandate or not a mandate. You know, some people have said it is. Some people have said it isn't. I believe this is a mandate on not just municipalities, but local forms of government. When we were talking earlier, you said that you received information back that this has no fiscal impact on anybody?"

Ford: "Yes. I'm sure your system tells you the same."

Davidsmeyer: "Now, where did you get that information from?"

Ford: "Wherever those impact studies come from that you receive and I receive, I got it."

Davidsmeyer: "I... was there a department that sent the response back? Was there... I mean, somebody has to..."

Ford: "So, the fiscal note..."

Davidsmeyer: "It has to have somebody's name on it."

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Ford: "...the Department of Human Services presented the impact study."

Daidsmeyer: "Did they contact the municipal governments to see if this would have any impact... these requirements would have any impact?"

Ford: "I don't know."

Daidsmeyer: "Okay. I assume they did not. So..."

Ford: "I'll remember that question. That's a good question always, right?"

Daidsmeyer: "Oh, yeah."

Ford: "Did they contact every municipality to ask each municipality..."

Daidsmeyer: "Not every municipality. Just... I would assume they would at least contact the association that's actually opposed to your Bill. The reality is that this does require municipalities to do something if they take action, right? So this encourages municipalities to do nothing about a homeless population. It really does. So if you look at the way it's stated, it says, for instance, in the City of Jacksonville. Some parks close at sundown, some parks close at 10:00. So the general public would not be allowed in the park, right? If a homeless person was in that park with a tent pitched, the government couldn't step in and say I'm sorry but the park's closed, you're going to have to move along?"

Ford: "Unless..."

Daidsmeyer: "Unless they were willing to pay to take them somewhere and to pay to put them up, right? So there is a fiscal impact. There's a fiscal impact on... on having, you

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know, blight in parks and things like that. So, how can they say there's no fiscal impact?"

Ford: "How can I say it?"

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah."

Ford: "Because the note told me."

Davidsmeyer: "They told you the wrong thing because if you're going to have to hire somebody..."

Ford: "So you don't believe... you don't believe in the studies, because I notice you guys do them all the time."

Davidsmeyer: "Well, I believe the study's wrong. I can find a study that goes along with anything probably. But so how about a municipality of 200 or 300 people where the mayor is the one that's going around putting patch material in pot holes, are they going to have to have a sociologist or somebody that can come in and work with the homeless population?"

Ford: "So, what if?"

Davidsmeyer: "No, I'm just... I'm asking."

Ford: "I mean, I think this comes down to one thing."

Davidsmeyer: "Cost."

Ford: "We could talk about... we could talk about whatever you want to talk about. It's either you're for the Bill to help the homeless population, or you are against it."

Davidsmeyer: "I'm trying to make a Bill work."

Ford: "All right. Then... All right."

Davidsmeyer: "So I don't think this Bill works in its current form. So let me give you a scenario. So the... somebody decides to pitch a tent on the football field. It's Friday night, there's a football game at the local high school."

Ford: "Who owns the high school?"



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Davidsmeyer: "It's a public entity."

Ford: "Public entity, okay."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah. So you can't tell that homeless person to move along because if you do you have to provide transportation and a place for them to go."

Ford: "I mean, why would you even say that a homeless person would pitch a tent at a football field? They could pitch a tent in front of your house. And that's a private place right in their right of way."

Davidsmeyer: "And I'm allowed to say move along. It doesn't cost me anything. But if they pitch a tent at your local high school, how about that?"

Ford: "Have you ever seen that?"

Davidsmeyer: "No, but why would they not if this requires..."

Ford: "Right. It's just like... that answer..."

Davidsmeyer: "So your school district... your school district would then be in charge of covering that. What about the library board? What if somebody pitches a tent at the library?"

Ford: "What if. What if. What if. What if."

Davidsmeyer: "Then the library board would be charged with finding them transportation..."

Ford: "What if."

Davidsmeyer: "Finding them a place to live. I'm saying there are loop... there are loopholes and problems."

Ford: "You can always find a way to make something not perfect. Look, you can argue all you want. I hear you. You can come up with many different..."

Davidsmeyer: "To the Bill."

Ford: "Thank you."

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Davidsmeyer: "To the Bill, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "To the Bill."

Davidsmeyer: "This is not an anti-homeless thing. We are trying to point out problems with your Bill so that we can make it better. This requires something on local government that we are not funding. It's an unfunded mandate on all forms of local government, township, school districts, whatever it may be..."

Speaker Currie: "Do you want to bring your remarks to a close? You've exceeded your five minutes but go ahead."

Davidsmeyer: "Yes. This is an unfunded mandate and I encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Andrade."

Andrade: "Will the Sponsor yield, Madam?"

Speaker Currie: "He indicates he will."

Andrade: "I just... I'm reading the analysis here and it says that the belongings... no local government may dispose of a person's belongings in any manner. So that means, right now, they have to give notice. There's a... the City of Chicago... well, first of all, does this... does this preempt Home Rule?"

Ford: "No."

Andrade: "So this Bill would affect the City of Chicago, then?"

Ford: "Yes."

Andrade: "Okay. So if right now it's required that you have to post and then you can remove the belongings. So would this now eliminate that?"

Ford: "No."

Andrade: "So you now you can... so why does it say no local may dispose of any person's belongings in any manner?"

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Ford: "Why does it say it?"

Andrade: "Yeah. I'm just reading it and it says in any manner so."

Ford: "It's already statute. It's already in a statute in the City of Chicago right now and throughout, I believe, the state that you can't do it anyway. But you see it happening all the time."

Andrade: "But they can do it as long as they post."

Ford: "I'm not sure."

Andrade: "Here... I just..."

Ford: "But this protects so that they can't do it. There are a lot of vital..."

Andrade: "But they should be able to do it as long as they give notice. They..."

Ford: "There are a lot of vital records that individuals have and if they just trash a person's belongings, vital records, that becomes even more of a problem for us as Representatives because we have to make sure that we figure out how we're going to get their IDs, birth certificates, and Social Security cards."

Andrade: "I worked for an alderman's office for 20 years and we dealt with four or five different homeless camps in my... in the ward that I worked in. For 20 years, we've always... I've worked at offices and worked with them and tell them, listen, we're coming. We're posting. We're going to clean up the area and then we're able to maintain. You know, we've always been... so does that mean if they build a home on the highway, IDOT can no longer clean the embankment of their home?"

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Ford: "Am I looking to my left or right. Where am I at? That's a hypothetical. I have never seen a homeless person go on the highway to tent..."

Andrade: "Well, there's tons of them."

Ford: "I see it... I see it over by the... over by the 294 over by Maxwell Street."

Andrade: "They're on the... they're on the embankment."

Ford: "Yeah, they're on the embankment."

Andrade: "So IDOT would not be able to clean that anymore?"

Ford: "I think that they cannot trash their things, their belongings, absolutely not. This Bill protects that."

Andrade: "I just... I just am concerned that we're running into... we're putting into language that you can't work with them or that you're not able to clean the area."

Ford: "So I think that it's good that you bring up what can IDOT do? Because you're talking about the City of Chicago, and you're talking about IDOT that's connected with the State Department of Human Services. They should be in conjunction with the... all of the departments saying that we have a group of people here that need supportive services. We're going to go over there, let's help."

Andrade: "Sure. Their... our precinct captain, was a commissioner of human services for the City of Chicago. And we used to go over there and work with them all the time. But there are just some people on Belmont and Kedzie, they just..."

Ford: "Don't want to be moved."

Andrade: "...don't want to be moved. And we were fine with that. We worked with that. But they worked with us. We cleaned once a month. They knew that... that we're coming and there was

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whatever was in excess was disposed of. You know, they were able to help them. We helped them pick up... take their stuff. I'm just... I don't know if this ties the hands of the aldermen."

Ford: "It actually doesn't, Representative. What it really does is asks the aldermen to support the homeless population. That's it. And try to get them connected. Especially in the City of Chicago, there's a lot of support and help for people with homeless, the population."

Andrade: "All right. I don't agree with... I mean, right now we could remove and clean the stuff. I just think you just... now we have... we have..."

Ford: "That's their problem."

Andrade: "...right now we have a gentleman that's living on Kimball and Belmont. They took over the CVS and our wardship pro tem that goes in there and says... tells them, listen, we're going to come and clean next week. And just so I think this will prohibit them from even cleaning. So, all right, thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Long."

Long: "Will the speaker yield?"

Speaker Currie: "The Sponsor will yield."

Long: "The... the Sponsor, thank you. Representative, I appreciate what you're trying to do here. I understand what you're trying to do. And I commend you for what you're trying to do. But I have a couple of questions. Did you read the Bill? That's a real question. Did you read the Bill? Subsection (c), as Representative Mike Fortner brought up, a unit of local government shall not require a person to vacate a public space unless adequate affordable housing, permanent housing, and

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supportive housing units are available within the unit of local government's geographic area and a permanent housing option is offered to that person. The only problem that I find is he didn't go on and read the next subsection, which is subsection (d). A person has a right to decline any housing assessment and services offered by a unit of local government in accordance with this Act. Now, let me ask you a question. If... if on Michigan Avenue or lower Wacker, you got a homeless guy there and the City of Chicago has affordable housing for him and he offers him a place to go, does he have a right to decline to move?"

Ford: "Did you read the Bill?"

Long: "I did."

Ford: "Okay."

Long: "That's what it says to me."

Ford: "All right."

Long: "Okay. So what you're doing is your strapping the city's hands. They can't force this guy to move. Is that correct? So this guy could sit there and stay all day long, wherever he's positioned at. Is that correct?"

Ford: "Read the Bill."

Long: "Okay. I just read it to you. And to go even further, with another Representative over here mentioned that... subsection (f). No unit of local government shall dispose of a person's personal belongings in any manner. So not only can the city not kick him out of there, even if they have adequate place for him to live, but they can't dispose of his property either. So, in other words, you could have potentially on Michigan Avenue, right there going over the canal, the Chicago

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River, 10, 15 homeless people clouding up the street. And you can't remove them. Is that correct?"

Ford: "I can't believe you're... I mean, this is about the homeless population. And we're worried about our comfort level while we have a homeless person needing some help. And you're worried about Michigan Avenue millionaires. People that shop all the time and you're not worried about the problem that we see before us. And that's a homeless person."

Long: "No, Sir. That's not what I'm worried about."

Ford: "Sounds like it."

Long: "What I am worried about... and I told you in the beginning I liked what you're trying to do. I understand what you're trying to do. But what I've got to say is this Bill is not soup yet. This is not complete. This contradicts itself. Both (c) and (d) contradicts itself. It's... the Bill isn't done yet. Now, to the Bill, Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "To the Bill."

Long: "I got to say that I understand what the Representative is trying to do. And like Representative C.D. Davidsmeyer said, it strangleholds the municipalities and it really puts a burden upon the municipalities when they can't deal with this problem at all because a person decides, well, I don't want to go to your affordable housing that you have set up. I'm just going to camp out right here. Well, this defeats the purpose. This defeats the whole Bill. Personally, I would like Representative Ford to go ahead and bring this... you know, withdraw this Bill. But if he can't do that, I encourage a 'no' vote on this."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Ford to close."

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Ford: "Madam Speaker, I've heard the flaws of the Bill and I will withdraw the Bill to continue to work on it."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Ford withdraws the Bill. Next up is Representative Fine on Representative Gabel's Bill, House Bill 2617. Representative Fine, you want to move... House Bill 2617. You want to send that Bill back to Second Reading? Clerk, please put the Bill on Second. Are there any Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2617, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted previously. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Fine, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Amendment to the Bill and the Bill is about fertility coverage for cancer patients. It pretty much just says that... for male fertility, if it's not essential, it is not covered under this legislation. And this takes away the opposition."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Fine moves the passage of Floor Amendment 2 on House Bill 2617. All in favor say 'aye'... Oh, wait a minute. Excuse me. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Then I forgot to call on people who were waiting with points of personal information. Representative Mitchell, Bill Mitchell."



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Mitchell, B.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Mitchell, B.: "In the gallery I would like to introduce, if he stand up, Mr. Dan Caulkins. Who's a constituent of mine over for the Decatur area. So, give them... you and I gave Dan a big welcome."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome indeed. Representative Hays, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hays: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Hays: "Behind me in the gallery, please stand, is Miss Illinois for 2017, Abby Foster. Abby is from Danville, Illinois, and was crowned Miss Illinois 2017 at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center. She represented Illinois in the 2018 Miss America competition in Atlantic City. She was selected as the People's Choice award and a top 15 finalist, which was broadcasted live on ABC television. Abby is earning her bachelor's degree in elementary education with a focus on kindergarten primary education at Ball State University. After completing her year as Miss Illinois, she looks forward to finishing up her degree to begin teaching in her own kindergarten classroom. She aspires one day to earn her master's in education administration to become a principal. During Abby's year of service, she will travel the State of Illinois promoting her state platform of Character Counts. A character education program designed to instill a sense of caring and respect in students as well as her personal platform of youth mentoring, Building Blocks for Success. It

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is her intent to promote just how accessible it is for everyone to become a mentor and make a positive impact on the next generation. She also serves as a goodwill ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network Hospital, the official platform of the Miss America organization. In her free time, she enjoys being outdoors, reading, and dancing. She danced at the Miss America competition and is on a dance team for the National Football League. Please give a warm Springfield welcome to Miss Illinois, Abby Foster."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome, Miss Illinois and congratulations. Representative Halpin."

Halpin: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. As you know, Members of the Assembly, today is... township officials of Illinois are in town. And I want to welcome them generally. But I also want to recognize some township officials from my district. I hope they're still in the back upstairs. From Blackhawk Township, they are a model of responsible local township government as are many of your local townships in your own districts. And I just want to wish them a welcome to Springfield and I hope you take the time to speak with any officials in here from your districts. Thank you so much."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome. Representative Welter."

Welter: "Madam Speaker, point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Welter: "Madam Speaker, up here in the Republican side of the gallery, we have with us today the Village President Gail Johnson, trustees, and the village administrator from Oswego. Myself, Representative Kifowit, Representative Batinick, and Representative Keith Wheeler all represent the Village of

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Oswego. And we'd appreciate it, if you gave them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome indeed. Representative Bourne, for what reason do you rise?"

Bourne: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like the record to reflect that it was my intention to be recorded as a 'yes' vote on House Bill 4284."

Speaker Currie: "The record will so reflect. Representative Jesiel."

Jesiel: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Jesiel: "Thank you. Also today among the visitors is township official from Zion Township. She's up in the gallery. She's a fantastic township official, energetic, very compassionate, and we're happy to have her here. Her name is Cheri Neal. She also happens to be a good friend of mine. So help me welcome Cheri to Springfield."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome indeed. Representative Breen, for what reason do you rise?"

Breen: "Point of personal privilege, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Breen: "Thank you. I'd ask the Body to please welcome my officials from Milton Township, which is the heart of DuPage County. In particular, we've got Chris LeVan, our assessor; John Monino, Gary Muehlfelt, Chris Heidorn, Yadav Nathwani. Please welcome them to Springfield."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome. Back to the Calendar. Representative Guzzardi, are you ready with House Bill 5481? Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5481, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the Body. House Bill 5481 is a follow up on the evidence-based model that we based transforming the school funding reform. One of the components of that model was pertaining to class size. And we think it's important that we get data about how schools are complying with that model. So this Bill simply requires schools to report data to the State Board of Education about class size. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Guzzardi moves do pass on House Bill 5481. Is there any discussion? Seeing none... Are you... You're not showing up here. Did you punch your button? Representative Breen."

Breen: "Madam Speaker, my speak light was on, and it was actually on live. So if there's some problem with the..."

Speaker Currie: "It is not showing up at the podium."

Breen: "Okay. Well, if someone could come over and help fix... My switch might actually be broken instead of the way that it's normally been..."

Speaker Currie: "All right. And would you like... would you like to speak on this Bill?"

Breen: "I would love to speak on this Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Feel free."

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

Speaker Currie: "The Sponsor will yield."

Breen: "Thank you. And Representative, I see in my analysis that among your opponents we've got the Statewide School

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Management Alliance, the Chicago Public Schools, ED-RED, LEND, SCOPE, and IHSDO, whomever that is. Are those still opponents to your Bill?"

Guzzardi: "Yeah. It's my understanding that those organizations have a sort of generic, blanket opposition to anything that might require them to report additional data."

Breen: "However, they... don't they already have a pretty extensive reporting requirements to the State Board of Education?"

Guzzardi: "They do. And in fact over 300 school districts already report this data voluntarily. So they're already collecting and reporting this data, so it won't be any additional effort for them. But this is, you know, again we think class size is a really critical part of the evidence-based model. And so we just want to be able to know how school districts are doing in that area."

Breen: "Now your Bill is not merely about reporting. Isn't there also another portion of it where you're instructing them to try to lower their class sizes?"

Guzzardi: "Yeah. It also sets out some goals. It's important to know that these goals, first of all, are not in any way a mandate. They're simply aspirational. And second of all, that they're less ambitious even in the goals that we laid out in the evidence-based model itself. So these are simply targets that we're suggesting the school districts consider meeting."

Breen: "Now, as well, you've set certain class size numbers in your Bill. Are those class size... are the class size numbers in your Bill the same ones in evidence-based model that we enacted early in the year?"

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Guzzardi: "No. As I just said, they're in fact less ambitious than the evidence-based model. The evidence-based model again expects us to try to meet those over the course of 10 years. And also, I just do want to remind you that these numbers are a goal. They are based on data, but they are not in any way a requirement that our school districts meet these numbers."

Breen: "And Representative, when I look at the numbers you've chosen, which is 18, 22, and 25, those look lower to me, at least in some instances than the same numbers in the evidence-based model."

Guzzardi: "I believe the numbers in the EBM are 15 for the early grades."

Breen: "I think it was 20. Might have been 15 for certain disadvantaged populations."

Guzzardi: "That's correct. That's correct."

Breen: "Right. So 20 is actually our goal for the early grades and then 25 for different grade levels, as I understood it. But again, Representative, obviously if all of these school groups thought that your Bill was meritorious, I mean, wouldn't... wouldn't they have at least worked with you to try and fix it or did they offer you language? Or did they just say this is not worth doing?"

Guzzardi: "They didn't. Unfortunately, they.. I'm frustrated to report that they didn't offer me any language in this area. I think that we all on... you know, those groups as well, understand the importance of reducing class size. And all we want with this Bill is simply to know how districts are doing in that area. This is information again that over 300 school districts are already collecting. So it will require no

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additional work of any kind for those districts. And even the districts that aren't already collecting it, it's very minimal additional work for them."

Breen: "To the Bill."

Speaker Currie: "To the Bill."

Breen: "Ladies and Gentlemen, as much as it's... it's certainly a meritorious idea to get our class sizes to a more manageable level, we've just done legislation in this area previously. And pretty much every school district in the state is telling us we don't need this. This is not part of what we need. I see that some of the unions would like this data reported which is... certainly they can fight for that. But when all of the school districts in the state say we don't need this as an additional mandate; and we've already just regulated in this area at the end of the year, there is no need to bring this Bill to the floor today or to enact this at this time. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Olsen."

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

Speaker Currie: "The Sponsor will yield."

Olsen: "Thank you. Representative, what I'm trying to understand is the specific goals in the... that are listed in this Bill. You mentioned those are not mandatory by the 2019-20 school year. Is that correct?"

Guzzardi: "Yes. That is correct."

Olsen: "2021. 2020-2021 school year."

Guzzardi: "They're not mandatory by any school year, Representative."

Olsen: "They're not mandatory at any... at any year?"

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Guzzardi: "That's correct."

Olsen: "Now where do these numbers come from?"

Guzzardi: "These are based on national research around best practices for class size."

Olsen: "And why have you chosen to insert these in statute when they're not mandatory?"

Guzzardi: "Because we think it's important that the Legislature encourage school districts to keep a close eye on this. Our districts... As the previous speaker said, and I think he's absolutely right, we just passed really important new legislation in this area. And one of the things that we're doing is giving districts more money based on... in an effort to get them to reduce their class sizes. But so I think the important thing that this Bill does, and the reason why we need it, is to see, well, are those districts using their money in that way and what has the result been? Are we seeing a diminishment in class size? And how is that affecting academic performance?"

Olsen: "So I don't disagree with the collection of the data. Is this data on class size already collected by the state board or by the State of Illinois?"

Guzzardi: "It's not collected by the state board. There's a tool called ED-360, I believe is the name of the tool. And it's a voluntary tool by which districts can report this information. And over 300 school districts already do this reporting, which leads me to believe that it's not going to require any additional work for those districts. But this is already being done voluntarily by a lot of the districts in our state."



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Olsen: "So..."

Guzzardi: "But we want to... I'm sorry just to finish the answer. We want to centralized database where all that information can exist for every school in every district."

Olsen: "So, no, I understand that and I appreciate that. I actually... I support that. I remain... I support the collection of the data. I remain concerned about the insertion of these specific class size goals in statute when they're not required. And of course, we continue to, you know, better understand educational philosophy and research and there continues to be more and more research. I worry that you... these goals... setting these goals out in statute that these goals will become obsolete. And so I remain concerned about that. I do support the idea of collection of data. Thank you for the answers to my questions."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to... I see two young... three young people walking right up the main aisle and I think of them. And the teacher that taught right across the hall from me did her master's thesis on class size. And there's research all over the place that the single most important factor in a child's success in life is based on class size. So I can't understand any reason why the more data and information we can find out on this, the better off we would be. I'm not saying that any certain school right now isn't doing what they should do, but for the future we just want to make sure that they know, especially with the changes in our school funding, we want to make sure that the money is

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going to a small class size because that's what can truly make a difference. I strongly urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Guzzardi to close."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you to the... my colleagues for the robust debate. Again, the reason for these goals not being mandatory is we wanted to be very careful about not imposing new mandates on our school district. I know that's been a subject of a lot of discussion in this chamber. Again, so this Bill does not impose a new mandate. It simply gives us a target for where we want to go and asks for some reporting to make sure we're moving toward those goals. I think we all agree that smaller class sizes will lead to benefits for our students. We want to make sure that our state is heading down the right track. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Guzzardi moves do pass on House Bill 5481 and on that, all who are in favor vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk... Guzzardi, have you voted? Good job. Clerk, please take the record. On this measure, there are 65 voting 'aye', 45 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the appropriate Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lang in the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "House Bill 5627, Mr. Bennett. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5627, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bennett."

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Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. House Bill 5627 is a broad attempt to address the teacher and the substitute teacher shortage facing school districts across Illinois. It does a number of things. One, it provides for the full reciprocity of out-of-state applicants for a Professional Educator License, the PEL. And this allows out-of-state licensed educators to teach in Illinois without meeting additional state requirements. Second thing, it amends the Pension Code to provide that a retired educator may work in a school district, beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30 of 2020, a hundred and twenty paid days or 600 paid school... or paid hours in each school year. But not more than 100 paid days in the same classroom without infringing on our pension benefits. So this allows retired educators to substitute teach in the classroom 20 more days than currently allowed by law. I've heard from my superintendents that the best substitute teacher is a retired teacher. We're trying to help school districts and address the teacher shortage by allowing highly qualified individuals to sub for an additional 20 days. There's a certain amount of post retirement work that's allowable by the IRS. And the next thing it does, it also establishes a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License. Applicants must hold an associate's degree or have completed at least 60 credit hours from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. These individuals would also need to complete training as well. And then the next point, it's an individual holding a short-term substitute teaching license may teach no more than 5 consecutive days per licensed teacher who's under contract. This is supported by the Illinois State Board of Education,

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the Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance, the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education. It's supported by ED-RED, the Legislative Education Network of DuPage, South Cooperative Organization for Public Education, and the Illinois High School District Organization. The Illinois Federation of Teachers is neutral. And so is the IEA. The IEA is also neutral as well. And if I may say, I need to also thank Representative Rita Mayfield for her leadership in the committee and the discussions and there were a number of things that... and they would bring things together. So we appreciate a lot of hard work over a period of time to get us to this point. I think this is going to help address the crisis mode that we have for substitute teachers and full-time."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. I just want to commend the Sponsor on this Bill. It is an absolutely fabulous Bill. A lot of work went into putting this Bill together. It is totally an agreed upon Bill. We had several subject matter hearings, several conference calls, we brought all of the stakeholders to the table, asked them what, you know, can they live with as far as this Bill. I'm just going to say this Bill is so good that Representative Bennett should be sitting on this side of the aisle. You know, it is truly a good Bill and I recommend everybody please vote 'yes'. This is a really good solution that will help us get some teachers in the classroom this fall. It is not a permanent solution to our problem. We're still working on more long-term issues for our teachers,

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but this is a really good step in the right direction. So please vote 'yes'."

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 take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5690, Mr. Halpin. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5690, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Halpin."

Halpin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5690 amends a law from back in 1909 involving a parcel of land in Kaskaskia Commons, which the Illinois Treasurer currently serves as the trustee. So what this Bill does, it would relieve the Treasurer's Office from this duty and transfer the parcel to the Kaskaskia Island Drainage and Levy District. It saves the Treasurer's Office time, which saves the state money. It passed unanimously through committee. I know of no opposition and would ask for 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 voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mayfield. Please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4799, Representative Harper. Representative Harper. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4799, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Bill 4799, which would create biking and walking education in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "And Representative, would you just give us a little more about what your Bill would do particularly with local school districts?"

Harper: "I'm sorry can you repeat that for me, please?"

Breen: "If you'd just give us a little more insight on what your Bill is going to do in relation to local school districts?"

Harper: "Sure. It just simply adds biking and walking education to our current safety education curriculum. And... and it's just a policy that school boards may adopt. It does not require creating or adding to existing curriculum."

Breen: "And if you would as well, give us some of the insight on the issues that we we're having with safety in terms of biking and walking."

Harper: "Sure. The Illinois Department of Transportation crash data shows that five children are involved in crashes within a mile of school every day. And so what this Bill is doing is simply asking school boards to develop a policy, a plan to instruct students on bike and pedestrian safety as already included in the Illinois learning standards."

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Breen: "And then just... if you would give us an insight, too, on the opponents. Are the opponents still opposed after the Floor Amendment or are have they backed off?"

Harper: "Our Floor Amendment removed all opposition to the Bill."

Breen: "Okay. So, even ED-RED has pulled off as an opponent?"

Harper: "No opposition whatsoever."

Breen: "Well, that's great. Okay. Thank you for the answers to my questions."

Harper: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Pritchard."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "Representative, I know we're always concerned about mandates and the impact on teachers, as well as on the finances of school districts. How would this Bill affect those concerns?"

Harper: "You're saying how will this Bill affect the finances of teachers?"

Pritchard: "No. The finances of the school district and the demands that we place upon teachers."

Harper: "We do not believe that this Bill will put any extra demands upon the school district because the board can choose to provide whatever they wish in lieu of this bike and pedestrian education. Something as simple as showing a video to the class or a special worksheet. It does not require any extra effort I think or money on the part of the teachers to be able to fulfill this requirement. And they can fill it as simply or as... as simply as they wish."

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Pritchard: "So in education, we're always concerned about... with best practices and looking at research. Is there any research that suggests the simple elements that you just mentioned are going to be effective?"

Harper: "I think that all... that any research suggests when people are more educated about an issue then that changes their behavior. And then the behavior that we're trying to affect here is the way kids... the way kids are unsafely biking and walking. And so we want them to have more education around that. And I think that if they do, it will lead to perhaps less crashes and less accidents involving children, right? Because again, our data shows that five children are involved in a crash within a mile of school every day. So whether these children, if they are biking to school, or whether they are walking to school, if we just put a little bit of extra attention on that subject in whatever way that each school board decides to, I think that will train the students on the proper, you know, the proper way to act when in traffic when biking and walking."

Pritchard: "Well, I hope... I hope you're right. And I hope the data in future years will substantiate what you're hoping for and what you're trying to do with this. I would just encourage you, since you're very passionate about this issue, to keep monitoring and to report back to this Legislative Body in the future with what you're finding from these particular efforts."

Harper: "Thank you."

Pritchard: "I applaud what you're trying to do. And I hope that it makes our children safer."



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Harper: "Thank you. I appreciate that."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Riley: "Representative Harper, a few years ago we passed some legislation dealing with a concept called complete streets. You might not have been here. But a lot of municipalities in the design features of that municipality take in consideration that streets should be safe, accessible, so on and so forth. In many municipalities all over the country have taken that on. And part of that has to do with bike paths, biking, safe biking, safe pedestrian ways, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. So providing for what you're trying to do I think is integral and apropos to the very kinds of ordinances regarding access and safety that municipalities have already come up with. So this is nothing controversial. Matter of fact, you're talking about the schools. The schools in fact have, you know, bike stands for the children coming, you know to school by way of... by way of bike. So I just don't see anything that you're talking about being controversial, a mandate, new, or whatever else, whatever other, you know, euphemism we can come up with. I think it's integral to a community and community safety. So, I commend you on your Bill and I would ask that everybody to vote 'aye'."

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. Chapa LaVia. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 96 voting 'yes', 13 voting 'no'. And this Bill,

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having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair recognizes Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed, Sir."

Durkin: "Last night was the fifth annual Diabetes Caucus Bowl-a-thon. And I'm also... it was a great event. But I'm also pleased to say for the fifth year in a row my team was successful on winning the competition. Apparently, we have some really good bowlers in our crew. Some people suggest they're ringers, I will just say it was just good luck. But Wayne Padget over here who bowls... how many perfect games have you had in your life? A couple. And your girlfriend who bowled with us? Thirty perfect games. So, anyway, the... the ringers. But anyway, I just want to say that thank you for all losing last night to us I appreciate it. But more importantly the purpose of the caucus since we started was to be able to raise money for Type 1 diabetes children, helping them manage and to find the best resources for them. Over the last couple years, we've raised over \$50 thousand and we have not used that money yet. But I'm proud to say that we are awarding 40 scholarships to young Type 1 juvenile diabetics who will be able to participate in the American Diabetes Association overnight camp. And let me tell you why that's important. I'm the father of a juvenile diabetic and it's a very, very emotional and it's a very difficult type of life for the family but also more so for the children. It's 24/7. There is no vacation from Type 1 diabetes. I'm very proud of my daughter. And one thing that... 'cause she works very hard and she's growing up much sooner than she should but most of these kids when I

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meet them they have grown up much, they take on great responsibilities. But one of the great joys of her life was when seven years ago we placed her on the overnight camp up with the ADA. This is the first time that kids realize that they're not alone. 'Cause when you're... when you first are diagnosed and you're told you're a Type 1 diabetic you don't know a lot of people that have that. And they... it's a very, very difficult process for these young kids because there's not a lot of kids in school that have it, maybe some schools do. But this is an opportunity for my daughter to meet with 100 other kids throughout the State of Illinois who have Type 1. And they've developed their own family. It's seven days up at... up in Volo, Illinois. But just as important, it gives the parents peace of mind for the first time since your child's been diagnosed that, one, I can leave my children with someone else, a health professional that's going to take the greatest care of them. But parents need a break, too. And I'm very fortunate because I can afford out of my pocket to send my daughter to this camp, but I know that there's many families in... under privileged families, low-income families who don't have this benefit. So what we've done through this bowling event over the past five years is produce a magnificent opportunity for these families to be able to get a break but also to make sure their children can avail themselves to other kids who are struggling... but... maybe not so much struggling but it gives them hope that there is... there's a world of opportunity for them and they are... like I said, my daughter has been able to develop a new family and I want every other child who has been diagnosed who has not had this opportunity

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to feel the same type of joy that my daughter does and because of our efforts we're going to do that. Thank you everybody."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Leader. Mr. Demmer. Mr. Demmer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Demmer: "Mr. Speaker, I know today we are running through quite a list of Bills, we've got a lot on the Calendar, but there's something that's I think notably missing from the Calendar from our legislative action here on the floor. Over the course of the last several years, we've had quite a few proposals that have been offered to put a measure on a ballot that would let Illinoisans across the state weigh in on term limits. Leader Durkin just introduced House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 47 that is stuck in the Rules Committee. And this is not just a one side of the aisle or the other side proposal, in fact over the last couple of years there have been 12 proposals, by both Republicans and Democrats, to enact various forms of term limits. I know this an issue that many of us hear from... from constituents on a regular basis. Polling has been conducted across the state suggests that as much as 80 percent of voters in Illinois support term limits. Again, we all might have different thoughts about what the right solution is whether there should be term limits on one category of offices or another, whether there should be... what length is appropriate. But I think it's important that we, as Legislative Body, recognize that there are some things that were unlikely to pass as legislation, things that effect the composition of our own Body is not likely to pass as standard legislation. And that's why the

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opportunity exists for us to send Constitutional Amendment questions to the ballot. So I encourage Members on both sides who have heard from constituents in the past on these issues, folks who have introduced your own solutions for questions of term limits, people who have cosponsored those or heard from advocacy groups in your community on those issues, I encourage you to stand together and find any of the 12 different bipartisan proposals that have been suggested and let's show that there is support in the Legislature to empower the people of the State of Illinois to weigh in on this important question. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Butler."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Butler: "I would just like to add to Leader Durkin's comments about last night's Diabetes Caucus bowling event. You know, Representative Davis and I get to be the cochairs of the Caucus here in the House, but it's really the folks that... the people behind the scenes that do all the work to get it organized. So people like Jamie Oldani from Eli Lilly and Lauren Messmore from our staff on the Republican side do all the work to get it together. We get to have a good time with the bowling event. I don't know how Will won the shirt contest again, especially since Jones had the wrong shirt on about the Cancer Caucus, but we'll... we'll bypass that a little bit for this year. The star... the star of the show last night was a young man actually from New Berlin right down the road here in Sangamon County, Jack Heperley, 8th grader who told us his story about attending camps and he really did a great job.

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And when I ask Jack how long he's going to be in school he's in until May 31, I said we're going to get you out of school for the day and bring you to the House to introduce you to the rest of the House Members. It was a great story that he told. So great event last night. I appreciate Representative Davis all the work that he has done, everybody that turned last night. I will say to the Leader, and to the ringers that he brings in, I think as cochairs prerogative next year we might institute a draft instead of being able to pick your own team so maybe we can break up the championships that we have here. So thanks to everyone who supported us last night."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Spain."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Spain: "Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House we just heard a speaker a moment ago talk about the opportunity before us considering Constitutional Amendments. And that's an important discussion because the deadline is looming large for consideration of those Amendments. The deadline is Friday and the previous speaker brought up an important topic related to term limits and I certainly think that's important, I think voters should have an ability to weigh in on that topic. But one that's even more important, at least to me and I think to many of my colleagues in the House, is the idea of redistricting. And as we approach the 2020 census, as we approach the opportunity to think about the redistricting process in Illinois, many, many of our constituents feel that the process is broken and has not led us to the type of

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responsible, collaborative, cooperating government that the people of Illinois deserve. I have introduced a Constitutional Amendment, House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 43. It would create an independent commission to lead the process for redistricting for the State of Illinois following the 2020 census. This is a tall order, but we know that there's support for this work. Just two years ago, nearly 600 thousand Illinois citizens, voters, signed the petition to put this item on the ballot. And while that effort was not successful, the intensity of that interest in changing how we go through the process for redistricting continues to persevere. The opportunity is now with our Legislature to step up and move this item forward. It can be done. It was done in this chamber two years ago when former Member Jack Franks carried a Resolution that received 105 'yes' votes in this chamber to do exactly the type of thing that has been proposed now. So, Mr. Speaker, I urge you, I urge this Body to take up this important issue. Let's discharge redistricting reform from the Rules Committee. This Bill has sat for two months in House Rules Committee. Two years ago, former Representative Franks, galvanized movement on this issue within a two-week period. We need to see action on this issue. We need to have a vote on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, not to necessarily belabor the previous... one of the previous speakers, Representative Butler, about our effort last night, but I do want to personally thank all the Members that came out to either just

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show your support for the bowling event or participate in the bowling. And I really want to thank Representative Mayfield for her 100 that she bowled. Ladies and Gentlemen, give her a round of applause. She boasted about her 78 average and then she came with 100. I'm real proud of that. As well as Representative Jones who is saving his shirts for another event to come up at some point in the future. We appreciate that as well. But more importantly, obviously to Representative Butler for his efforts to galvanize us at this event in order to raise money. And as Leader Durkin talked about using some of these resources to support low-income children going to diabetes camp, as... let me just emphasize that. So if you know young people in your respective districts who are suffering from Type 1 diabetes, this camp is supposed to help, as he indicated... you know, let them have an opportunity to be amongst other children who are dealing with same types of illnesses and situations that they're in. But he also emphasized that this money would be used to help low-income children, children of color, children all throughout the state who are in those communities. So, again, if you know children in your districts, let's bring those names forward so the foundation can consider giving them the opportunity to participate in this camp. And then furthermore the resources that are raised here today, you know, we want to use them for diabetes education across the board so that includes Type 2 diabetes. Giving our communities an opportunity possibly through small grants and that's something that we have to talk about in terms of how we're going to utilize these resources, but maybe there are



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opportunities with regard to providing FQHCs or other entities in our district, community-based organizations who have the interest in providing more information about diabetes, whether it's Type 1 or Type 2, and giving them a little resource to help push some educational materials out in our district. So, again, the future of this foundation is very bright, Ladies and Gentlemen. And it will continue to be brighter as long as we continue to have events like that and you continue to support the foundations bowling event or anything else that we decide to do relative to raising money. But this is something for all of us to be able to take advantage of. And we encourage you to start putting thought into how we can utilize these resources to better educate our districts and our communities. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Jones."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead, Sir."

Jones: "My name was used twice incorrectly. Although the shirts on the back of our team was wrong, we were there for the right reason. We have... so let me stand to thank team Bad Ass that bowled last night; Representative Thapedi, Representative Mayfield, Representative Kifowit, Representative Mah, Superman, which we call Rick Colts from Ameren... am I forgetting anyone? And Representative... I think I mentioned Representative Kifowit. We are formerly lodging a complaint. We don't feel that Representative... I won't say his name, but it's a Representative that looks like me. We don't feel that

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Representative... that Representative is duly awarded award for shirt that may have been two years ago. So we are lodging a complaint with the association 'cause we don't feel that that award is proper. But I do... we had the best shirts. I do want to thank Representative Butler and Representative... Leader Durkin and Representative Davis. Many of you know that my brother died from Type 2 diabetes last year and it was... it was hard on me and my family. To look at my brother in the hospital bed, and some of the things that he went through, and the things that he told me in the hospital bed. This time last year, May 12 of 2017. So our shirts not only was a memory towards him, but I believe in this foundation. We were there for the right reason and I'm looking forward to being a part of the Diabetes Caucus Foundation for a long time to come. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams."

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

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed."

Williams: "Excited to announce that tomorrow is the Environmental Lobby Day. Tonight there's a reception at the Illinois Museum from 5:30 to 7:30 where you can see all the advocates for our environment. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Bellock: "I'd like to ask everybody to welcome Cheryl Meyer from Advocate Health Care on Hospice Providers and all the coalition of providers that are with them in the gallery up

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on the Democratic side. They're visiting us today and advocating for their issues. So could we give them a round of... oh, there they are."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thanks for joining us. Thank you, Representative. House Bill 4583, Mr. Halbrook."

Speaker Lang: "Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4583, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Halbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Amendment to HB4583 was drafted as a result of questions and concerns of Members in this chamber during the debate on Friday. I've done to my best to communicate with the Members about this Amendment. I believe for the most part we have an agreement and have addressed their concerns, thus removing or reducing their opposition. The Amendment adopted on a previous day reinstates a previous stricken provision as one line to address the invalidation of action take during the meeting due to failure to post unless it was a result of a bad faith effort on the part of the public body. And lastly insert the ability for the prevailing party to be awarded attorney's fees to be determined by the court. This is the exact same language as in FOIA. I know of no opposition from the chamber and I appreciate a positive vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I just want to verify for the record, and thank the Representative, for working with us on the objections that we had to the Bill. As

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a result, he did address both of the concerns that I raised and I appreciate that very much. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Rita, Chapa LaVia. Please take the record. There are 108 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5683, Mr. McAuliffe. Mr. McAuliffe. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5683, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5583 (sic-5683) provides that a nonveteran spouse and a veteran spouse have the same privileges to enter a veteran's home. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Before we proceed, we're joined by two former Members of the House, Randy Ramey and Dennis Reboletti, up here on the Republican side. I'm not sure they really deserve applause. 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? Rita. 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 4340, Representative Wheeler. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4340, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Wheeler with a W."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you very much. House Bill 4340 expands where the human trafficking notification needs to be and it also changes enforcement to local law enforcement and regulating departments. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please 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 4658, Representative Manley. Please read the Bill. I understand you have a Floor Amendment, Representative. We will place this Bill on the Order of Second Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4658, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Manley, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Manley."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The House Floor Amendment 1... excuse me... removes the requirement of school boards to have the policy which identifies and addresses mental health issues. We worked with the School Management Alliance and removed their concerns with changing it with this Amendment."

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."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4757, Representative Williams. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4757, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill simply provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity can withhold 3 percent of funds from the Tourism Promotion Fund... excuse me, I have the wrong fund... from the Local Tourism Funds which go directly to communities rather than the 10 percent that was withheld this year. Thanks to an Amendment we did, this Bill is now agreed with the department. And I'm happy to answer any questions."

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? Harper. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2717, Mr. Welch. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2717, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2717 is a Bill that I've been working on for a couple of years. We have tried to address most of the concerns of the opposition in the Bill. We were not able to address all of their concerns because we're at a point of just agreeing to disagree. House Bill 2717 is a Bill that actually helps local communities. Local

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governments around Illinois save taxpayer money by hiring outside professionals as lawyers, accountants and to help ensure our local tax dollars are collected properly. This Bill would give local governments an additional tool to make sure they are receiving the proper amounts of money from the Department of Revenue submitted by their local businesses. This Bill would make sure local governments can do this in a noncriminal manner. Taxpayer data will be handled more carefully and securely. Contingency arrangements will ensure that local municipalities won't have to pay a dime unless the consultants find revenue not being collected properly. I got involved in this legislation when all of the mayors and communities that I represent signed a letter asking that this be a tool that they be allowed to have. Also the West Central Municipal Conference, an organization that I am very active with, made up of most of my municipalities and then some, are large supporters of this Bill. So, too, are other local government COGs across the state. This is a tool that would help your local community, not hurt it. Issues of confidentiality are specifically addressed in the Bill and would make it better, under the Bill, than it is under current law. I would ask for support of House Bill 2717. I ask Members to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Representative, I have had a lot of input on this measure of yours and I just want to make sure that I have the opposition to your measure correct. It's the Retail Merchants

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Association, the Taxpayer Federation of Illinois, the Illinois CPA Society, the Illinois Manufacturers Association, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association, the Illinois Association of Convenience Stores. Are there more opponents besides these?"

Welch: "Are there more opponents, you said?"

Breen: "Opponents."

Welch: "There may be."

Breen: "What's that?"

Welch: "There may be. There's..."

Breen: "Fair enough."

Welch: "...there's a lot of opponents to the Bill."

Breen: "Now in your Bill, you're changing existing law that makes it a crime to share this confidential sales data. What controls are there on the sales data sharing under your Bill as against existing law?"

Welch: "Representative, let me... let me answer that question first by telling you what the situation is under current law. Under current Law the Department of Revenue is sending in the U.S. Mail a CD-ROM directed to mayor's attention in the local municipalities. And as you know, many mayors are part-time, they have full-time jobs. And these CD-ROMs are sitting on their desk, anyone who goes in and out of their office have access to them. This Bill would stop that practice. We would go to a secure system where it would be encrypted on a website with secure passwords. The Bill specifically calls for confidentiality agreements to be entered into between the



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municipality and the third party consultants before they would be allowed access to this information. If this third party were to release this information accidentally, intentionally, they, not your local mayor, would be subject to possible prosecution for committing a misdemeanor. And they could also be fined up to \$7500. I hope that answered your question."

Breen: "But under your Bill, what... what's the protection of the data by the third parties? What... how is that controlled and where in your Bill is that controlled?"

Welch: "Ask me that question one more time."

Breen: "So how is the data... the confidentiality of that data protected in your Bill? Where is that in your Bill?"

Welch: "So if you go to page 5, I believe in the Bill there's information about the confidentiality agreement that must be entered into and that incidental or inadvertent disclosure of such information to an employee of a county or municipality or to a public official representing that county or municipality in the scope of his or her employment or representation would not be a criminal offense, if they sign that confidentiality agreement. And then the Bill goes on to talk about if they were to breach that confidentiality what the penalties would be for such breach."

Breen: "And I think that's one of the... the main concerns that are being raised by the opponents is that the confidentiality information is not really being guaranteed in as robust a manner as under existing law. Whereas, instead it's controlled by a contract between the municipality and the third party. Whereas, under existing law this very highly

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confidential information is solely in the hands of the chief executive of the village, I believe one of the chief financial officers and that's it. No one else is supposed to have access to the information but this now is throwing it open without really a control that's at least some sort of a legally effective control on their dissemination of the information."

Welch: "Well, I... I completely disagree with that statement, Representative, because the language clearly indicates that a written confidentiality agreement has to be entered into between the municipality and the third party and the Department of Revenue has to sign off on it. Under existing law, this confidential data is currently being put on a CD-ROM and placed in the mail and is sitting just openly on a desk for anyone to grab it and say, let, me check out and see what's on this this CD today."

Breen: "And... here's the other thing. The third parties make their money by finding issues with the various villages sales tax collection data and so this... and then, really it looks like there's one vendor for the whole state this... this Azavar entity. It will take in all the data from all of our villages and then start comparing the various village data against the sales tax, you know, the actual inputs from the village, looking at records et cetera. What's to keep them from using one village's data against another village or in relation to another village?"

Welch: "Well, I think if you read the language it's pretty clear that the third party is entering into an agreement with a specific municipality. If these third parties start using a specific municipality's information inappropriately, they

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would be subject to the breach of the confidentiality and subject to prosecution for committing a crime. They would also be subject to fines of up to \$7,500. Under existing law, if someone were to obtain this information, you are right now telling our local mayors that they are the ones committing a crime. That's wrong. These are people who are trying to do the best for their communities under the circumstances that we make them deal with. This Bill actually improves the state of existing law."

Breen: "Well, Representative, I don't want to make our mayors into criminals, certainly not the intent..."

Welch: "If you don't want to make our mayors criminals, Representative, you should support this Bill because..."

Breen: "But why... so I have in front of me and I know it was revealed at a press conference very recently by our state's business groups that this Azavar entity appears to have been trying to skirt the law as it was. You've got the email from the Village of Glenview... well, actually, let me go to the email from the Village of Lockport instructing them on... the finance director of Lockport on how to provide Azavar with municipalities sales tax information an email saying, 'once you have the data, which will be mailed as a CD, please forward it to us and we will conduct the audit. Please do not copy us on the email as we are still working with IDOR to be able to contact them directly on behalf of our clients'. So they were... you know, I'm not blaming Lockport for committing the crime. I'm compl... I'm commit... going to blame the guys that induced them into committing the crime or Elgin or Homer Glen or Rockford for that matter. I mean, they're not showing

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any sort of a... an impetus under existing law to even follow the existing laws. How can we trust this group to follow the law if we change it to now give them direct access, which they were already trying to skirt around the law to get in the first place?"

Welch: "Representative, I can't speak for that particular company. What I do do... what I'm doing here is speaking up for my communities that I represent. And all of my mayors have signed a letter saying they would like to have this tool available to them and if they were to use one of these companies, they would like to not be considered a criminal. And I'm saying this is good policy for us because our municipalities need to have the additional tools to help them do their jobs."

Breen: "See but... but the problem is..."

Welch: "This... the attention seems to be focused on a company."

Breen: "But..."

Welch: "We need to be focused on giving our municipalities the tools that they need to do the jobs that they do for the residents that we all serve."

Breen: "It's because there appears to be a single company... and I know that your municipalities may have had a good experience with them but apparently Glenview didn't or the email that was the result of a FOIA request said as an FYI. I wasn't home, but my wife and kids were sleeping. He rang the doorbell four or five times and then called the house at least three times. He woke up everyone and frightened my wife. So, apparently, that's what this company that we're drafting this Bill to change State Law is there to do. They're a very aggressive company. They don't seem to respect our laws under

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the current standards. I know that they're politically connected. I know that and so I know that means, you know, we're going to give them a little bit of an advantage on some things here in Illinois. And I'm going to go to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, I understand our municipalities want to get a little extra money, they want to get the money that they're entitled to. That's certainly appropriate. However, the Department of Revenue today is required to provide this service to our municipalities. And when your entire business community, every single group, saying please don't take our confidential data and hand it over to a third party, especially one that's already shown a disregard for the laws of the state... and yes, I know they've given a bunch of money to a bunch of people that doesn't mean we redraft the laws just for their sole benefit. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a terrible Bill. We... I mean, there's an expression, you know, you guys do a lot of dumb things in Springfield but occasionally you might hurt people. This is one of the Bills that can hurt people. Please, please vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd like to speak to the Bill. We've had a lot of Bills and we've talked about privacy concerns and rightly so and making sure data's secure. These are times when hackers abound. We saw issues. We've had debates about election based database hacking. You may even remember last year I brought a Bill to this House due to the fact that I had been the victim of income tax fraud. That's where someone goes and hacks and gets some of your confidential tax information and uses it to file a return as if they were you.

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If there's any part of the data that we expect to be secure, it's our tax records. And that's just as true for businesses that have personally identifiable information in their tax records as we do in our personal income tax forms that many of us just filed earlier this month. The concern is that every time those records get exposed or partially exposed we invite hacking and identity theft. In the case of the Bill that we approved last year that I offered for perfectly good reasons to make a good tool the Comptroller of the state was providing clear transparent information about the exact salary information of every state employee. That turned out to be a tool that was also useful for hackers to get at personal information and steal someone's identity. We fixed that. We addressed that as we should have. So, as we're looking at that, let's look at what can happen here because every time that data changes hands that's when it is most vulnerable to someone hacking that data. Even if parties have secure databases, they're not immune to this kind of attempt to gain information and steal an identity which can be a business identity as well as a personal identity. All are vulnerable. So what we're doing here is we're adding a whole other third party layer that would have access to some of the most secure data that we, the State of Illinois, are entrusted with. Why would we do that? Well, we want to provide this extra tool. The previous speaker mentioned there are tools available. Are they the best tools? Maybe not but we have to consider the security of the data as well as the tool. In the case of putting out employee records, you said let's soften those so we don't make it so easy. Here we are going the other

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direction. We're making it easier to get data. And on top of it we can say, as the Sponsor has and I appreciate some of the language that is in the Bill to try and secure the data, that's the right thing to do, but on the other hand the entity in the contract may not be the final place it goes. What if that company that is engaged as a third party contractor ceases to exist or is bought out by another firm? We may have a level of trust with one, but how secure is that data going forward? The only thing that's really... addresses well when that data changes hands and even then we create vulnerabilities. This Bill opens the door to a ton of mischief at many levels. I don't think that risk is worth the ability to provide municipalities the extra tool. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, in your opening remarks, did I hear you say that the Northwest Municipal Conference took a position on this Bill?"

Welch: "I'm not familiar with the Northwest Municipal Conference. I was speaking of the one in my area the West Central Municipal Conference."

Harris, D.: "Okay."

Welch: "I also know of several other conferences do support it but not that specific one."

Harris, D.: "Okay. The only reason I ask is because the Northwest Municipal Conference is my governmental group in the area. Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill, if I may. Every municipality wants to get its fair share of tax revenue,

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absolutely agree. And let's say you're a small municipality and the Department of Revenue sends you... sends the mayor of that municipality this disc with a whole of bunch of information and they don't really have the staff to go through all of that information. So it might make sense to have them contract with a third party to look at the information and there is a provision for the violation of confidentiality that that third party would be... would be held liable if they violated the confidentiality. So take my town, as an example, my village. There's a large home improvement big box store, Lowe's, that sits right on the border between Arlington Heights and Rolling Meadows. Now Arlington Heights wants to make sure that they get the tax revenue from that big box store. So it would be worthwhile, if they had any question, to have somebody look at that and make sure that that Lowe's is recorded in the district or the village boundary of Arlington Heights, makes sense. Okay. However, this Bill goes a big step forward... a big step forward and I think you need... you need to look at this because the language of the Bill specifically says, and bear with me here, the third party may verify the accuracy of the amount remitted to the municipality. So now we have gone a significant step further. We're not just verifying that that Lowe's in Arlington Heights is indeed in Arlington Heights, we are now giving that third party the ability to reach back into the Department of Revenue to determine whether or not the amounts remitted to that municipality are accurate. So they no longer become an organization or an entity that simply reviews and makes sure that the location is correct and that the money is being sent



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to the right municipality. Now they can reach into the Department of Revenue to say that the money that was sent is the accurate amount of money which means... which means they need sales data. They need to know how much... how many sales were generated at that... at that retail store. That is an enormous step beyond just simply verifying the location and the retail merchants have said and offered Amendments, we will give you the geographic information, to make sure you can verify the geographic information but again look at this very closely because it's a big, big step from just verifying that the retailer is at that location and the money from that retailer is going to that location. Now that third party has the ability, under this law, to verify the accuracy of the amount being sent. That means going back to the Internal Revenue Department and saying show me the sales data. That's proprietary data; they shouldn't have it. And that alone should be a reason to vote 'no' on the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reick."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Reick: "Representative, I got a couple of questions. They may seem simplistic, but I'd like to know the process here."

Welch: "Sure."

Reick: "When the sales... when sales tax returns are filed to the Department of Revenue the information is collected and ultimately the information as to how much is collected and needs to be remitted back to municipality is then given to the municipality and these third parties verify the amounts and the locations of those businesses. Is that correct?"

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Welch: "That's correct."

Reick: "Okay. So if there is a situation where a business has either relocated, gone out of business or expanded its operations, the current process provides for that information to be given to the municipality or to this third party. Is that... is that also correct?"

Welch: "I believe that to be correct. Yes."

Reick: "Okay. Thank you. Now as the previous speaker mentioned, if we get to the point where now the... the amount by which that has been remitted to the municipality comes in to question. What is the process by which that amount is verified to the city? Who does that? How is it done?"

Welch: "It's a little loud in here, Representative. Can you repeat your question?"

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the... to the point. If a business... who's responsible for seeing the amount that is remitted from the Department of Revenue to the municipality is correct? Who... is this your third party that's doing that?"

Welch: "Well, it's the initial responsibility of the Department of Revenue. And what this Bill will allow, it will allow the third party to make sure the Department of Revenue is doing that correctly. We know the Department of Revenue makes mistakes. Several towns have already discovered this and have found hundreds of thousands of dollars of theirs sent to incorrect locations."

Reick: "Which... which brings up a point. Let's say we have a Home Depot in community A and a Home Depot in community B. And some which way these things get messed up so that the tax rev... or the tax revenue that should have gone to municipal..."

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municipality A gets sent municipality B. The correct... they've put in the correct amount of tax... they've submitted the correct amount of tax, but it's gone to the wrong municipality. At this point, under the circumstances where we have a third party examining those remittances, is that third party collecting its commission on those remittances even though the remittances in the amount are correct?"

Welch: "If they have discovered that the municipality that has retained them has... that they're owed money, that it was sent to the wrong town... so, if in one of your cities the Home Depot their money was sent to the wrong one, the town that hired them discovered this, the third party would be entitled to whatever their contingency fee is on that amount."

Reick: "So the third party... so, the only people that would be out of pocket here would be the municipality to whom the... the money was improperly reported because it would be taken away from municipality B given back to municipality A and even though Home Depot provided the right amount of money they still get their... they still get their fee, right?"

Welch: "That's correct."

Reick: "Okay. Now if you've got a situation where a munic... who initiates the process by which there's questions and some sort of requirement of validation of the amount being sent to the municipality? Who... who institutes the process by which that information is verified like pursuant to what we would understand to be an audit?"

Welch: "Well... now, keep in mind, this information is being sent to municipalities."

Reick: "I understand."

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Welch: "If a municipality hires one of these companies to go through the information that's being provided by the Department of Revenue and they discover discrepancies, the municipality would initiate the claim."

Reick: "But we don't know if it's a discrepancy, do we, because it just may be a natural fluctuations in sales, right?"

Welch: "It could be."

Reick: "So what gives rise to a suspicion that there's any kind of problem or underreporting that gives rise to the request for verification or is this a random thing that's done every once in a while just to prove the efficiency of the process?"

Welch: "One more time, Representative. Ask me that question again."

Reick: "Well, what I'm saying is, is that, okay, let's say company has vastly diminished sales in a particular quarter because of one reason or another and... or there isn't any discrepancy or a change. But how do I... who initiates the process of checking a business to say, you know, we may have a suspicion here that this guy is just kind of selling a little bit under the table and we're not collecting the tax. What gives rise to the proposition or the assumption that there's a reason to ask a question about a specific business and the tax that it remits to the State of Illinois?"

Welch: "The Department of Revenue submits information to a municipality."

Reick: "Right."

Welch: "Those municipalities know how many businesses are in their towns. They know who should be paying sales taxes. These companies who have an expertise in this area they would go

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through that information and make sure businesses are paying what they're supposed to be paying and that the towns are receiving their proper amounts."

Reick: "How do they do that, Sir? How do they know that the proper amount's being... they have to go back to the Department of Revenue and ask for individual information from a business. Is that correct?"

Welch: "They would get the information from the Department of Revenue, yes."

Reick: "So it sounds to me like the municipality is basically sitting back and waiting for this whole process to work itself out between the Department of Revenue and the third party auditor while the business and the municipality just sit back and wait and see what the outcome is?"

Welch: "Yes."

Reick: "You know, I think that we may be better served if a firewall were to be erected between the company that is verifying the gross amounts coming back from the Department of Revenue to the municipality and those entities that are able to view and see the information... the underlying information from that business such as the tax return. Building a firewall and having two separate entities I know is going to be risk... you know, you double the risk of any kind of exposure or theft or whatever the information. But it seems to me that by creating a firewall there's less of an incentive for the party that is collecting the information in gross for the municipality to take and look at a particular business and then have the kind of problems that made... that seems to have come up with this Azavar Company. I think that,

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you know, if the Department of Revenue I believe has a program by which it will train CPAs and other people to do the actual examination in a way that requires and... and gives comfort to the municipalities and the business that this money's being properly spent. Would you be in favor of creating that firewall between the audit company on the one side and the company that's actually examining the returns on the other?"

Welch: "I think we put the proper protections in this Bill. I think we've also made a specific point to make sure that a third party uses the financial information in a correct way."

Reick: "What kind of penalties accrue... what kind of penalties accrue to the third party for its either advertent or inadvertent disclosure of that information to other people or Core Entities?"

Welch: "Well, the language in the Bill specifically prohibits disclosure. If they do it, they can be charged with a misdemeanor criminal offense and charged with fines up to \$7500."

Reick: "If I disclose tax information of a client of mine to a third party without my client's approval and written approval, I can be charged with a lot more than just a misdemeanor and I could lose my license. I think that the penalty provisions of this Bill are somewhat weak when you consider the damage that can be done to a business for either advertent or inadvertent disclosure of their information. Would you agree?"

Welch: "Not necessarily, no."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reick..."

Reick: "You don't disagree?"

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reick, can you bring your remarks to a close, Sir."

Reick: "I will. I will, Sir. I'm not sure how I'm going to vote on this Bill. There are things in it that I understand the needs of the municipalities to take into account underreporting, but I also understand the needs of businesses to understand... to know that their information is safe. At this point, I don't know how I can vote on this Bill one way or the other. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Wheeler."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Wheeler, K.: "Representative, I'm looking here and I'm trying to understand this from the small business perspective like I always do when we're on the floor together here. Is there a mechanism by which... that an entire return from a business could be turned over to the third party?"

Welch: "I am not aware of where tax returns are being turned over to a third party. We're talking about sales tax data..."

Wheeler, K.: "Well, that's what I mean the sales tax return."

Welch: "and... the sales tax return. And you know, let's be clear here. If the Department of Revenue was doing its job, you wouldn't need these third party companies. If the Department of Revenue was getting this information right and not sending Hanover Park's sales tax receipts to Hanover, Illinois, which is 110 miles south of Hanover Park, we wouldn't need this type of Bill. If the City of Springfield didn't lose hundreds of thousands of dollars and the City of Joliet didn't lose hundreds of thousands of dollars because the Department of

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Revenue was not... is not doing their job correctly, we wouldn't need these companies. This Bill is needed because the Department of Revenue is not doing their job. And our towns deserve to get the moneys that are owed to them."

Wheeler, K.: "Okay. I understand that..."

Welch: "That's what this Bill is all about."

Wheeler, K.: "I understand what your concept is, Chris. I'm trying to get the idea of is there a possibility based on what you've written here where as an entire sales tax return could be turned over to a third party company?"

Welch: "I am... there's nothing in my Bill that allows a tax return to be turned over."

Wheeler, K.: "Okay. I guess I'm confused by... when I looked at page 5 lines 9..."

Welch: "We're talking about tax receipts."

Wheeler, K.: "Okay. But... page 5, 9 through 11 it refers to... to amounts municipalities verifying can the return... now I've lost my spot here. Yeah. Or they can get the entire return. That's the whole point of this process is trying to make sure, in my mind, that we're not turning more data over then we need to and that privacy of the company is still being respected."

Welch: "Representative, I think one of the things we really have to stress here, again, currently this information is on a CD-ROM, placed in the U.S. Mail, sent to these mayors and is just sitting there. This information would be in an encrypted system accessible via password, there's confidentiality agreements in place and the Bill specifically says that these



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companies cannot disclose that the information they receive to anyone else."

Wheeler, K.: "Okay."

Welch: "Anything they receive would be protected via the confidentiality agreement."

Wheeler, K.: "Okay."

Welch: "If they violate that confidentiality agreement they can be charged with a crime."

Wheeler, K.: "Then take me to page 4, lines 4 through 9, where it seems to undermine what you just said, Chris. I... there's a lot of back and forth in this with respect to it not being a crime there if it's inadvertent. Well, everything... no one willfully turns over data. It's always inadvertent."

Welch: "If you look at lines 1 through 3 on page 2, it ends... well, 2 through 3 as long as the information in any individual return is not disclosed."

Wheeler, K.: "Right. Doesn't that negate what I'm referring to on page 4?"

Welch: "What's your question?"

Wheeler, K.: "I said does that negate what I'm referring to on page 4 the paragraph notwithstanding the first paragraph of the Section the incidental disclosure will not be a criminal offense. Representative?"

Welch: "What... what's your question?"

Wheeler, K.: "I'm sorry. What was the answer?"

Welch: "What was your question?"

Wheeler, K.: "I love this place. My question was does the paragraph on page 4 negate what's on page 2. We can come back

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to it if you'd like 'cause I guess that we're going to maybe disagree about how we read those things..."

Welch: "I don't believe they negate each other."

Wheeler, K.: "...in tandem. Representative, this is a contingency based approach rather than a flat fee based approach, correct?"

Welch: "That's correct."

Wheeler, K.: "I understand there are concerns at least from people I've talked to that if we have contingency fee approach there's going to be an incentive then for this company 'cause there's only one company we're talking about so far... no other companies have come forward with this service for them to continue to peruse... or to pursue more and more ways to reap this money that actually ultimately put the burden on the business as a part of this process. And that's I guess this is we're upside down on this thing."

Welch: "I totally disagree with that because if the Department of Revenue is doing its job correctly they're going to put these companies out of business. You know..."

Wheeler, K.: "Okay. Let's talk about that for a second."

Welch: "Let's be clear on what the problem is that the Department of Revenue is not doing its job correctly."

Wheeler, K.: "So you're saying we're going to have a competing process for the Department of Revenue that's going to solve the Department of Revenue's problem?"

Welch: "No. What I'm saying is we're going to have an extra set of eyes to review what the Department of Revenue is doing to make sure it's being done correctly."

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Wheeler, K.: "Okay. But a moment ago you just said that if the Department of Revenue did their job correctly we wouldn't need to do this."

Welch: "Correct."

Wheeler, K.: "So, then we're doing this to solve the problem of the Department of Revenue."

Welch: "If they're remitting... if they're remitting the sales tax... taxes correctly, not sending one town's dollars to another town, we wouldn't need these third party companies."

Wheeler, K.: "You're assuming then that every third party business also makes zero mistakes. To the Bill... actually... yeah. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, as much as I enjoy working with the Sponsor on his different initiatives, this is one we haven't finished working on that will actually give, like I said, a frame of mind where really any of us I think should vote for it even in light of the fact that our municipalities may be asking for some of this relief. The problem is apparently, according to the Sponsor, has to do with Department of Revenue. We aren't necessarily solving anything actually at the Department of Revenue in this Bill. So, I certainly request a 'no' vote. And Mr. Speaker, should this Bill receive the requisite number of votes, I request a verification. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Your request is acknowledged. Mr. Harris is recognized."

Harris, G.: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like the record reflect that Representative Stratton is excused for the rest of the day."

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

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

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Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

McDermed: "Representative Welch, I'm rising in favor of this Bill and I'd like to ask you a few questions about some of the reasons, you know, to try to elucidate some of the reasons I like this Bill. Let me ask you this. Is there some sales tax fraud going on in the State of Illinois at this time?"

Welch: "You know, I hate to admit it, but I do believe that there are some companies that aren't paying their taxes. And one of the things that can be discovered is what companies... what in your particular municipality may not be paying their taxes."

McDermed: "Now did the need for this Bill arise because there's someone that would like to provide a service for your municipalities or did this Bill arise because the municipalities don't like to be cheated from their sales tax?"

Welch: "All of my mayors and the mayors I've talked to said they're just trying to get what their towns are owed. They don't want to be cheated from their sales tax revenue."

McDermed: "All right. And last year I was not a supporter of this Bill, but this year so many of my mayors and managers have come forward and with support of this Bill that I had to take another look at it. Let me ask you this question. Do we think that sales tax fraud is taking place at the big box stores? We've heard a lot about big box stores here this afternoon. Or are they taking pla... is the sales tax fraud taking place in cash businesses?"

Welch: "You know, which specific businesses are doing it, Representative, I don't know. But what we want to do to make sure is that we want companies to know that there is a process in place that the municipalities are going to get what they

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are owed. So hopefully everyone is acting properly and doing what they're supposed to do and our municipalities receive the must needed revenue that they need to continue to operate and hire their police officers and firefighters and other things that they need to do to run their communities."

McDermed: "And to get the benefits of the businesses that they permitted in their municipalities."

Welch: "Absolutely."

McDermed: "Now when information is turned over, there's no Social Security numbers or birth dates in that information is there?"

Welch: "No."

McDermed: "All right. And isn't it true that the third party auditor is going to look at various businesses in the municipality, compare them with what it knows about that type of municipality and report discrepancies in what would be the expected sales tax revenue for, say, a service station or a cigarette shop or a convenience store or any of the other cash businesses that are our usual offenders of sales tax fraud in the State of Illinois. Aren't they going to compare what would be expected in a store with that volume, those hours, that traffic count out in front, with what's actually received and report discrepancies to DOR? Isn't that what they're going to do?"

Welch: "That is my understanding. That is one of the things they would do."

McDermed: "And aren't they going to serve that up on a silver platter to DOR so that DOR can audit those businesses that aren't reporting the expected amount of sales tax revenue?"

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Welch: "Yes. I mean, I completely view this as a supplement to DOR. I honestly believe that they're overworked and underpaid and you know, that... you know, they just don't have the staff to do everything that they need to do. A company like this would only help them make sure our municipalities get what they're owed."

McDermed: "So, they're not actually going to put these... do these audits. They're going to package up the information and ask DOR to audit people that we think are perhaps not reporting as they should. To the Bill. I'm often surprised at how frequently my old job of being a lawyer for an oil company comes to bear on this job. You wouldn't really think it would, but in fact it does. I had the occasion as a lawyer for AMOCO, then a franchisor, to terminate dealers on many occasions for sales tax fraud. And so the idea that we don't have sales tax fraud in the State of Illinois is not a well-taken idea. It exists anytime that you have a cash business. And service stations, convenience stores, cigarette shops, the vape shops all those kind of stores can provide a great opportunity for this kind of fraud. And to the extent that the Department of Revenue doesn't have time to audit these folks, and I'll get back to that in a minute, then our municipalities should be able to avail themselves of third parties who can do it. I have personally had owners of similar service stations in particular come into my district office and say, look, I know this guy across the street isn't paying his sales tax and that's why he's undercutting me on his price on the street. I have asked DOR repeatedly to audit this guy. I've called them. Representative McDermed, what can you do to help me out

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here? Here's something that all of us can do for our cash businesses that are not having fair competition in their district. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Barbara Wheeler."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. There are an awful lot on this side that are against this Bill. I'm glad to hear the previous speaker speaking for the Bill. I just want to correct our analysis that has only opponents listed and no proponents. The local government champions House Bill 2717... Southern Illinois Mayors and... Association, Sutherland Chamber of Commerce, Will County Government League, Cook County, South Suburban Mayors and Managers, Lake County Municipal League, West Central Municipal Conference, Metro West Council of Governments, South West Conference of Mayors, McHenry County Council of Governor's... Government, and more than over 200 local communities and mayors we represent. So I think that's important. I don't know what the analysis says on the Democrat side, but on the Republican side they left off the opponents. I'm sure it wasn't on purpose, but I wanted to makes sure you knew that our local governments are in favor. This is permissive. Many of our governments do this without having to pay any third party organization, but to be able to do it, one of my mayors that was just out on the rail said we don't have the people to hire to find our money from the government. Wouldn't it be great if our department was able to accurately give us our money? Unfortunately, they don't. We don't have the manpower to hire them. We need this to be available for our community. I am in favor of this Bill. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, and Members of the House. I rise in reluctant opposition. I know that the Sponsor's intentions are good and I understand why municipalities might think it makes sense, economic sense and other kinds of sense to hire contingency fee lawyers and auditors to help them with tax collections. But I can tell you that the concerns about confidentiality are real and earnest. The concern that what you end up with is multiple requests for changes to the Department of Revenue has led at least one state in the nation to change its mind and say we are not going to permit this any longer. So for confidentiality reasons, and because if you did this without out a contingency fee I think you might get a better result, I would join with the Department of Revenue, the Taxpayers Federation of Illinois, the Illinois CPA Society and all the other organizations including the Retail Merchants and the Manufacturers' Association. Their data should not be available to people who will misuse it either by breaching confidentiality or in fact possibly by providing for unfair competition. So I would reluctantly urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch to close."

Welch: "Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. I appreciate the discussion we've had here today. I want to remind Members that many of our mayors are actually in town today for Illinois Municipal League Lobby Day. And under current law we are telling our mayors, who are elected to represent their towns, that they are criminals for trying to find money that is owed to their towns. We know the Department of Revenue is



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making mistakes. The City of Springfield found money that belonged to them that was sent to the county. The City of Joliet found hundreds of thousands of dollars that was incorrectly sent to other places. Department of Revenue sent Hanover Park's money to Hanover, Illinois, only 110 miles separate the two communities. This Bill empowers our local communities to do what's best for them. We talk about local control in this place all the time and it seems to me every single time I bring a Bill that gives local control, we have some that have problems with it. We need to give our villages the power to do what is right for them. That's what this Bill does. All of these mayors wouldn't be here asking us to support it if it didn't. How could we have a law on the books that makes it criminal for them to do their job? This Bill would shift that burden to the private company, if they violate the confidentiality agreement. This Bill would strengthen the law and would place blame on the third party company if they did something wrong, not our elected officials who are trying to do what is best for their villages. They're trying to hire that extra police officer. They're trying to hire that extra firefighter. They're trying to do the jobs that their local people elected them to do. The least we can do here is vote to support that effort. I would ask that you vote 'yes' on this Bill and join me in being a local government champion and vote 'yes' on House Bill 2717. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. As a reminder, Mr. Wheeler has asked for a verification of this vote, should it

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receive 60 votes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 42 voting 'yes', 61 voting 'no'. And the Bill fails. Moving to Second Reading Bills, Members. House Bill 274, Representative Mussman. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 274, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Mussman, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the committee. So this Amendment basically becomes the Bill. It creates a format under which pharmacists would be allowed to dispense contraception. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. That was a point of personal privilege from before. I'll take it off."

Speaker Lang: "Leave your light on. Put your light back on. I'll get back to you. Mr. Wheeler, are you rising on this Amendment?"

Wheeler, K.: "No. We'll go to Third."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen, are you rising on this Amendment? Those in favor of the Amendment will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. A fiscal note has been requested but not filed at this time."

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Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Bellock is recognized."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Bellock: "I'd like to ask the Members to welcome the mayor of Elmhurst, Steve Morley, and three of the Elmhurst aldermen, who are down here visiting today; Dannee Polomsky, Marti Deuter, and Noel Talluto. I'd appreciate you giving a round of applause welcoming them. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Representative McCombie is recognized."

McCombie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of... I would like to introduce somebody. I don't know what to say. We have in the audience today celebrating IGOL Day, we have several people here, but from our district we have Steve Gahm from Gahm Enterprise and is very thankful that SB1657 did not come back from the Senate because this would be one businessman that would not be standing here. So, welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. House Bill 4774, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4774, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Kifowit."

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Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for the adoption of Amendment #2. It's a technical change just to clean up a drafting error."

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 is offered by.. offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Again, this is Amendment #3. When we put in Amendment #2, there was a slight error from the clerk."

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 5211, Mr. Demmer. Mr. Demmer. Out of the record. House Bill 5440, Mr. Meier. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5440, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Meier, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Meier."

Meier: "We would like to.. we would like to withdraw the Amendment and just move the Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, the Amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5263, Mr. Andersson. Mr. Andersson. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5263, 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 4506, Mr. Breen. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4506, a Bill for an Act concerning stalking. 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 40... Excuse me, Mr. Clerk. Please put that Bill back on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 4332, Mr. Swanson. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4332, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Meier, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Meier for his Amendment."

Meier: "That Bill was transferred over to Dan Swanson. Oh, it's only the Amendment. So I'd like to move the Amendment forward."

Speaker Lang: "Good. Tell us what it does now, Sir."

Meier: "The Amendment's been worked out with the Secretary of State's Office and it allows us to use the veterans ID... DD-2, I believe."

Speaker Lang: "Enough, Sir. 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. Mr. Turner in the Chair."

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Speaker Turner: "House Bill 5198, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5198, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Walsh, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Walsh."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House... Floor Amendment #2 is a gut and replace. It leaves the underlying language still there in the... it basically just tweaks the definitions of gasification pyrolysis. I'd move for its adoption."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5198. 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. House Bill 5832, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5832, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Stuart, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "So the Amendment is just to clarify that it only applies to public waterways and not private."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5832. 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."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Arroyo, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Arroyo: "I meant to vote 'yes' on House Bill 2717. So, it was a mistake on my part, but I really wanted to be a 'yes' vote on that."

Speaker Turner: "The Journal will reflect your request. House Bill 1664, Representative Conroy. Representative Conroy. Out of the record. House Bill 4420, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4420, 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 5286, Representative Feigenholtz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5286, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2376, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2376, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. This Bill..."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please take this Bill out of the record. House Bill 4278, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4278, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Kifowit, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for the adoption of House Amendment 1. It changes the definition of an infectious disease to a disease that has a high mortality rate."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4278. 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. House Bill 4927, Representative Martwick. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4927, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 5754, Representative Phelps Finnie. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5754, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 4964, Representative Wallace. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4964, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A state mandates note has been requested but not filed at this time."



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

Wallace: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would to Motion to rule the state mandates note inapplicable."

Speaker Turner: "On that Motion, Representative Breen is recognized."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We object to the... the lifting of the note and we wish that the Representative would wait. But again, we object and request a Roll Call."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady motions that the state mandates note be deemed inapplicable. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 60 voting 'yes', 48 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the state mandates note will be deemed inapplicable. Motion carries. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further notes are requested at this time."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 127, Representative Willis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 127, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This Bill was read a second time a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Willis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Willis."

Willis: "I'd like to adopt Amendment 1. This is the final part of that three part Bill that we were working on. This goes and puts those six locals in what is called the PSEBA, which is the Public Safety Employment Benefit Act. That is the only part it affects."

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Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 127. 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. House Bill 4873, Leader Lang. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4873, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Lang, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This Amendment changes the effective date of the Bill at the request of IDFPR."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4873. 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. House Bill 5110, Leader Lang. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5110, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. 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. This Amendment that comes from IDFPR and it adds certain licensures to the Bill."

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Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5110. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please read House Bill 5111. Excuse me. Excuse me. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 5110. Please place this Bill on the Order of Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 5111. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5111, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Lang, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment, supported by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, creates a task force to study the... the new ways that we can encourage people to become behavioral health care specialists."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5111. 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 1014, offered by Representative Riley and House Resolution 1015, offered by Speaker Madigan."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. 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 Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees are meeting immediately after Session; Appropriations-General Services is meeting in D-1, Appropriations-Public Safety in C-1, Judiciary-Criminal in 413, Personnel & Pensions Room 118, Special Needs in Room 115, Business & Occupational Licenses in Room 122, and Labor in Room 114. Meeting a half hour after Session is Healthcare Licenses in Room 122 and Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing, Administration & Oversight in Room 115."

Speaker Turner: "And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House adjourn until Thursday April 26, 2018 at 11 a.m.; Thursday April 26, 2018 at 11 a.m. 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 in to order. Committee Reports. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy reports the following committee action taken on April 24, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4651. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on April 24, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5176. Representative Fine, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance: Health & Life reports the following committee action taken on April 24, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4516, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4821, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4886.

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Representative Hernandez, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on April 24, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4747. Representative Sente, Chairperson from the Committee on the Environment reports the following committee action taken on April 24, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5198. Representative Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Health & Healthcare Disparities reports the following committee action taken on April 24, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4297, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5104. Representative Thapedi, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on April 24, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1187. Representative Moeller, Chairperson on the Committee on Aging reports the following committee action taken on April 24, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5164. Representative Conroy, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health reports the following committee action taken on April 24, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5110, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5111. Representative Costello, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on April 24, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5029, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5293, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5440, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5832. Representative Mayfield, Chairperson from the Committee on

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Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing, Administration & Oversight reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4768; do pass as amended Standard Debate is House Bill 4882; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4167, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4742, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4789, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5136, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5144, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5175, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5196, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5721. Representative Thapedi, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary-Civil reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1... correction... Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 4191, Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 4578, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5047. Representative Crespo, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculums & Policies reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4208, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4658, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4685, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5588, House Resolution 893. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 5272; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2040, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4332, Floor Amendment #1 House Bill 4405, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4416, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4416, Floor

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Amendment #1 to House Bill 5098, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5466, House Resolution 826. Representative Andrade, Chairperson from the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5139. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulations, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 4790, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5749, House Joint Resolution 79, Floor Amendment #1 to House Joint Resolution 90; recommends be adopted as amended is House Joint Resolution 97. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Tollway Oversight reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 5856. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018, recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 128, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4090. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4897. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 3479; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 175, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1447, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2617, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4331, Floor Amendment #4 to House

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Bill 4707, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4771, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4795, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5245, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5308, House Resolution 727, House Resolution 986. Representative Welch, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1940, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4710. Representative Riley, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 5120, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5202, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5202, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5253, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5309. Introduction of Resolutions. House Joint Resolution 123, offered by Representative Barbara Wheeler, is referred to the Rules Committee. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4768, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4882, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5272, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5856, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1858, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1877, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1899, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1940, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2040, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2063, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2263, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 3749, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4077, a Bill for an Act



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concerning criminal law. House Bill 4090, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4100, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4113, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4142, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4146, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4167, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4173, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4191, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 4217, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4218, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4230, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4247, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4271, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4287, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4296, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 4308, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4319, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 4324, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4328, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4331, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4380, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 4396, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4405, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4408, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4416, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4424, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4434, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4470, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4477, a Bill

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for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4510, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 4512, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4513, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4515, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4519, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4525, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4539, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4559, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4574, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4578, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4594, a Bill for an Act concerning fees, fines, and assessments. House Bill 4607, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4643, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4651, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 4664, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4666, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4685, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 4686, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4707, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4710, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4725, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4736, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4741, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4742, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4747, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 4755, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4771, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4776, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4781, a Bill for an Act

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concerning education. House Bill 4790, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4795, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4803, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4811, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4819, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4836, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4872, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4875, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 4883, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4886, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. House Bill 4887, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4889, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 4890, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4897, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 4907, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4918, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4932, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4952, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4953, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4987, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 4889, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 4890, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4897, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5000, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5014, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5015, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5047, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5063, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5067, a Bill for an

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Act concerning education. House Bill 5069, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5076, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5093, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5096, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5097, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5098, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5101, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5120, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5136, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5139, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5140, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5144, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5145, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5147, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5150, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5159, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5162, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5165, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5170, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5175, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5176, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5177, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5183, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5196, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5202, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5203, a Bill for an Act concerning law enforcement training. House Bill 5208, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5211, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House

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Bill 5231, a Bill for an Act concerning law enforcement officers. House Bill 5241, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5245, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5253, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5261, a Bill for an Act concerning waterways. House Bill 5282, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5303, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5308, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5309, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5341, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5345, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5347, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 5349, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5443, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 5463, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5466, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5474, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5482, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5505, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5520, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5547, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5548, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5551, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5558, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5569, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5572, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5577, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5580, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5588, a Bill for an Act

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concerning education. House Bill 5593, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5626, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5652, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5668, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5676, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5689, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5698, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5721, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5749, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5756, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5769, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5774, a Bill for an Act concerning human trafficking recognition. Second Reading of these House Bills. They'll be held on the Order of Second Reading. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 293, offered by Representative Carroll, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Senate Bill 574, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 585, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2342, offered by Representative Drury, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2350, offered by Representative Drury, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2481, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 2573, offered by Representative Breen, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2577, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2962, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife.

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Senate Bill 2963, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Senate Bill 3041, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 3143, offered by Representative Jimenez, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 3226, offered by Representative Breen, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 3232, offered by Representative Hays, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 3247, offered by Representative Bourne, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Senate Bill 3531, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 3560, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 3568, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2330, offered by Representative Hurley, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2561, offered by Representative Carroll, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of these Senate Bills. They will be held on the Order of Second Reading. Committee Report. Representative Martwick, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on April 25, 2018: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 5342; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4659, House Bill 5137; recommends to be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4811, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5183. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5342, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4659, a Bill for an Act

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concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5137, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of these House Bills. They'll be held on the Order of Second Reading. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3479, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. It will be held on the Order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."