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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 1078, offered by Representative Mah, is referred to the Rules Committee. Committee report. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment 4 to House Bill 68, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2580, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2618."

Speaker Currie: "The House be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We will be led in prayer today by the Reverend Danny Holliday of Victory Baptist Church in Alton, Illinois. Pastor Holliday is the guest of Representative Bristow. Members and guests are advised to refrain from starting laptops, turn off your cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Holliday."

Pastor Holliday: "Thank you so much. Let us bow our heads. Heavenly Father, in the mighty name of Jesus, my God, we thank You for this Assembly. Lord God, we thank You for Representative Michael Madigan to the Minority Leader Representative Jim Durkin to my own Representative Monica Bristow. For unto us a child is born and unto us a son is given. And the government shall be upon His shoulder and His name shall be called wonderful counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Lord God, we are grateful that in our own Constitution, we have the words, we the people of the State of Illinois, grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political, and religious liberties, which He has permitted us to enjoy. And seeking His blessings upon our endeavors in order to provide for the health, safety, and the

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welfare of the people maintain a representative and orderly government. Heavenly Father, we ask that You would bless these Members that have come here today to do the work for the people of the State of Illinois. Lord God, we ask that You would give them wisdom, hey, thank You, that falls from above. We ask that You would help them to do Your will and that is to take care of Your people. Lord God, help them to make the difficult choices based on truth and not just feelings. Help them to stand for what they believe in. And Heavenly Father, we thank them for the difficult task that they have to do each and every day that they come into this assembly hall. Bless them, Lord, encourage them, give them the strength, give them the unity that we need to continue to bless this great State of Illinois. We thank You, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you, Pastor Holliday. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Moylan."

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

Speaker Currie: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Lang for excused absences on the Democratic side."

Lang: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Excused on the Democratic side today are Representative Ammons and Drury."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Please let the record reflect that all Republicans are present today."

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Speaker Currie: "Thank you. Please take the Roll... 114 answering the Roll Call, we have a quorum. Representative Butler."

Butler: "Point of personal privilege, please, Madame Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "Proceed."

Butler: "Thank you very much. Representative Jimenez and I are always proud to talk about the local businesses, and there's one business in particular that I've gotten a lot of questions about recently. Over here on the Lincoln side... Bill, stand up. I've got my friend Bill Larson, who's the owner of Buzz Bomb Brewing in downtown Springfield, here. I had a lot of questions about Buzz Bomb because they haven't been open on the... they've only been open on the weekends but today, Thursday afternoon, at 3:00, they'll finally be open on weekdays. So, there's not much on the reception schedule tonight so I'd encourage you to go visit my friends at Buzz Bomb Brewing on Adams Street between 4th and 5th. Thanks for being here, Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Madame Speaker. I'd like to introduce my Page for the day to the Assembly. And I have with me Graham Reishus, and he's from Naperville, Illinois. He's a junior at Naperville Central High School, and he's come down for the day to learn about Illinois government. So, I'd ask everybody to give him a round of applause."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome. Representative Jesiel."

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

Speaker Currie: "Proceed."

Jesiel: "Thank you. I'd like to introduce my Page for the day. This is Kaylee Hubly. Kaylee is a sixth grader at Glenwood

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Intermediate School. Kaylee is also the daughter of my L.A., Julie Hubly. So, Kayle likes math and history and Kaylee says she wants to be the first president.. or the next woman president of the United States. So, help we welcome Kaylee today."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome. Representative Olsen."

Olsen: "Point of personal privilege, Madame Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "Proceed."

Olsen: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to speak briefly today about an issue that's very important to me and the people in my district, and that issue is domestic violence. I recently became the Chief Sponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 50, which declares the domestic violence is a public health priority for the State of Illinois and urges the state to make available all necessary resources to combat this epidemic. Now, this is a critical issue that affects women, but not only women, it also impacts men and it impacts families all across our state. This is a critical issue and I wanted to raise light through this Resolution. But I wanted to speak today because I am so pleased to have the executive director of Family Shelter Service here with us today, Judy Caribeaux. And she is in the gallery, if she could stand. Judy is an outstanding individual who works every day to serve the victims of domestic violence, men and women, across DuPage County. Family Shelter Service transforms lives by offering help and hope to those impacted by domestic violence. And I wanted us to give a special welcome to Judy and thank her for all the work she does for those impacted by domestic violence. And I would hope, also, that we would quickly take up passage

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of Senate Joint Resolution 50. So, let's welcome Judy to our State Capitol. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome, Judy. Representative Bryant."

Bryant: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. If you're like me, in the mornings you get up and hop online, drink a cup of coffee... this morning we even went to a breakfast for behavioral health... some folks that were here, some stakeholders for that. Today, I started my morning just like any other morning, got my coffee, got ready for the day, and then I opened up my *Southern Illinoisan* newspaper app. and... on my phone, and just trying to read about the things that are going on back home. Not surprisingly, SIU Carbondale is back in the news. It's... in fact, Southern Illinois University's been in the news a lot lately. So, I took my... ever since I took my seat in the General Assembly, it's been an ongoing pro... ongoing issues, some good, some bad. And as we went through the state's budget impasse and as that dragged on, and we saw program cuts and layoffs and potential closures, potential loss of accreditation, bond... bond issue status and status issues and more. We saw more and more that in the southern Illinois and the pages were filled as well in the *Daily Egyptian*, the student newspaper. Then there was the news recently about the hiring of a new chancellor who brought forward a proposal to reorganize and reinvigorate the Carbondale campus. And you'd think that that would be good news, but you'd be wrong. Because for months the news that followed the new chancellor's hiring was all about how SIU president Randy Dunn and Carbondale chancellor Carlo Montemagno weren't getting along, and how they couldn't agree

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with moving forward with implementing the reorganization or that plan. So, I stood up last week during Perfunctory Session and renounced a recent package of Bills sponsored by Legislators in this very chamber, all of whom I respect and mean no disrespect to as I continue with this point of personal privilege. That filing package I have referred to and continue to refer to as the attack SIU package. And that coupled with a failed plot by SIU President Randy Dunn to divert \$5 million away from SIU Carbondale have all worked to harm recruitment efforts and the overall added... the overall sense of chaos and dysfunction at the Carbondale campus. So, today, on today's news about SIU, an opinion piece in today's *Southern Illinoisan* and includes a screenshot of an email sent by President Randy Dunn to Vice President Duane Stucky, SIUE Chancellor Randy Pembroke, and SIUE Budget Director William Winter that was quite revealing in why we've seen some of the things that are going on with the SIU system. So, I'm going to quote from an article and, again, I mean no disrespect when I say this. These are not my words. These are direct quotes from President Randy Dunn that says, 'Budget related documents acquired through the Freedom of Information Act show that SIU President Randy Dunn actively concealed from SIU Chancellor Carlo Montemagno his plan to transfer \$5.125 million from Carbondale to Edwardsville campus. He sought to use the fictitious 60/40 split formula to shut the bitches of Carbondale.' Did you hear what I just said, Members? The President of Southern Illinois University was quoted as having said that he was doing something to split the SIU campus to shut up the bitches from Carbondale.

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President Dunn, you are the president of the entire SIU system, a public university in this state. President Dunn, the people... calling the people of my district, the constituents that I serve, 'bitches' is not acceptable. Those are fellow southern Illinoisans and they're fellow Illinoisans. Those are hardworking people that are fighting to protect what they have built, southern Illinoisans fighting to keep their economic engine, fighting to keep their jobs, fighting to get their kids to continue their education close to home, fighting for the economic lives in southern Illinois. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I stand today before you as a loud, proud bitcher. I did it last week in Perfunctory Session and I'm going to do it again today. For SIU Carbondale, I say that I'm proud to do that. I'm proud to be a voice for them and a loud and proud voice. And before I go, I want to make a little news of my own. Who knows, maybe even it'll show up in the *Southern Illinoisan* and the *Daily Egyptian* tomorrow, because they've been very good at reporting negative news about Southern Illinois University. The evidence revealed in *Southern Illinoisan*... today's article make it quite clear that President Dunn is not working for the Carbondale campus and that he's in fact colluding with officials at SIU Edwardsville to work against it. For the health of Southern Illinois University System and as a whole to make sure that that is preserved... that we preserve the future of Southern Illinois Carbondale as well as the complete Southern Illinois system, and because of his obvious and blatant disdain for constituents and for the SIU

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campus, President Dunn should resign from his position and he should resign immediately. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Currie: "Proceed."

Harris, D.: "Just as a piece of good news after that unfortunate bad news that we just got, but a piece of good news today from the National Council for Home Safety and Security... one of the best school districts in America, based on several factors determining the quality of the school system: funding, student performance, dropout rate, and the poverty rate. And my colleague from the 109th District will be very excited about this, because the number one district on the list is Naperville School District 203. The number two district on the list is Morton School District #709. And the number three district on the list is the Wauconda School District #118. We have three school districts in the top 10 in the United States. Thank you very much."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you very much. Representative Finnie, what reason do you rise?"

Finnie: "I'm sorry. Thank you, Madame Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "Proceed."

Finnie: "Thank you. I just want to echo the words we just heard from Representative Bryant. As most of you know, we share part of SIU campus there in Carbondale. And what I read in the paper today and have learned is truly disheartening. It is a very sad situation and definitely undermined trust there



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at our university. So, I just rise for the people of Carbondale and say that I agree with Representative Bryant. This is not acceptable talk at all. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Mah."

Mah: "Thank you, Madame Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "Proceed."

Mah: "I'd like the full attention of the Body. This past weekend, my family suffered an indescribable loss. A member of my extended family took his own life, leaving behind a bereaved wife, a devastated mother and father, and four inconsolable siblings. My brother-in-law was 55 years old and had suffered for many years with pain and illness. I share this tragedy with all of you, not for sympathy or pity, but to draw attention to the interplay between mental illness and physical illness, and the need for easier access to healthcare and greater attention to the provision of mental health services for those in need. May is Mental Health Awareness Month and today there are advocates in the Capitol for Mental Health Advocacy Day. By sharing my personal family experience with you on these issues, I hope to encourage all of you, your families, and constituents to remove the stigma from addressing mental health issues, bring discussions about psychic pain, depression, and anxiety out into the open. Recognize that there is a strong connection between mental health and physical pain and that addiction and behavioral health issues are inextricably tied to illness and self-medication not weakness and failure. In my brother-in-law's case, more open discussions about illness and depression and better access for health care for an infliction that had

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existing therapies abroad but not in this country. In a society that believes that health care is a right and not a privilege, including mental health care, might have saved his life. I urge that we think about all these values, and especially during this month this... during Mental Health Awareness Month. And I thank all of the hard working advocates who are committed to this issue. Thank you for your attention."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Hays."

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

Speaker Currie: "Proceed."

Hays: "I want to join the two Representatives that have expressed grave concern over the message and the language coming from the president of Southern Illinois University system. As a proud Saluki, both of my older sons are Salukis, I am appalled that an email of that nature would exist. I am appalled that the leader of Southern Illinois University, the economic engine for the southern part of our state, would be involved in being divisive instead of a uniter. I join Representative Bryant in asking for his resignation. And on behalf of all Salukis, you go to hell, Sir."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you, Representative. Can we have a little attention in the chamber? Representative Demmer."

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

Speaker Currie: "Proceed."

Demmer: "Thank you. Yesterday at 8:00 at Dixon High School, the senior class gathered in the gymnasium to practice for graduation. That's a time that for students across Illinois and across the country is a time of excitement and promise.

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Unfortunately, moments later, a gunman interrupted their graduation practice and fired shots into the gymnasium. Luckily, thankfully, a school resource officer from the Dixon Police Department was on campus at Dixon High School and immediately sprung into action and immediately responded. Officer Mark Dallas is a school resource officer at Dixon High School and has been for several years. He's known by all the students and staff. He's a tremendous part of the community, a well-respected officer of the law, and a person who really brings the best that law enforcement has to offer to our young students in the community of Dixon. Officer Dallas pursued the gunman. The gunman fired shots at Officer Dallas and Officer Dallas returned fire, struck the gunman and disarmed him. Thankfully, no lives were lost in what could've been a truly harrowing experience. Students and teachers and faculty and staff at Dixon High School were in danger. And in the moment that they needed a hero, Officer Mark Dallas responded. I'm preparing a Resolution to honor Officer Dallas, but I wanted the Body to join me in saluting Officer Dallas, school resource officers across the state, and all of our local schools and law enforcement organization who practice, who drill, who plan, who work together so that if a moment like this happens, and I hope it never does, but if a moment like this happens, they all know what to do and they don't hesitate to spring into action. We're all grateful that no lives were lost. We're grateful that a greater tragedy was averted. And we say a pray of thanksgiving today that all those students who were practicing for graduation will be able to walk across the stage and get their diploma and carry on with their lives

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that are still full of excitement and promise, but today are, I'm sure, shaken. So, if we all stand together with the students with Dixon High School, with our law enforcement and education officials and professionals across the state in saying thank you for all the work that you do to keep us safe on a daily basis. And thank you to Officer Dallas for responding in the moment of the greatest need. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Willis."

Willis: "Thank you, Madame Chair. May I have a point of personal privilege, please?"

Speaker Currie: "Proceed."

Willis: "Yesterday, I was honored to be able to substitute into the House Human Services Committee. The House Human Services Committee, yesterday, passed the Equal Rights Amendment. Unfortunately, it was only passed on a partisan vote. We saw the headlines. This Bill cannot yet be called for a vote on the floor because not enough of my colleagues in this chamber are prepared to give women equal rights in the United States Constitution. But here's something else I saw yesterday. Governor Rauner's response to women who have spent decades fighting to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, and I quote here, 'I've made my position clear. I support equal rights for everyone.' Governor, if your intention is to clear and if you truly believe in equality for all, you must state your definitive support for the ERA and encourage Members of your caucus to look past the smokescreens and do what is right. Vote to put women's rights in the constitution. Hundreds of thousands of women are fighting for democracy and freedom in

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our armed forces. They are doing so under a constitution that does not protect them from discrimination. We owe them more. We need to honor their sacrifice and the sacrifice of many other women who have served our country, and enshrined their rights in our founding document. Women serve on our police and fire departments. They are held to the same rigorous standards as their male colleagues. Women, regardless of their profession, should be paid the same as their male counterparts. By putting the ERA in the constitution, it will be much harder to try to justify paying exceptional, professional women less just because of their sex. It is our responsibility to ensure that women have access to proper recourse when they are faced with sexual harassment or discrimination at the workplace or in schools or in their private lives. Women deserve access to justice and should not be forced to rely on laws that are being weakened and repealed. The rights and protections need to be codified in our constitution to make sure that no woman is ever forced to feel like their experience is less important than others. Equal rights and the Equal Rights Amendment is not, and I repeat, it is not about abortion. It is not about gender neutral prisons. It is not about the military draft. It is about equal access to opportunity and justice for women. Again, I am urging all of my Republican colleagues and the Governor... and Governor Rauner to do the right thing for women and to support the ERA. Thank you, Madame Chair."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hurley."

Hurley: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "Proceed."

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Hurley: "Thank you, Madame Speaker. Today, I would like to introduce Spencer Pease. He is from Lake Forrest College where he is studying American politics-major and a history-minor. He intends to pursue a career in Illinois politics, which hopefully, he will do well and our youth will save us from all this. But if the Illinois politics doesn't work, he wants to be federal. So, president is not out of the realm of possibilities for Spencer Pease. So, please give him a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome, indeed. Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Madame Chairman. Very quick note, point of personal privilege. The farmer's market is up and going in my district which is near the corner of 4th and Adams. If you're familiar, near the Old State Capitol and Café Moxo, you get \$2 free tokens at your office. Be sure to stop by some Wednesday or Saturday morning from now until October and see some great things going on here in Springfield. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Pritchard, for what reason do you rise?"

Pritchard: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. For a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "Proceed."

Pritchard: "It's my pleasure today to have with me a Page from my school district, Ryan Howieson, who's a 7th grader at Sycamore Middle School, brought here today by his dad who is a firefighter in DeKalb, Luke Howieson, up in the balcony, who is running for vice president of the Association of Firefighters of Illinois at large. Please welcome Ryan and Luke to our chamber."

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Speaker Currie: "Welcome, both. Representative D'Amico for an announcement. Pay close attention."

D'Amico: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Tonight is the annual House/Senate bipartisan softball game. Our jerseys are in the back, so please go grab a jersey for the game. It's at... around 5:15-5:30 at Lincoln Park. So, come on out, enjoy the night, good bipartisan fun, and let's keep the trophy here in the House. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you. And now, on page 13 of the Calendar, we're going to Resolutions. The first one is House Joint Resolution 100. Representative Meier."

Meier: "Thank you, Ms. Speaker. We need to adopt and Amendment on that Resolution first?"

Speaker Currie: "Yes."

Meier: "The Amendment just states..."

Speaker Currie: "Clerk, please tell us what Amendments pending."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Meier has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "The Amendment 1 adds the word Clinton County in front of the Clinton County Memorial Highway."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Currie: "Then go ahead with the Resolution, Representative Meier."

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Meier: "Okay. The Resolution designates old Route 50 through all of Clinton County as the Clinton County Veteran's Memorial Highway."

Speaker Currie: "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 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution is adopted. The next Resolution is House Resolution 711. Clerk, are there.. Representative Lang. Clerk, are there any Amendments, any Motions?"

Clerk Hollman: "There are no Amendments."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Lang. Out of the record. The next, we have House Resolution 802, Representative Rita. Clerk, are there any Amendments or Motions?"

Clerk Hollman: "There are no Amendments."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Rita. Well, out of the record. Let's go back then to House Resolution 711. Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Madame Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This Resolution comes directly out of the same situation that Representative Mah was talking about earlier. There was a health care... a mental health care emergency in our state and all over this country. I'm proud to have bipartisan support. This is just simply a statement of fact that the Illinois General Assembly recognizes the serious nature of mental health in Illinois and that we intend to do something about it. I would ask your support."



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Speaker Currie: "All in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. The next Resolution is House Resolution 812, Representative Greg Harris. Representative Harris. Out of the record. Let's go to House Resolution 818, Representative Sente. Out of the record. House Resolution 844, Representative Turner. Out of the record. House Resolution 851, Representative Welch. Out of the record. Representative... House Resolution 860, Representative Conroy. Representative Conroy, you ready?"

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. House Resolution 860 declares April 4, 2018 as Start by Believing Day in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Currie: "You've heard the Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Let's return to House Resolution 844, Representative Turner. Representative Turner on the Resolution."

Turner: "Thank you. House Resolution 844. I'm sorry, I'm just pulling things together. House Resolution 844 declares the month of October 2018 as Eczema Awareness Month. I'd appreciate the approval of the Body."

Speaker Currie: "Seeing no discussion, all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 862... 865, Representative Keith Wheeler. Representative Wheeler. I don't see him. All right, out of the record. House Resolution 870, Representative Stratton. Proceed."

Stratton: "Thank you, Madame Speaker. House Resolution 870 simply commemorates the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution."

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Speaker Currie: "Hearing no discussion, all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 871, Representative Meier. Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes. House Resolution 781 encourages IDOT to consider using the same standard of manholes and storm water manholes in the State of Illinois they are currently using. Right now, our manholes exceed federal regulations. They've been redesigned by IDOT, and they've added 35 percent cost to every manhole, every storm water drain in the State of Illinois and we have to pick this up every town, every county. We want to encourage them. They stopped for this year making that mandatory. We would like to continue to use the same regulations that exceed federal regulations. Why increase the cost to the state when we don't have the money?"

Speaker Currie: "Representative Meier has moved for the adoption of House Resolution 871. Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote '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 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 873, Representative Ammons. Out of the record. House Resolution 883, Representative Jones. Representative Jones."

Jones: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Resolution 883 is similar to a Resolution I passed last year, declares February 8, 2018 as African-American HIV Aids Awareness Day. Many of you know that African Americans comprise of 44 percent of people living with HIV Aids despite 12 percent of African Americans in the

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United States. I spoke last year about those who don't have a voice. This Resolution is not only cosponsored by the Aids Foundation of Chicago, but I would ask for its passage."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Jones moves for the adoption of House Resolution 883. Seeing no discussion, all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Let's go back to the order of Welch, he's back in the chamber. House Resolution 851. Representative Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 851 asks the Body to support full day kindergarten. Many of the experts believe that students benefit from full day kindergarten. It helps with the development of children at a critical stage in their lives. I would ask that we all support this important educational tool in our schools, full day kindergarten."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. And now, Representative Welch, on House Resolution 851. Sorry, no... 851. I'm sorry, 852."

Welch: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill... House Resolution 852 asks the Body to support the National Spelling Bee. We should encourage our schools to participate in a national spelling bee. It has been proven that spelling helps with the development of a child's brain. Unfortunately, you know, with advancements in technology, people actually get lazy and they just google things. By encouraging participation in the old fashioned spelling bees, kids would be forced to use their brains again and their brains will continue to develop. I would ask for approval of House Resolution 852."

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Speaker Currie: "All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have and the Resolution is adopted. Continuing on the order of Welch, we have House Resolution 853. Representative Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Resolution 853 encourages schools districts to teach computer science and coding. And yes, technology can encourage us to get a little lazy but what we do without technology? Many people right now are probably scrolling through their Facebook timelines as I speak. And by encouraging our schools to teach computer science and coding, we may have a young person sitting in a classroom right now who will be the inventor of the next Facebook. I would encourage approval of House Resolution 853."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Continuing on the Calendar, we have House Resolution 873, Representative Ammons. I'm sorry. She's absent today. House Resolution 802, Representative Rita. Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Resolution 802 urges congress and the President of the United States to restore the cut funding to the 340B Drug Discount Program and the Medicaid's Disproportionate Share Hospital Program. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Currie: "All in... all in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Representative Greg Harris is back. Let's go to House Resolution 812."

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Harris, G.: "Thank you, Madame Speaker, Members of the House. This Resolution recognizes the importance of adequate treatment therapy to reduce viral load in persons with HIV and prevent further community transmission. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 885, Representative Harper. Representative Harper, on the Resolution."

Harper: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm please to present House Resolution 885, which urges the Illinois Department of Corrections to strengthen its commitment to the Prison Rape Elimination Act known as PREA. PREA was unanimously passed by congress in 2003 with the intention of holding the government more accountable for its incarcerated citizens. And so, since Illinois adopted a zero tolerance policy in its facilities, there have been 404 allegations of harassment and abuse filed in Illinois correctional facilities. Logan Correctional Facility has the highest numbers of sexual harassment and abuse claims. This Resolution just asks that the Illinois Department of Correction strengthen its commitment to PREA. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Representative Evans on House Resolution 886. Representative Evans. Out of... He's here."

Evans: "Yeah, I'm here."

Speaker Currie: "Proceed, please."

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Evans: "Thank you, Represent... Thank you, Leader. I think the Resolution is clear. Our President of the United States in his eminent wisdom to address transportation, introduced the Build America Infrastructure Plan. And that plan would place the burden of over 85 percent of the burden to redo our infrastructure back on the states. We know that if we go back in history, it's always been a Federal Government has taken a lead with regardless of transportation, and we know with Illinois being in the middle of this country located strategically in the heart of the Midwest that we need infrastructure improvement and we need infrastructure improvement help from the Federal Government. So, that plan is not adequate and we're asking congress, not in this instance, to attack the President, but in this instance, to communicate to the President that we have to have a real robust federal assistance with regards to our transportation. The American Society of Civil Engineers graded Illinois as a C minus. That means that we're in dire need of additional help with regards to transportation. It is not my opinion, but it is a fact that we need a robust transportation plan from the Federal Government, and we need a robust transportation plan in our budget from the State of Illinois. We cannot wait. Other states have taken action. We need to take action. I plan to do that and advocate for that here in Springfield, but we definitely need our federal partners to see Illinois as the core. If we're focusing on water waves, we've focused on our coastal cities, our costal states, but when it comes to transportation, we are the hub of the rail, we are the hub of the roads. I-80 is the heartbeat of this

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country and we need help from the Federal Government. So, I request the floor for this wonderful Resolution."

Speaker Currie: "Any discussion. Representative McSweeney."

McSweeney: "Madame Speaker, to the Resolution."

Speaker Currie: "To the Resolution."

McSweeney: "This is a really, really bad idea. What we're doing is saying that we want to reject the bipartisan infrastructure program that's been put forth by the White House and before the congress. I participated in a meeting with the President in the White House in infrastructure. There were three Democratic governors who were there. Why is God's name would we reject a bipartisan infrastructure plan when we need to rebuild our infrastructure in the State of Illinois? I ask for a Roll Call vote on this terrible idea."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Butler."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Currie: "The Sponsor will answer your question."

Butler: "Representative, and I know you've been a passionate advocate for transportation but I'm just wondering... and I'm looking up at the board here and I'm trying to read the Resolution but it says infrastructure plan opposed..."

Evans: "For sure."

Butler: "...and to repre... the previous speaker's point... I don't believe there's actually been a whole lot of proposal that's come out of Washington yet when it comes to the new infrastructure proposal. So, this 80/20 split, even their 20/80 split, even though it's been discussed, there really hasn't been a proposal that's come forward. Correct?"

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Evans: "I don't want to say that there hasn't been a proposal because we're discussing this initial proposal. When someone outlays a plan and the plan is a horrible plan, clearly you know for your local municipalities that their 80/20 split would be devastating. So, when a plan is put forth... the Build America's Infrastructure Plan was put forth, I believe it is our job as regular old citizens, but especially as a state elected official to communicate to the Federal Government that, yes, we identify with this plan but this plan's not going to work so continue to work. So, continue to work... they are now continuing to work and I'm happy for that, but I want to be crystal clear when I filed this Resolution it was in regards to the Build America Infrastructure Plan."

Butler: "Well... well, if you want to communicate to the Federal Government, I've communicated to my congressman, Rodney Davis who is on the House Transportation Committee. Cheri Busto's is on the House Transportation Committee. Dan Lipinski's on the House Transportation Committee. Mike Bost is on the House Transportation Committee. Have we communicated to them? Have we talked to them? Have we brought them in? Have we discussed this with them at all? Before the Illinois House of Representatives goes on the record opposing a national infrastructure plan, have we talked to them at all about what the prospects are for a transportation Bill coming out of the House and the Senate?"

Evans: "Representative, Resolutions and Bills is the way in which we communicate. I'm attempting to do that now and requesting that you join me in communicating. Yes, I can call..."

Butler: "I've communicated. I've talked to my congressman."



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Evans: "I'm not sure if you've communicated. So, this is a way to let them know without question that the Board of America Infrastructure Plan has concerns that Springfield is going to struggle as an 80/20 split..."

Butler: "Mad... Madam Speaker, to the Resolution. There's been a bipartisan effort that Representative Evans has been a part of this spring to bring together Members to talk about moving forward on an infrastructure plan in the State of Illinois. I think it's bad for us to go on record opposing whatever we don't know is going to come out of Washington yet. To go on record with the Resolution saying we're opposed to whatever's coming out of Washington, I would urge... along with Representative McSweeney, I would urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Wallace."

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

Speaker Currie: "The sponsor will yield."

Wallace: "So, am I reading this correctly in that we would only get \$200 billion of federal support for our \$1.3 trillion investment that will go throughout the state?"

Evans: "Oh, without question, yes. According to the initial Build America Infrastructure Plan, yep."

Wallace: "So... and we are the sixth largest state and as you point out in the Resolution, we have... what number... three in the nation in terms of mileage?"

Evans: "Yes."

Wallace: "And we are a state that has a world-class city that connects us not only to the entire nation, but to the entire world by rail, by seaway, by our interstates, all of these things. We have a multi-trillion dollar hub right here is our

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state, but we're only going to get \$200 billion from this plan?"

Evans: "Without question... and please include aviation, you know, when you talk about transportation. We also have one of the busiest airports in the world. So, when it comes to transportation and transportation improvement and transportation investment, Illinois needs as much as we can get because we are truly at a deficit."

Wallace: "Absolutely. To the Resolution. Time and time again, we talk about bringing dollars to our state, what's important, what we need in terms of resources for our state. And the evidence is very clear that, and I've said it multiple times on the record, the State of Illinois is a donor state when it comes to what we send to the Federal Government and what we're able to bring back. And this is just one example of how the citizens of Illinois are not getting our money's worth, if you want to put it that way, from all of the taxes that we pay that we send to the Federal Government. We get about 50 cents for every dollar that we send to the Federal Government back into our state coffers. I think that this is important for us to urge for more of those dollars to come to us. I encourage an 'aye' vote on this particular Resolution that has been requested to have a Roll Call vote. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Resolution. I would urge everyone who's spoken against Resolution to read the two 'whereas' clauses that the previous speaker just mentioned. Illinois is a donor state and we will lose money under this current plan. This is a woefully inadequate plan for this

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state. I agree that we need a massive comprehensive transportation plan, and I agree we need to do more to lean on our congressmen and congresswomen to support a comprehensive plan that helps this state. But if you... if anyone in this Body thinks that the plan that was introduced by the federal administration is good for the State of Illinois, that's crazy. If you're for a massive... even a massive tax increase that would fund roads and bridges, vote 'no' on this Resolution 'cause that's you'd be signing up for. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "Representative McSweeney for a second bite at the apple."

McSweeney: "Madame Speaker, just to be very, very clear on what the plan does is an incremental plan going forward, it's a bipartisan plan. And I just want to make it clear that I filed a Resolution supporting a bipartisan infrastructure plan that's supported by labor unions, supported business groups, that's actually 100 percent diametrically opposed to this. So, just to be 100 percent clear, a vote for this Resolution is a vote against infrastructure. There is no doubt about that, 100 percent. If you think that our roads are in good shape, if you don't think we need infrastructure then vote for this bad Resolution, but I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Evans to close."

Evans: "This... the Build America Infrastructure Plan is not a bipartisan plan. It is a short-sided plan. It is a plan that leaves Illinois stranded. It is not a working plan. It is a failed plan. It will not be law, we know that, because congress has... because congress won't let it happen. But we

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want to send a message clear to Illinois that in our appropriations, public safety, IDOT is not requesting more dollars. They're requesting the same amount of dollars. So, we know how we're going to fix our roads, our dilapidated roads, roads from the top of this state all the way to the bottom of this state. What are we going to do? What message are we going to send to our road builders? What message are we going to send to our engineers? What message are we going to send to the new engineers at University of Illinois and all our universities who want to work? What message are we going to send to the construction workers? We want to send a message that we want them to work, but right now they don't have any work. So, we want to tell our Federal Government, send money to Illinois, send money through all out this nation so we can get people back working, so we can fix our roads. On the way back at the end of this week when I go back to Chicago, I don't want to see potholes. I want our bridges to be safe in Chicago and all throughout this region, East St. Louis, Rockford. I want to see improvement. We don't have it now. Tell the Federal Government send us the money we deserve, not this crappy plan that leaves us short sided. I ask for your support."

Speaker Currie: "There's been a request for a Roll Call vote. All in favor of the Resolution vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk, please take the record. On this Motion, there 55 voting 'aye', 44 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', and the Resolution is adopted. Let's... I see Representative Wheeler is back in the

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chamber. Let's go back to House Resolution 865.  
Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, in light of what happened yesterday in Dixon... I know that I have kids in high school, and I was invited to participate in an active shooter drill in my district. The professionals there educated me on the importance of preparing for events that you don't know are coming. They encouraged me to reach out across our state to my fellow Legislators to learn more about this process, to learn more about the issues that they face at the local level and encourage every district in this state, every school in this state to improve and advance a better plan for each of their schools, for their districts, to protect the teachers, students, and faculty that we all care about. So, I urge your support for this measure and I urge every one of us to take a more active role in what happens in our school districts when it comes to school safety. Thank you very much."

Speaker Currie: "Seeing no discussion, all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 897, Representative Stratton."

Stratton: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Resolution 897 declares an intent to eradicate abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of people with disabilities in Illinois."

Speaker Currie: "Seeing no discussion, all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 899, Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Resolution 899 deals with the federal budget

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and the low income heating assistance program known as LIHEAP. LIHEAP funding was completely cut out of the federal budget. All this does is urge for appropriate and sufficient funding, not a specific level, but an appropriate and adequate and sufficient funding for LIHEAP for the coming fiscal year. I ask your support."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of the Resolution vote... say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Representative Moeller on House Resolution 914. Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Madam Chairwoman. House Resolution 914 designates the last week of April 2008 (sic-2018) as Distracted Driving Week. This is an initiative of AAA and public safety advocates around the state to bring awareness to the problem of distracted driving. As more and more people have smart phones and technology in their vehicles, the number of deaths related to distracted driving increases. And this Resolution is an attempt to draw awareness to that they need to focus on driving and not on their technology and phones in the car."

Speaker Currie: "And on the Resolution discussion, Representative Williams."

Williams: "I just want to... thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to thank the Sponsor and the cosponsors for bringing this to our attention. I don't know if any of you were driving down 55 on Monday, but I know at least a few of us were caught in traffic due to a terrible, tragic fatal accident that occurred on I55. I don't know what the cause of the accident was but it did make me think and ask all my friends and family to be

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a little more careful and keep in mind that we're driving, something we do every day, but we have to keep in mind that it's a very dangerous endeavor at times and to make sure we're not distracted. I know I'm personally am going to make a pledge to myself to be more careful and avoid distractions. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Representative Feigenholtz on House Resolution 986."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Madame Speaker. This Resolution memorializes the desire of many of us who are interested in child welfare on both sides of the aisle. I believe that Representative Bellock is also a Sponsor of this, about how important it is for the Department of Children and Family Services to continue to post abuse and neglect stats on their website. They were mysteriously removed six months ago. And when this Resolution was filed, they mysteriously reappeared, and I just hope that they stay there because this is important data that providers and others use to track abuse and neglect in this state. I'd highly recommend an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. We're now going to go to Second Readings, that'll be page 8 of your Calendar. The first Bill is Senate Bill 482. Clerk, are there any Amendments, Motions?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 482, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2,

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offered by Representative Zalewski, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Zalewski. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1851. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1851, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Currie: "Sorry. Leave it on Second Reading. The Sponsor isn't in the chamber. Senate Bill 2265. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2265, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hurley. Third Reading. Representative Cassidy on Senate Bill 2298. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2298, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Currie: "She was in the chamber a moment ago, but out of the record 'cause she's not in the chamber now. Senate Bill 2330. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2330, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."



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Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2446, Representative Manley. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2446, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2618, Representative Gabel. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2618, a Bill for an Act concerning regulations. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Gabel, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Gabel on the Amendment."

Gabel: "Thank you, Madame Chair. I would like to adopt the Amendment. The Amendment is just a technical change. The Section 15 was mention in the Bill and it should've been Section 27. So, that changed."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2644, Representative Wheeler. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2644, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Keith Wheeler, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Wheeler."

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Wheeler: "Thank you, Madame Speaker. I move to adopt Floor Amendment 2 which is a simple change of replacing the words 'shall'... or 'consent to' with 'shall'. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments or Motions?"

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

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3464, Representative Manley, again. And Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3464, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Continuing on Second Readings, Representative Harris has Senate Bill 1851. Clerk, please read the Bill. No, I'm sorry. Out of the record. We have Representative Cassidy on House Bill 2298. Clerk, read the Bill... Senate Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2298, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. And, again, Representative Cassidy, you have Senate Bill 3503. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3503, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. And continuing on the order of Cassidy, Senate Bill 3223. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3223, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Okay, we're going to House Bills-Second Reading, on page 2 of your Calendar. House Bill 68, Representative Lang. Sorry, out of the record. House Bill 4100, Representative Kifowit. Clerk, read the Bill. Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. House Bill 4512, Representative Conyears-Ervin. Out of the record. House Bill 4666, Representative Davis. Clerk, read.. Out of the record. House Bill 5096, Representative Hernandez. Representative Hernandez. Out of the record. House Bill 5593, Representative Jones. Representative Jones. Out of the record. We're moving on to Third Readings, page 4 of your Calendar. House Bill 1471, Representative Evans. Representative Evans. Out of the record. House Bill... House Bill 4828, Representative Cassidy. Representative Cassidy. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4828, a Bill for..."

Speaker Currie: "Sorry. Change of heart, out of the record. And then we'll go to Senate Bills-Third Reading, also on page 4 of your Calendar. Senate Bill 331, Representative Dan Burke. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 331, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Burke."

Burke, K.: "Thank you, Madame Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an initiative of the Department of Professional

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Regulation. Would be lowering the fines assessed for individuals that operate ATMs. Basically, reducing the fines for minor infractions. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Burke moves do pass on Senate Bill 331. And seeing no discussion, 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 Motion, there are 75 voting 'aye', 35 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lilly, Senate Bill 456. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 456, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Madame Chairman and Ladies and Gentlemen. This Bill requires the Department of Public Health to add spinal muscular atrophy, which is also known as SMA, to the first round of screenings starting in July 1, 2020."

Speaker Currie: "Seeing no discussion, all in favor of the Bill vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk, please take the record. On this Bill, 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Connor, are you ready on Senate Bill 558? Out of the record. Representative Batinick, on Senate Bill 650. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 650, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Ms. Speaker. This is a simple Bill. It is three words and what it essentially does it adds to the code that electronics transmissions counts as in writing for sending mandate waiver notices. I will take any questions and urge and urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Seeing no discussion, 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 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sommer, ready on... on Senate Bill 748. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 748, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Sommer."

Sommer: "Thank you, Madame Speaker. Senate Bill 748 is an initiative of IDFPR. It makes some Amendments to the Banking Act... it establishes a seat on the State Banking Board for a member of the previous Savings Bank Board, which is being eliminated. There are very few members. And also, makes a change for the Residential Mortgage Board. It has not met in six years and IDFPR and the industry feel that there is no further purpose for that board, and I move for its adoption... passage."

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Speaker Currie: "Seeing no discussion, all in favor of the Bill vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 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 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having achieved a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Okay, let's go to Senate Bill 1008, Representative Parkhurst. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1008, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Parkhurst."

Parkhurst: "Thank you. This Bill is suggested by the Illinois State Police. The legislation is intended to streamline the vehicle inspection process. It will be IDOT only rather than IDOT and the State Police who conduct annual emissions inspections for diesel vehicles. The Illinois State Police do not have the equipment to conduct these diesel powered emission testings, IDOT does. I would ask for an 'aye' vote. It is supported by IDOT, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Trucking Association, and Midwest Trucking. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the Bill vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 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 97 voting 'yes', 16 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1901, Representative Spain. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1901, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Spain."

Spain: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Senate Bill 1901 is an initiative of the Capitol Development Board. It amends the procurement code related to construction management services. The Bill codifies the current practice of publishing these notices in the procurement bulletin. There are no opponents and I ask for your support."

Speaker Currie: "Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk, please take the record. There are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Halpin, for what reason do you rise?"

Halbrook: "Point of personal privilege, Madame Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "Proceed."

Halbrook: "Madam Speaker, I would just like to recognize some constituents from my district. As part of Mental Health Awareness Month, the Robert Young Center Community Support Program is a valuable resource for consumers' mental health services. And they're in Springfield here today to tell us about exactly what they need to survive. They're in the gallery on my left. I would ask that you welcome them to Springfield and take an opportunity to talk to them if they come by your office. Thanks so much."

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Speaker Currie: "Welcome, indeed. Back to Second Readings on page 3 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 5096. Representative Hernandez. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5096, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. And again, Representative Hernandez, are you ready on House Bill 5097? Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5097, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. And House Bill 5593, Representative Jones. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5593, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments..."

Speaker Currie: "Sorry. Sorry. I don't see the Sponsor after all so I think we have to be out of the record. House Bill 5097 we just moved to third, but they are going to move it back to Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor. Back to Third Reading... but Representative Andersson, for what reason do you rise?"

Andersson: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of Order. My darn switch malfunctioned again. I hate when that happens and Senate Bill... I'd like to be recorded on Senate Bill 1008 as a 'no' vote."



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Speaker Currie: "The record will reflect your wishes."

Andersson: "Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Back on Third Reading, Senate Bill 2223, Representative Fortner. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2223, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker. Members of the House, Senate Bill 2223 is an initiative of the State Board of Elections. And it clarifies that the period for an audit should an audit of campaign finances occur is two years but that two years is the two years leading up to the last scheduled.. the last reporting period. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Currie: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Fortner has moved do pass on Senate Bill 2223. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 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, 111 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Severin, are you ready on Senate Bill 2254? Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2254, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Severin."

Severin: "Thank you, Madame Chair. And for Lou Lang, yes, I'm nervous. I'm honored today to bring you Senate Bill 2254 that Senator Manar actually initiated this and I bring it over to the House. It would designate May 17, which is today of

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course, as DIPG Day in the State of Illinois. Not only this day, but also each year on May 17. Now, brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer related deaths in children, and DIPG is a highly aggressive brain tumor that affects roughly 300 children a year in the United States. DIPG Awareness Day is to be observed throughout the state as a day to encourage the people of Illinois to help increase public awareness of this particularly aggressive form of cancer affecting children. And I have the honor and the privilege of having a family member come in and testify in committee last week, she lost her daughter two weeks ago in my district. The little girl, she could play the piano... she was 10 years old, she could play the piano backwards. That's how talented she was, and we lost her to this horrible disease. And I would ask for an 'aye' vote. We won't have a moment of silence but your moment of respect would be a vote of 'yes', please. And so, I ask for an 'aye' vote. Then I think we have someone else that's going to introduce someone in the gallery in just a moment. Thank you very much."

Speaker Currie: "Any discussion? Representative Bourne."

Bourne: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to first thank Representative Severin for ushering this through the House for this important awareness day. As you mentioned, the month of May is Brain Tumor Awareness Month and I think it's only fitting that we pass this Bill so that in perpetuity on May 17, we will honor those with DIPG and raise awareness. But today in the gallery, I have constituents to the family of Grace Skief appear to my right and they are here to mark this occasion. For all of you wearing gray, thank you. That is the

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color to wear to remember not only those who have lost to DIPG but brain tumors in general. So, thank you for coming here. Thank you for your tenacity to push this thing through. And on behalf of this whole Body, we want to thank you for your work, thank you for being here, and certainly this is for Grace."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of the Bill vote 'yes'; 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, 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Agreed Resolutions, Clerk. Please read the Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, and 1086 offered by Representative Hernandez."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Lang moves adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing for perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House stands adjourned until Friday, May 18, at the Hour of 10:30 a.m. There are committees this afternoon. Be sure to turn up at the appropriate time and place to move your Bill or move somebody else's. The House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Representative Batinick is recognized for a Member statement concerning property taxes."

Batinick: "Thank you. Thank you, Madame Speaker. I want to talk about something that I know there's been a little buzz around

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Springfield about recently and that was the proposal by three economist, Thomas Hassall, Rick Mattoon, Thomas Walstrom. And they calculated that a property tax equal to one percent... one percent of a home's value could plug the state's pension gap in ten years. This is a... I don't know the exact word to say that's greater than horrific, horrible, stupid. This would cause an immediate 15 percent in property values. At today's mortgage rates, a house currently valued at \$240 thousand would need a \$37 thousand drop in value to keep the same monthly payment with the 1 percent increase in property taxes, a \$37 thousand drop. The economist actually state that prices would go down quickly. They admit that real estate prices would go down quickly, real estate values. And they actually reason and state that people considering moving to Illinois would find that the higher taxes would be offset by the increased in home affordability thanks to lower prices. The difference is, is when you buy an expensive house and you make a payment, you're building equity. You're not building equity when you pay a property tax bill. Secondly, they actually state that current homeowners would not be able to avoid the new tax by selling their homes because the prices would go down so quick. It's actually stated in the article. For some people, the home is their largest savings account. This would take some or all of that equity. In many cases, it would put some Illinois citizens upside down on their property. For commercial properties, it would greatly disincentives investment, especially for manufacturing and businesses that have a large real estate footprint. In short, this plan would cause a second major real estate crash, and

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it would likely cause a significant recession in Illinois. Billions in equity would be wiped out. No, billions in equity would be stolen from Illinois homeowners. Real estate property taxes are an extremely regressive form of taxation. It's unfair to the poor. It's unfair to seniors. It's unfair to the unemployed. I've heard some bad economic ideas over the past three years but this may top them all. I'm embarrassed to say that these three economist are all employed by the government at the Chicago Fed. Thank you, Madame Speaker."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Keith Wheeler is recognized for a Member statement concerning House Bill 5864."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to call attention to the Blue Collar Jobs Act, legislation pending here in this chamber to generate construction projects in the State of Illinois and create good paying jobs for middle income families in our state. Helping the middle class is a pretty common talking point for elected officials across the whole country. While there are a lot of proposals that claim to do that, nothing helps the middle class more than creating good paying jobs. That's precisely what the Blue Collar Job Act does. It sends a message that Illinois is open for business by putting our highly skilled construction workers to work. It's a win for the State of Illinois. It's a win for Illinois businesses. It's a win for construction workers in our state. And it's also a win for the permanent workers that are hired after a new or expanded facility is completed. The Blue Collar Jobs Act is supported by both labor and business groups and offers tax incentives to companies making significant capital

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improvements in Illinois based on the holding tax paid to those construction workers. I helped put in place our state's current EDGE program which is an economic development tool that incentivizes long-term job creation. The Blue Collar Jobs Act helps by prioritizing our state's highly-skilled construction and trades workers and incentivizing the projects that put them to work. The program would work under the same structure as the recently upgraded EDGE program. The Blue Collar Jobs tax credit value is 50 percent of Illinois income tax withheld of construction workers during the project. That tax credit value rises to 75 percent of Illinois income tax withheld of those same construction workers if the project is located in an underserved area that meets certain poverty, unemployment, and federal assistance rates. The Blue Collar Jobs Tax credit is issued to the organization that builds, renovates, or expands the building just as the EDGE tax credit goes to the company hiring the workers. The tax credit is meant to incentivize the company to construct new buildings or improve existing buildings which can't be built without the use of Illinois labor. The Blue Collar Jobs Act is incorporated into four existing programs: the EDGE program as I discussed earlier; the River Edge, Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program; High Impact Business; and Enterprise Zones. I cannot emphasize enough one critical point. The tax credits only become available after the work has already been fully completed. In other words, the company can't earn the tax credit until the construction worker has been paid first. There is no risk to the state for a company not meeting its requirement as the state has already captured the withholding

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tax prior to the tax credit being issued. To summarize, the benefits of the Blue Collar Jobs Act are plentiful and a win-win for everyone. Putting our highly-skilled construction workers to work is top priority. Increase in the commercial real estate tax base which helps to lower residential property tax burdens in areas where construction occurs, another benefit. It's important that we show that business and labor in Illinois can work together to improve our economy and at the end of the day generate much needed economic growth in every corner of Illinois from Chicago to the suburbs to downstate is what we're about. It is important to realize that Illinois has one distinct advantage which doesn't get enough attention in this chamber, and that is our workforce. We have an advantage over almost every state when it comes to how well prepared and well educated our people are. I believe it is what primarily has Illinois still in the running for amazing projects like Amazon's HQ2. We want to make Illinois as competitive as we can and the Blue Collar Jobs Act would be a step in the right direction to do that. At home in the district that I represent, the 50th district, we urgently need economic development and more jobs. With changes at Caterpillar, Butterball, and Dial, we need to have every tool available to put people to work. The Buddig Company who recently purchased the Butterball facility in Montgomery, which brought 250 much needed jobs, applied for an EDGE agreement for their long-term staffing commitment. For companies who are considering purchasing either the Caterpillar or Dial plants which is just a short distance away in Montgomery, there will almost certainly be

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significant capital investment needs to prepare those facilities for what they do. The Blue Collar Jobs Act would be a difference maker to companies looking to create or expand their manufacturing presence here in Illinois in plants just like these. Despite the partisan gridlock that has too often existed in this chamber over the past three years, I know we have the capacity to come together and enact policies that improve the lives of every family in Illinois from your districts and mine. The Blue Collar Jobs Act is such a policy: a partnership of business and labor; an initiative to bring Democrats and Republicans together; and most importantly, a job creator for middle class Illinois families. So, I filed the Blue Collar Jobs Act, House Bill 5864, on April 19 and the Bill currently has 31 cosponsors. So, I respectfully urge that the Blue Collars Jobs Act be granted a committee hearing and a vote so that we can continue our work on bipartisan basis to generate growth and opportunity in every corner of our state. Ultimately, the Blue Collar Jobs Act will help us create Illinois jobs for Illinois families. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Clerk Hollman: "Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 337, offered by Representative Willis, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 561, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2387, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2485, offered by Representative Drury, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2638, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning local



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government. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Committee Reports. Representative Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2018: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 5750, House Bill 5828; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 808. Representative Costello, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2386, Senate Bill 2493, Senate Bill 2713, Senate Bill 2752, Senate Bill 2875, Senate Bill 3214; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 2380. Representative Fine, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance: Health & Life reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2018: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 2851; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment to Senate Bill 3491. Representative Thapedi, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2727, Senate Bill 2908. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3291; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 117. Representative Yingling, Chairperson from the Committee on Government Consolidation & Modernization reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2544. Representative Hernandez, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2018: do pass

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Short Debate is Senate Bill 3195; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 457. Representative Sente, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3017, Senate Bill 3135, Senate Bill 3156; do pass Standard Debate is Senate Bill 2376; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 274. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2817, Senate Bill 3086. Representative Turner, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 564, Senate Bill 2343, Senate Bill 2378, Senate Bill 2560, Senate Bill 2579, Senate Bill 2599, Senate Bill 2642, Senate Bill 2789, Senate Bill 2915, Senate Bill 2925, Senate Bill 3136, Senate Bill 3256, Senate Bill 3263, Senate Bill 3276, Senate Bill 3388, Senate Bill 3404, Senate Bill 3489; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 2640, Senate Bill 3411; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 2354, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3108. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Construction Industry & Code Enforcement reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2620. Representative Mayfield, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing, Administration & Oversight reports the following committee action taken on May 16, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2344, Senate Bill 2345, Senate Bill 2658, Senate Bill 2693, Senate Bill

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2838, Senate Bill 2900, Senate Bill 3201, Senate Bill 3220, Senate Bill 3236. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 16, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 293, Senate Bill 2385, Senate Bill 2424, Senate Bill 2866, Senate Bill 2889, Senate Bill 2952, Senate Bill 2996, Senate Bill 3023, Senate Bill 3048, Senate Bill 3105, Senate Bill 3232, Senate Bill 3237, Senate Bill 3290; do pass Standard Debate is Senate Bill 35, Senate Bill 2407, Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #4; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 2516, Senate Bill 2628. Representative Thapedi, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on May 16, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 65, Senate Bill 335, Senate Bill 544, Senate Bill 574, Senate Bill 1246, Senate Bill 2226, Senate Bill 2289, Senate Bill 2309, Senate Bill 2498, Senate Bill 2609, Senate Bill 2660, Senate Bill 2826, Senate Bill 3120, Senate Bill 3295, Senate Bill 3392, Senate Bill 3443; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 2437. Representative Hurley, Chairperson from the Committee on Police & First Responders reports the following committee action taken on May 09, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3509. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."