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Speaker Currie: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their seats. We will be led in prayer today by Representative Allen Skillicorn. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off your cell phones and then rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Skillicorn."

Skillicorn: "Good morning. I want to read from the Book of Isaiah 41 chapter verse 10. 'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.' Let us pray. Father God, I lift this Body and Your people to You. Today is the last day of regular Session. Please help these Members zealously represent their constituents, zealously represent our state, zealously represent all people, and zealously represent Your will. Give Members patience, strength, and endurance. Soften our hearts to listen, work together, and follow Your leading. Bless the people here, our state, and nation with a renewed spirit of mercy and grace. I pray in Your name, Jesus Christ."

Speaker Currie: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Sente."

Sente - 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 Feigenholtz for excused Democrats."

Feigenholtz: "The only excused Gentleman today is Mr. Drury."

Speaker Currie: "And Representative Demmer."

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Demmer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative David Reis is excused for the day."

Speaker Currie: "With 116 answering the roll, we have a quorum. The business of the House can proceed. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken May 31, 2018: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment 1 to... correction... Senate Bill 452, Floor Amendment 6 to Senate Bill 1531; recommends be adopted is Motions to Concur with Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 109, and Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 3342."

Speaker Currie: "Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1157, offered by Representative Phelps Finnie. House Resolution 1159, offered by Representative Mah. House Resolution 1160, offered by Representative Brady. House Resolution 1161, offered by Representative Hammond. House Resolution 1162, offered by Representative Moeller. House Resolution 1163, offered by Representative Yingling. House Resolution 1164, offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Feigenholtz moves the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Representative Harris. David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker... Madam Speaker. As we... as we enter the final Session of our regular Session today, I'd just like to put in one final piece of good news that was reported in *Crain's* this week as reported by the U.S. Census

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Bureau, that the City of Chicago is attracting more well off residents than any other city in the nation except for New York. That's defined as individuals with a total income of more than \$100 thousand and head of household under 45 years of age. Additionally, there are more people in the City of Chicago with college degrees than any other city in the United States. We have to do better all across the State of Illinois, but clearly, Chicago is the engine that is helping to pull this train. And we're doing a good job. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you very much. Representative Severin."

Severin: "Good morning."

Speaker Currie: "Good morning."

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

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Severin: "Two items. First off, everyone in the House should have a t-shirt at their desk or table. Those are compliments of me. And I challenge you if you would like to participate in making a donation to the young lady that was on the House Floor last week. Her last name is Bugg. She's fighting cancer and she had raised \$83 thousand. Her goal is to try to get to 100 thousand. So I challenge you this morning and if you would like to make a donation toward helping her fight cancer that would be great. So I just wanted to let you know what's going on with that. The reason there's a bicycle on there is my first Bill last year that I passed made cycling the state exercise. So that's why the bicycle is on there. And also I have a Page today, a young man from McLeansboro. His name is Mr. Aydt. If he would stand up, please. Glad to have him with

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us this morning. Would like to welcome him to the floor. He's from McLeansboro and we're glad to have him. So thank you very much."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you. Representative Demmer, do you have an announcement?"

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

Speaker Currie: "How long will you be... likely find yourselves caucusing?"

Demmer: "One hour."

Speaker Currie: "One hour. The Democrats can go have breakfast. The Republicans will be in caucus. And the House will be in recess until the call of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "The House shall come to order. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 1165, offered by Representative Currie. Attention Members, the Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Speaker's Conference Room."

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

Batinick: "Do you want me to do a point of personal privilege now?"

Speaker Turner: "Go right ahead, Sir."

Batinick: "Okay. Point of personal privilege, everybody, before the exciting Rules Committee. With me today I have a couple Pages. I have Ethan and Michael. Michael is working to be a Eagle Scout. Ethan, actually, when I met him at school said to me, what are you going to do about pensions? And he heard we might do something today. So, I thought he'd be an

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excellent... excellent person to come to the floor. And also with is my son Max, my daughter Anabelle, and Ellen who decided to get lunch during the long wait. So come over and say hi. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to your Capitol. Representative Breen, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 65, I move my Motion to reconsider Senate Bill 3387. I understand Rule 65 to allow any Member of the General Assembly to move it immediately when a Motion to reconsider is made this late in the Session."

Speaker Turner: "Just a moment, Representative. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2018: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #3 for Senate Bill 426, Floor Amendment #4 for Senate Bill 2610, Floor Amendment #4 for Senate Bill 2969, Floor Amendment #2 for Senate Bill 3045, Floor Amendment #1 for Senate Bill 3238, Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Joint Resolution 62; recommends be adopted and referred to the Order of Resolutions is House Resolution 1165; the following Motions to Concur have been approved for consideration Senate Amendment #1 for House Bill 3223, Senate Amendment #1 for House Bill 4104, Senate Amendment #1 for House Bill 4554, Senate Amendments 1 and 2 for House Bill 5201, Senate Amendments 1 and 3 for House Bill 5231, Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 for House Bill 5308, Senate Amendment #2 for House Bill 5749, and Senate Amendment #1 for House Bill 5777."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would withdraw my Motion for an immediate vote but maintain my Motion to reconsider for later consideration so we can get to that today. So that the Representative of the underlying Bill can get his Bill to the Senate. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. On page 12 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, we have House Bill 3342, Representative Greg Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3342 is the Budget Implementation Bill, the BIMP for the FY2019 budget. It runs over 700 pages long. So I will just give some of the highlights of what is included in it. The majority of items in the BIMP are legislative transfers, and authority, and language that are necessary to implement the Appropriation Bill which will be heard next, including fund transfers and special authorities requested by the Governor which the four caucuses have agreed the Governor should have for 2019. Other items in the BIMP that you may have questions about are the authorizing language for the pay raise for frontline workers in Community Care Program, developmental disabilities, home services, mental health, substance abuse, supportive living facilities, and SMHRFs, the funding of the Poison Control Centers, a new program to protect at-risk pharmacies. There is a pharmacy add-on payment for critical access pharmacies subject to appropriation with a \$10 million cap. There is a one-year rate increase for ambulances during a transition year to the single form method of payment. There is the addition of adult

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dental preventive services for Medicaid. This is something that both caucuses in the House and the Senate felt was important. There is a new adoption credit that is added to our tax system in Illinois so that families who are adopting children will be able to get additional tax relief. The hospital income tax credit is extended until the year 2022. And there also maintain the adjustments for certain high property tax school districts regarding PPRT. For one year, we have extended the natural disaster income tax credit that would allow taxpayers \$750 million for unreimbursed flood damage in a declared natural disaster area to help our neighbors who are suffering after this year's floods. There's also authority for transfers from the CDB Contributory Trust Fund to reimburse other funds as necessary for costs associated with the Quincy Veterans' Home. There is \$800 million in bonding to support the Capital appropriations and reappropriations that are covered in the budget. There are three pension reforms included in the BIMP where the savings is reflected in the budget. This would be a voluntary COLA buyout for Tier 1 members. Also a cap on salary spiking from six to three percent. And another voluntary program for an accelerated benefit payment for vested enacted... inactive members. There is a prohibition in the BIMP for Cost of Living Adjustments during the fiscal year for state and government legislative and elected officials and appointees. And lastly, the thing I would highlight is it gives the Comptroller additional interfund borrowing authority to continue to manage our backlog of bills in cooperation with the Governor's

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Office of Management and Budget and the Treasurer. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I'd like to first start off by thanking Representative Harris for all the work that we've been able to do in a true bipartisan sense over the last several weeks involving many Members of both caucuses and Members of both caucuses in the Senate as well. I think what we have before us today is the... here in the BIMP, and what will follow with the Appropriation Bill, is reflective of a bipartisan agreement on the state budget for the first time in many, many years reflects a true sense of bipartisan negotiation to find a budget that's balanced, a budget that's workable, and something that can give us stability and predictability over the course of the upcoming year. That's... that kind of Bill, the kind of Bill that we have before us today, can only come as a result of good faith negotiations, can only come as a result of developing and building a sense of trust between both sides of the aisle and between both sides of the Capitol. And I think that's instructed to us as we continue to work... to move forward and working on any number of issues from the state budget to smaller items that are important to each one of us and important to our constituencies. And I think that we... what we have here today with the Budget Implementation Plan is reflective of true bipartisan negotiations. It's not everything that any one person would hope it would be, but it's a realistic plan. I'll say that again. It's not reflective of anything of everyone's desires, but it's a realistic plan. It's something

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we know can work and it's something that we know was a result of good faith negotiations by both Parties. Just a couple of items that I think are of particular note that are included in this implementation Bill. First, the State of Illinois is putting forward an adoption tax credit that will help give tax relief to families in Illinois who adopt children, who bring a child into a loving home, who give them the kind of love and support and family support that we know is an important part of having good strong communities and having a good strong life. The adoption tax credit is included in this proposal and was a very important item that we've been negotiating to get included. Additionally, there's a restoration of funds to local governments. The Local Government Distributive Fund, the Transit Funds which are in the FY18 budget prorated to a 90 percent level are increased to a 95 percent level helping to alleviate some of the property tax burden that's put on local taxpayers by sending more money to local governments to help them meet the needs of the services that they provide. Also interesting new ideas that are included in this proposal include two new pension buyout proposals. One, the... what we'll call the Batinick-Fortner Plan, buyout plan that allows for optional buyouts for vested inactive members of the pension systems. These buyouts will be voluntary, they'll allow a person to evaluate what makes sense for them, and they allow the state to both decrease costs in FY19 as well as reduce our unfunded liability in the long run. Two important things that we've been struggling with as we make our pension payments over the last decade. Both the upfront costs and the long-term costs

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are reduced under these voluntary buyout programs. The other allows for individuals who are in the Tier 1 system to buy down their 3 percent compounded COLA. Again, an item that's voluntary. It allows people to make a choice of what's best for them. Allows the state to both shed immediate costs because we're reducing the long-term unfunded liability of our pensions systems, adding stability to those programs, and doing so in a way that individuals voluntarily opt in to do so is really a win-win situation. This Budget Implementation Plan also includes a new idea in higher education. We've seen a lot of attention given in the State of Illinois to the number of students who graduate from Illinois high schools and then choose to go to out-of-state universities and colleges and start their lives and build their families and careers in other states. It's imperative for the strength of Illinois's future that we retain the best and the brightest students here, that they become growing and vibrant parts of communities and our economies. And one of the ideas we have today, in this plan, is a product of a bipartisan working group on higher education that creates a scholarship program, a merit-based scholarship program that helps attract those Illinois students to get them to stay in the State of Illinois. Incredibly important sign that we can show to students in Illinois that we value them staying here and that we're putting our money where our mouth is by helping them afford to stay in Illinois colleges and avail themselves of the great opportunities that we have right here in Illinois. Additionally, I'd say that this Body understands the fiscal challenges that face Illinois. And because of that in this

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Budget Implementation Bill we've prohibited cost of living increases for elected officials. We've said we're not going..."
Speaker Turner: "Excuse me, Representative. Excuse me. Members, we're having trouble hearing in the chamber. Can we please bring the noise level down? Thank you very much. Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you. Again, we've prohibited cost of living increases for ourselves for this year. We're not going to take pay raises while we continue to have financial challenges in the state. And that's an important fact that's included here in this Budget Implementation Bill together. Again, as Representative Harris said this is a very long and comprehensive Bill. Many of the items that are included in this Bill had been previously debated in legislation that's passed one chamber or both and is a result of many good negotiations from people in different areas from Medicaid changes to higher education changes, things we've heard from the Revenue Committees. We really have a lot of people whose work over the past several months is reflected in this implementation plan that we have before us today. So in conclusion, I'll say that again we stand proud of the fact that we were able to come to a bipartisan negotiation. We have a solution that meets the critical needs of the state while understanding that it's not a perfect solution and that it requires us to continue to work together to make sure that each program that we've projected is carried out to the fullest extent. This is a realistic, a workable plan. This is not the result of political talking points. This is not the result of a 140 character tweet. This is not the result of a

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bumper sticker on a car. This is what happens when you sit down and work in good faith across the aisle to find something that we can support. For that reason, I urge a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative McSweeney."

McSweeney: "Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. We do have the greatest state in the country, the greatest people, the greatest natural resources, and Chicago is the greatest city, but we do have the highest taxes in this country. You have to look at the income tax at 4.95 percent. You have to look at our high sales tax. You have to look at the second highest property tax in the country. The taxpayers of this state are getting killed and this Bill, this BIMP, the budget Bill will follow continues the carnage. We are losing people. We're going to lose two congressional seats. We have lost 33 thousand people. We are behind Pennsylvania in population. And yes, we need to cut the budget. Math does count. We need to do real pension reform. We need to do a Constitutional Amendment like Arizona that's a negotiated settlement that addresses the fact that we have a three percent annual increase of benefits. We have a \$130 billion pension liability that's using a 7 percent rate of return. If you use a real rate of return, we have a \$200 billion problem. We are insolvent. Twenty-five percent of the population of the State of Illinois is receiving Medicaid. I want to make sure that the truly needy are receiving Medicaid, but we need real reform. And you know who has some of the best ideas on that? Representative Greg Harris on how to bring federal money. But we have a Governor who won't call the President of United

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States, he won't even say his name. And the taxpayers of this state are paying for it. And yes, Representative Martwick, we need to redo that education formula Bill. We can't afford \$350 million annual increase, \$7 billion a year. We need to stand for the taxpayers. And I say to Governor Rauner you promised us, you promised us you'd cut our tax rate to three percent. This is a 4.95 percent tax rate. This is a massive tax increase from last year that will continue. You're using all the revenue. I implore you to keep your word, Governor, to the people of the State of Illinois. Use your Line Item Veto. Use your Reduction Veto. Stand up for the people. Once and for all, while everybody's congratulating themselves, think about the taxpayers of this state. The people are getting screwed. The people who are leaving. For the love of God, vote 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For all of you listening out there, I'd like to echo what my colleague David McSweeney just said. But I'd also like to inform you that essentially what occurred in this budget Bill occurred with a handful, a handful of people making all the decisions for all of us. I sit on Pension Committee. The pension reform may be great. It may help us and it may move us along, but I don't know that 'cause it never went through our Pension Committee. We have had actually no voice as rank and file Members on this budget or this BIMP. No information. Finally, just today, did we get any concrete information about what's in this budget that dropped yesterday. And I've started to read through it and I'm not very happy about a lot of it. But what you should

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know is that more than likely your State Representative, your State Senator had no input on this. You're collectively ruled by a handful of folks that are part of the political ruling class of the State of Illinois that have been controlling this state for decades, and decades where we have not had a balanced budget. And as far as I can tell, this budget isn't balanced either. But this is what you get when you don't have input from all of us who actually do care about a balanced budget. You should know there is a political ruling class in the State of Illinois and they are trying their darndest to keep you in the dark and uninformed about some of the most important items that we do down here. And they're succeeding because other folks in Leadership are allowing it to happen. And I'm here to be the truth teller. And I'm here to tell you that this budget is not balanced and we should all vote 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had a question about the pension that I haven't been able to figure out. I understand for those of you who are following this that the third option... this is for Representative Demmer, I guess. The question that I have is for you, Representative Demmer. Okay. So... I'm asking you because you're the one that talked about. So the age that will be based on the buyout is the age figured out by the actuarials of how long you'll live. Is that correct?"

Speaker Turner: "Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Okay. So along with that when is the window for Tier 1 teachers that choose to do the buyout with the 3 percent compounded COLA going down to 1 and a half percent simple and

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60 percent of the difference? When is the window for you to sign up for that? I couldn't find that."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Scherer, Representative Harris is presenting the Bill, so he will yield for questioning for you..."

Scherer: "Okay."

Speaker Turner: "...where he can answer any of your questions."

Scherer: "Sorry. He's the one that mentioned this, so I thought he was the one with the answers."

Harris, G.: "He may not mention it again. Your question is regarding the window? There is not a window on that particular voluntary provision."

Scherer: "So you can just do it... any Tier 1 can do it whenever they want?"

Harris, G.: "There is not a window on that provision. So individual systems may or may not set their own limitations, but there's nothing in the legislation that puts a window on to that program."

Scherer: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Fortner is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Fortner: "Representative, one of the pieces in this BIMP Bill is language which appears to be basically identical to that which was in Senate Bill 2651 related to the cyber navigator portion of that Bill we passed yesterday. And what I'd liked to do, since it is also in this Bill, is put in some statements for legislative intent about that provision that will mirror what we did yesterday. Is that..."

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Harris, G.: "Certainly."

Fortner: "So background. In the Elections & Campaign Finance Committee when this Bill was... when 2651 of the Senate Bill was presented, the State Board of Elections commented on the work that they were currently doing working with the State Police, with DoIT, with the various county election officials around the state to deal with the cyber hack that happened in the summer of 2016 and trying to secure our system. So with that in mind, is it your understanding that nothing in this provision is intended to slow down the existing work of the State Board of Elections to combat cyber-attacks or to impede their work with other agencies to this end?"

Harris, G.: "Yes, Representative. That is correct."

Fortner: "And is it the intent of this House that as part of the required rulemaking in this Act that if necessary the State Board of Elections should be able to seek an emergency rule to continue their current work combating cyber-attacks?"

Harris, G.: "Yes. That is correct."

Fortner: "And that to the extent that there's any lack of clarity in the definition of the Cyber Navigator Program is the intent of the House that the State Board of Election can define that through their rulemaking provided in this Act including identifying those agencies that they would be partners with?"

Harris, G.: "Again, you are correct, Sir."

Fortner: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

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Breen: "Representative, just to make clear this is the Budget Implementation Bill and there's nothing in here that in any way impacts the amounts of money provided to the Medical Assistance Program or our Medicaid program for short?"

Harris, G.: "There are several provisions in here regarding the Medicaid program most of them related to fund transfers and appropriations."

Breen: "But none that actually will fund that Medical assistance program and specifically its program of elective abortions?"

Harris, G.: "No. There are not."

Breen: "Thank you. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, when we consider a Bill we look at will it improve the status quo or not. I am very much understanding of those who are complaining about the process. You know, we do these things at the last minute with the rank and file Members. And I know that on our side of the aisle we are always trying to expand the involvement of rank and file Members, but we're stuck with a process. Our Leaders have engaged in that process, done it in good faith. This Bill is an incredible improvement over our status quo. We're going to improve the way that we expend funds. We're going to improve the payments that we have for those who care for our least... the least among us, the most vulnerable among us. And we're going to finally provide the Batinick-Fortner pension buyout which all of us have been desperate for for many years. And so for that purpose... is any Bill perfect? No. But there's certainly no poison pills in this Bill. It has been negotiated vigorously. It is a bipartisan effort. And one that every Member of this chamber can find something that they like. Again, I understand folks

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voting against it on process, and certainly being unhappy with the state of the state, but as for me the Bill improves and will improve life for Illinoisans. It will improve our fiscal state. And so for that reason, I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Hays."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I applaud the work that's been done by the Leaders. I applaud the work that's been done in this chamber by Representative Harris and Representative Demmer. You know, it doesn't take a lot of effort, you don't have to get up very early to sit on the sidelines. There are always a plethora of reasons to not participate. The Bill is I think the Representative said 720 pages long or 520... I forget the number... but the truth of the matter is... and this may well be my last day in this august chamber. And the truth of the matter is you have to be willing to govern. The question is are you willing to govern or are you not? We had a budget impasse that lasted 31 months. And some courageous people on both sides of the aisle said enough. We have to govern, this is not good enough. We cannot have our communities on fire. We cannot have our human service agencies, our community colleges, our universities, anybody who does work for the State of Illinois in a state of flux where they don't know what's going to happen. This is a much more positive dynamic that we've had under this dome for years, an appropriate process. A process where not everybody got what they wanted but a number that is reasonable, a number that is defensible, and a number that you can go home and say on this day I chose to govern. I will be sincerely

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disappointed if the green does not ring up 90 'yes' votes. If you are here to govern, today is your day. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative McDermed."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

McDermed: "Representative, I'm a relative newbie and in the four years that I've been here the budget process hasn't really worked very well. In fact a couple years we really didn't even have a budget. So my question to you is this, why are we doing the Budget Implementation Bill before we're doing the budget? I would have thought we would have wanted to set the policy, and set the strategy, and set the goals, and govern before we do the accounting busy work? Can you help me with this?"

Harris, G.: "This was the order in which the Bill was called by the Chair, Representative."

McDermed: "Shouldn't we put the horse before the cart? Just asking."

Harris, G.: "Again, I call... I respond to the Bills when they are brought forward from the Chair."

McDermed: "I like to do things in an orderly process. I like to set my strategy first before I do the details. I think this is an attempt to box us in to heaven only knows what, people. Watch out."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Harris to close."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. Thank you for the comments. And especially thank you, Representative Hays, for your words about it is now our time to govern because this is

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our opportunity now to pass legislation, to show that we can work together. And we need to follow the Senate's lead with their 52 to 6 votes yesterday night on these items. And I just want to thank you for your leadership on these issues this year and last, Representative Hays."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #3 to House Bill 3342?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting '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 this question, there are 100 voting 'aye', 14 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #3 to House Bill 3342. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 9 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 109 offered by Gregory Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill, House Bill 109, is the actual state budget. And before we begin to go through the items that are in all of our appropriation areas, you know, I just want to take a minute to reflect on, you know, how we got here today. We just had a wonderful vote. One hundred Members of the General Assembly voting on a budget, passed by the Senate on bipartisan fashion yesterday, which the Governor has said he will sign, I'm told. Leader Brady announced that the other day. We've had to come a long way to get to this point. And it was a long way with a lot of work by a lot of folks in this room both who are in Leadership and who are in rank and file. And I just want to thank, you know, the Members of the

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House Democratic Budget Working Group, you know, who spent many long hours helping us develop a House Democrat perspective. I want to thank those on the Republican side of the aisle who worked with their Leadership also. But in particular I want to, you know, thank my counterpart Representative Tom Demmer, who represented the House Republicans in our four caucus negotiations. And you know, we're not going to present this budget in the way we usually do by the way, Ladies and Gentlemen, today, because this has been a bipartisan effort it's not going to be just me as a Democrat presenting this budget. Representative Demmer and I are going to present this budget together. We're going to each do a separate portion because this was a product both of the Republican Caucus and the Democratic Caucus in this chamber working together to make this happen. So, this... it does spend \$38.5 billion in GRF. It is a balanced budget. All those involved have agreed. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget has agreed. I see the Budget Director Hans Zigmund sitting in the gallery above the Republican side of the aisle. You know, he has participated in these meetings for many hours with his staff advising us and giving us technical advice. Everything we spend in this budget comes in through our existing revenue sources or through natural revenue growth. There are no new taxes in this budget whatsoever. So this is \$38.5 billion in GRF spending but no new taxes. Let me go through... I will present first the different portions in the revenue and the above the line portions of the expenses. Representative Demmer will talk about higher education, education, the FY18 supplemental and

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capital, and then I will return and go over public safety, human services, and general services. So as Representative Demmer mentioned in the BIMP Bill there is a reduction in the hold back from LGDF that we took last year. That goes from 10 percent to 5 percent. The additional revenue that has funded some of our expansions has come from increased investment earnings of the Treasurer from a settlement with Deutsche Bank and with very favorable swap earnings. In addition we have been recognized an additional \$200 million this year from the FY18 Income Tax Refund Fund which showed extremely high balance. We've increased our federal funding by moving many of the programs that have been previously paid for just by GRF into the Medicaid program so that we can obtain federal match. We'll also be increasing funding by working with the Comptroller and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget to improve our interfund borrowing capacity and efficiency. In what we call the above the line items, those things which have to go out the door automatically, I want to say that we are making our full pension payment, we are paying our group health obligations, we are fully funding debt service, and we are recognizing several hundred million dollars in savings from the pension reforms that were discussed earlier, the voluntary three percent COLA buyout, the voluntary buyout of vested but inactive members, and the reduction of the pension spiking from six percent to three percent. So those are some highlights on the revenue side and the above the line expenditures. And Representative Demmer will present on his portion."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Demmer."

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Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The... this budget funds education in a very strong and supportive way both in elementary and secondary education as well as higher education. The plan would fund \$6.84 billion in General Revenue Funds into the evidence-based funding formula. That's an increase of over \$350 million from last year's budget which is the amount that's needed to satisfy our target under the recent bipartisan education funding formula Bill that was passed; \$350 million additional money will go to K through 12 education across the state. Additionally, we held flat from last year the regional, irregular, and vocational transportation lines and the special education transportation lines. And we appropriated \$50 million to early childhood education. In higher education we proposed \$1.78 billion in General Revenue spending and total of \$2.25 billion in total spending for higher education. Notable in that is a two percent increase in operational expenditures for public universities and community colleges over the FY18 level. Two percent increase for those universities and colleges. We hold flat funding for the Monetary Award Program or the MAP Grant from the FY18 proposal. And we include \$25 million in additional funding for the Aim High Scholarship Program which I mentioned in discussion of the BIMP. Those are the product of a bipartisan, bicameral working group on higher education that gave us both support for our existing policies as well as new opportunities for us to attain, retain, and attract the best and the brightest students to Illinois colleges and universities. Additionally, this budget includes capital... a capital budget. A \$19.4 billion capital program which fully

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funds the Governor's FY19 introduced capital budget. And so highlights from that include \$53 million for the Quincy Veterans' Home to ensure that our veterans in Quincy have a safe and reliable place to live. The capital budget also includes \$2.5 billion in the road program to continue road infrastructure projects across the entire State of Illinois. As well as importantly for anybody who's heard from a university or a state facility over the past several years this budget includes \$600 million for deferred maintenance to help those institutions correct structural flaws, make improvements and repairs, and try to prevent those problems from getting even worse and even more costly by investing \$600 million in deferred maintenance on state facilities. Of that, \$100 million is specifically earmarked for higher education facilities and deferred maintenance. Additionally, this proposal includes a supplemental funding for FY18. Total supplemental appropriation of \$1.3 billion of which about 1.2... 1.1 is in General Revenue Fund. Notably here this includes over \$63 million to pay back wages to AFSCME members. That is currently the oldest bill in the state and the supplemental appropriation will provide an opportunity for us to pay that and to rectify that situation. The supplemental request also includes over \$400 million in the Health Care Provider Relief Fund which will help the state meet its obligations to pay for currently pending Medicaid applications of individuals residing in long-term care facilities of which the state has been actively engaged in trying to reduce that backlog for many months and has been the subject of court actions as well. The supplemental also

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includes \$405 million for the Department of Corrections to allow them to pay bills that go back as far as FY17 and to ensure that vendors who have been waiting can get their payments. The supplemental cleans up the FY17 and FY18 appropriations and ensures that agencies across the state have the appropriation authority they need to keep the lights on and to keep delivering services to people of the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Wow. I have been waiting for this moment for quite some time. I never expected it particularly in this environment that we've been in over the last three years. But one thing I've always said, publicly and privately, is that when we respect the priorities of both sides we can accomplish great things. We did that last summer on that landmark education reform Bill and today's budget Bill are examples of those types of success. They were negotiated in a bipartisan manner where both sides did not get everything that they hoped for but again our priorities for Republicans and Democrats have been met. I'm very proud to say that we have accomplished what I believe is a... accomplished and developed a framework that we can use moving forward to reach bipartisan compromise on almost every issue that is brought before the General Assembly. And folks, our constituents are starving for that type of attitude and cooperation. Don't lose it after today. Now with hard work and continuous bipartisan conversations we have, for the first time in decades, passed a balanced budget, first time. This budget is not perfect though. It has... it's not something that I would... I'm prepared to say that it is

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worthy of a victory lap, but it's a good product. Just remember, there's no new taxes. It's a full year of funding of appropriations for those who rely upon us: our grammar schools, our universities, Corrections, State Police, seniors, families, children, and the underprivileged. Now remember a budget is a... whether in business or in government is a living, breathing, evolving document. After today's vote, our work is not done. This has to be maintained and managed during the course of this next fiscal year. And that's going to require more cooperation to ensure that this budget keeps within this balanced nature, the balancing that we've talked about. Our work is not done today. But that's going to require more negotiation and compromise. It's not a bad word. It's not a bad thing for us to compromise. It's something that I continue to say is that we need to do more of. Now just remember all of you know this my door's open. I work with everybody on virtually every issue. I want more of this. And I hope you do too as well. Again, look what we've been able to accomplish by saying that we're going to allow the voices of the Republicans, the Minority Party, to get involved in the process. Don't lose sight of that. We have bigger issues ahead of us. But look what we did when you said we want you to work with us. We can get great things done. And as I said earlier don't lose that attitude, that spirit that we've been able to develop. We've got more work to do. This is not perfect but the fact is we've been able to do something which we have not accomplished in such a long time. So I want to thank Representative Harris, Representative Demmer, and our staff for the great work they've done over these past

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many weeks. I can go back to my district and I can say that we have done our job for the first time in many years. People will be happy. Some people are not going to be satisfied with what this product's about and what it does. But most importantly people in the State of Illinois continue to say can you please just work it out, get together, figure it out, and get the job done. And that's what we've done today. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Wehrli."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Wehrli: "First off, Representative Harris and Representative Demmer, thank you for your hard work on this. I think this truly shows what can happen when we work collaboratively. Since 2008 our bond rating has been sliding, sliding, sliding to where now we are the worst state rating of all 50 states and I just want to make sure that I heard this correctly that you said that there... when it comes to debt service and pension payments we are not shorting, we're not underfunding, we're not skipping, we are fully funding our debt load and our pension obligations?"

Harris, G.: "That's correct."

Wehrli: "That is great news to hear. Thank you for that. To the Bill. I would just like to echo what has already been said here. This is truly what can happen when work collaboratively but this is not the end of it. This is step one of what will probably is going to be at least a 10-year cycle to turn our state around. It took us years, and years, and decades to get to this fiscal condition that we find ourselves in. It's going

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to take that hard work and many years to get us back to where this great state truly needs to be. Thanks for to those that worked hard on this budget. I look forward to working collaboratively in the years to come. Thanks."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to add my congratulations and appreciation to the staff who really ran numbers and different scenarios and a lot of things to work the budgeting process through. And it couldn't have been done in the short period of time without a lot of late night hours. So to all the staff on both sides of the aisle, thank you. I would add that this whole process has been a bipartisan effort of restraint and of priorities. And as we look at the budget in the next weeks perhaps, and analyze how these priorities are playing out, I hope you'll continue to work on the educational aspects that are reflected in this Bill. All of us have been supportive of adding to the equity and evenness of our education in K-12, another \$350 million this year. But as we saw in the State Board of Education budget proposal, we have a mountain of about \$7 billion to climb. So I'm not going to be here in the next General Assembly to help continue to push on reaching that summit, but we've got to keep working on the equity and adequacy of funding for K-12 education. In this budget is also additional funding for higher education, two percent. Doesn't sound like much, but when they've been starved for two years and in essence, lost a whole year's appropriation, this funding is very significant. We also took some cuts in some of the programs that maybe individually we would value but that's part of the challenge when we're trying

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to balance the appetite we have for spending with the resistance of revenue that citizens are willing to give us. So that is another challenge you're going to have to keep working on. And I compliment those that finished this budget process that this is a balanced budget. And I know there's advocacy groups out there that are saying it's unbalanced and we shouldn't support this kind of budget, but it is a difficult process of trying to get back to a balance after we've been overspending our revenue. And again, I want to compliment the negotiators Greg and Tom for bringing this together in our chamber and I hope that this process will continue in the future. When I joined the Legislature in 2003, there was budgeteers much like what we had this year, and then we went through a process where the committees were very engaged in that budgeting process, and then we went a couple of years with no budget. I'd much prefer that process of engagement giving all of us a voice in the budget in how we spend the dollars taxpayers give us. And remember that these are taxpayer's dollars. They're hard-earned dollars that they give to us for specific purposes. So we must continue to work on the efficiency of government operations so that those dollars are put to the needs that we all value, and will continue to move our state forward in attracting businesses to come to our state and creating jobs for our citizens, and better-paying jobs, and that we'll move our state to the greatness in the next 200 years that we all can celebrate. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Leader Bellock."

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Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I just wanted to again say thank you to Representative Harris and Representative Demmer for all the work. And I think it shows as others have said, but I want to reiterate it for a lot of the work that we've done together, smaller groups focusing in on issues. And just so to say for others wins that we've had by small working groups working together and going back to our caucuses we've succeeded in getting the 1115 Waiver in Illinois which is going to bring \$2 billion in to address what we all want to do is integrate mental health with physical health. We worked on the hospital assessment which is going to bring billions of dollars back into the hospitals that every one of us rely on because they're backbone of our community for our constituents and their health care. The Omnibus Medicaid Bill we came to solutions on that to address high issues that were very important to different groups. Of course a lot of us would want more money to different things but we deflected \$500 million but still saved a lot of solutions for others. The budget is extremely important. I think this year of all years the Democrats and Republicans coming together under the leadership of people in this room is one of the best things I've seen in years. And I hope that everybody can support it. This is something that will bring more money to mental health but still keep a budget neutral. It's addressing opioid, alcohol addiction. Public Health putting money to address the opioid problems that we're having and the heroin issues that we're having. Drug and substance abuse, that's all of these issues that we deal with specifically in my realm, health care and human service, are

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addressed as best we could in this issue. And I just want to thank everybody for their participation and hope that everybody can support this because this is good for all the people of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Morrison. Representative, is your mic working? What about now?"

Morrison: "There we go. Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Morrison: "Thank you. Representative Harris, I think Representative Pritchard alluded to this a little bit, but what about the unpaid bills that still remain?"

Harris, G.: "There is residual funding from this budget proposal that will go toward the unpaid bills. If you recall, yesterday I believe, we also passed Senate Bill 2858 which would allow an investment swap between the Treasurer and the Comptroller that will pay down \$1 billion worth of the backlog of bills. So between them we are making a substantial dent this year in paying down our bill backlog."

Morrison: "Okay. But that's a \$1 billion and the current backlog is what?"

Harris, G.: "Our current backlog is about 6 billion. So, if you recall in the budget we passed last year, we paid down about \$9 billion. We're paying down another billion this year. So we're moving very methodically to reduce our bill backlog."

Morrison: "Okay. Although we did reduce that backlog by taking on more debt."

Harris, G.: "At a much lower rate, yes. So, in fact, we're saving money by doing so."

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Morrison: "Okay. Will there be costs because we still have a substantial backlog of bills because we are paying interest on that backlog? Are there going to be... and because it takes so long to pay those bills, are there going to be costs incurred in this coming year that we will not be able to pay in a timely manner because we're spending too much?"

Harris, G.: "The cost will be minimal. It could be... because within the borrowing and the payments we did last year and the payments that the Comptroller is going to make this year, we're trying to pay down all those that are eligible for either the timely pay or the prompt payment penalties. You know, the goal is... there will be some costs, but we are trying to minimize it so that the only bills left in the que are those for which there are not interest accruing."

Morrison: "Okay. Do you think the General Assembly's going to be coming back later this year or early next year and in a new General Assembly and asking for fee increases as opposed to tax increases?"

Harris, G.: "Representative, I just don't know what the General Assembly... what all people here will introduce or ask for."

Morrison: "Okay. All right. To the Bill. I would just bring the Body's... bring this to the Body's attention that I don't believe this budget is balanced. And while some have said that we're not going to raise taxes, a tax, a fee is basically semantics. If it's a fee that applies to almost everybody in the state, it works the same as a tax; and furthermore, because there remains such a large backlog of bills that we are paying interest on that we're not actually applying to helping the people or in the form of tax reductions. It is a

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form of a tax to carry such a large backlog of bills with interest. So, anyway, there's a lot in this budget. It's very difficult to eat through 1200 pages, however many it is. There's things in there that I don't agree with, quite a bit actually. And so for that reason, I would urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Keith Wheeler."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you. Representative Harris, I want to thank you and Representative Demmer for the work you've done. I think it's impressive what's been done, but I want to talk about process for a minute. So let me just put a few things in the record here."

Harris, G.: "Sure."

Wheeler, K.: "One, all of us took an oath way back when we were sworn in to uphold the State Constitution. And part of that State Constitution is Article 8 Section 2 (b) which I've referred to many times on the House Floor. I'm going to read it here for all of us very quickly. The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the state. Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year. Refer to the content very briefly and that requires that we... we adopt... says 'shall' adopt, not an option, we must do it. And finally, a quote from the Illinois Attorney General regarding the revenue estimate and its importance and what it means to us and from an opinion published in 2014 the General Assembly's appropriation authority is limited by its estimate of funds available which

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serves as a ceiling of revenues by which they must appropriate and beyond which they may not go. Representative, is there a revenue estimate in this Bill somewhere?"

Harris, G.: "Actually, Representative, the amount of revenues that are expended and the amount that are anticipated are in the legislation. And if you recall, there was also legislation here... or litigation rather here in Sangamon County of late regarding a Bill that passed the General Assembly. And in it, there was a discussion of what constitutes as a revenue estimate because if you read all the statutes there's not a lot of clarity. And in that case I believe, which was eventually dismissed, there was a finding that if the revenue estimate can take place in several ways as a standalone Resolution, as a Joint Resolution, or by the passage of a budget of the General Assembly and that's the approach we've taken today."

Morrison: "I appreciate that. I think that's important that we err on the side of caution when it comes to taxpayers and the protection of their... of their pocket books. Does the... let me just go to the Bill. The revenue estimate is the most clear form of tax protection that we get to do in this Body. We're passing a budget today that appears to be balanced and I'm grateful for that. However, nothing that I can find shows the real revenue estimate which puts a cap on our expenditure for the entire year. Nothing says we can't come back at a later date and appropriate more funds which would put us past our expected revenues. So by breaking the process, by not following what we could do, what we should do is a clear backstop for taxpayers. We're not doing two things. One, we

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don't give them protection they deserve. And two, it doesn't follow the process that allows all of us to collaborate through a committee process. Representative Pritchard mentioned earlier that that was the approach he preferred. He's seen more of these than I have. This is the first real budget process that's existed since I've been in office. But it's not a process that includes everyone. And I wish we'd go back to that idea because I think we all have ideas that are of value, we all districts to represent. And I'm frustrated when a mayor or social service provider comes to my office and says, Keith, I'd like to see this in the budget this year. And I'm like, well, you know, I really don't know how the process is going to go. I don't know who to talk to, who to ask for that, or when to ask for it. Let's go back to a process that respects all of us, respects all of our districts, and everyone involved. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ammons is recognized."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. First and foremost I want to thank Leader Harris on really putting a lot of time, attention, energy, patience into the process of protecting the interests of the people of Illinois by making sure that we have a budget on the day that is constitutionally required for us to have a budget. That was not an easy task and I've watched you respond with a lot of grace and patience to the questions that come from me and many Members of the budget team certainly on the House Democratic Caucus side. And so it is certainly my honor and privilege to learn this process from you. I also want to thank the Members on the Republican side for really working so diligently with the appropriation

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Members on our side. It is not easy to work with a budget that is short, just to say the least. We know that we are really within a finite period, and only have a few dollars to cover so many important areas, and so it is a balancing act. And I know the House Members on the Republican side worked very hard to make sure that we meet this obligation today. I just wanted to highlight certainly a few things that Members on the other side have already said but that are really important to the 103rd District. And we are appreciative of the work and the diligent effort from our staff, from Jessica, and so many others to make sure that this is taking place. For me as a new Member so to speak, I'm a sophomore right. So this is actually the first time that I will experience passing a budget on May 31 in the 4 years that I've been in this General Assembly. So this a really big deal to me. But in doing so we are also making sure that we fully fund the MAP Program. The MAP Program that helps students, low-income communities get to college, right, and experience what we claim to be the American Dream. And we know that if we invest a dollar into higher education it gives us seven or eight dollars back in our economy. And so the MAP Program helps us to do that. But we also, with the help of our Higher Education-Appropriation Chairwoman and our Higher Ed Appropriation... I mean our Higher Ed Chairman Welch both of them really helped to lead the effort to add a grant program. It's a pilot program. It's not enough money in it. I'll just say that right now. But the Aim High Program, as it's being called, is going to also help those who may not reach the MAP level but a little bit above that will still be able to get

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access to lower the cost of higher education for their students. Higher education certainly will be better as the passage of this Bill because it gives a two percent increase to their budgets and not a decrease from what we saw in the previous budget cycle which many of us were very, very disappointed with that previously. I also want to highlight that under human services, which we really, really struggled on both sides of the aisle last year to try to protect higher education but also human services that suffered under the budget impasse, we were able to restore here and make sure programs like breast, and cervical cancer programs for women are fully funded in this budget, that we take care of seniors with home service programs, mental health workers, developmental service programs, and many others that fall under human services to ensure that communities receive the support that they need. This is not the budget that we all want, sure, but it is the budget that we have today to make sure that our state can continue to function from this point come June 30 into July 1 and that we'll come back and we'll continue to work on the budget process, if that is the demand of our communities to do so. So with that I really appreciate our Leadership. I certainly appreciate the Speaker of the House for having confidence in me to join that budget team. And I appreciate the Members of the Black Caucus who really, really depend on me to transfer... and Will and LaToya Greenwood to transfer information back to our Caucus so that we know what's going on through this process. And many of the things that the Leadership had to deal with that did not come out of our budget team working group that... that are included here.

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I will continue to follow those items, to work with Jessica, to make sure that they are implemented as they are supposed to and that our communities are included. So thank you all so much for working with us. Thank you to the Leadership of the GOP. And thank you to all of us who are going to vote in the affirmative for House Bill 109. Thank you, Greg."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. I just have one question. It may not seem that important to some people in the state, in the city by any means, but the Illinois Habitat Fund is... we're required as hunters to purchase a stamp and those funds have been accumulating since 2015 and are just sitting there not being utilized to better our habitat and wildlife. Is that in the budget? It's roughly about \$11 million."

Harris, G.: "Yes, it is, Representative."

McCombie: "Great. Thank you. I can tell you that those folks in down state think that is just as important as these other items. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Davidsmeyer: "Just for... I just want to clarify on the record. There's a number of things that I like in this budget. There's a number of things that I don't like. But I want to clarify with a lump sum budget it's hard to find certain things. I want to clarify if the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired and the Illinois School for the Deaf are fully funded in this budget?"

Harris, G.: "Yes, they are."

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Daidsmeyer: "They are? So there's no plan on closure or anything of that sort?"

Harris, G.: "Absolutely not. They're fine institutions. They are funded at the FY18 level, Sir."

Daidsmeyer: "Okay. And I want to thank you, and I want to thank Representative Demmer, and a number of people who had input in this budget. There's a number of things, as I said, that I like in this. You know, I like the fact that we're paying our oldest bill to our state employees that have been waiting for what seven or eight years to get that paid. I've supported that in the past and I wish I could support it today. I just... looking at this budget I'm not sure that I believe that it's truly balanced. We're not paying down our old bills. And so I have major concerns. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. And to the Bill. This goes to show you that where there's a will there's a way. We saw last night that the Senate Democrats had the will, the Senate Republicans had the will, and I think that we're going to see the today that the House Democrats have the will and the House Republicans have the will as well. We just sure hope that Governor Rauner also has the will to sign this Bill right away and not politicize the issue. You know, we spend a lot of hours working on this, there are different teams, some spend more hours than others I know. But I want to acknowledge some folks that I think serve as a good example for all of us, people that we should emulate, folks that brought a wealth of knowledge to these meetings, they're a class act, and they're nice people to boot. Unfortunately, they're not

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coming back, but they've been very engaged in this process for many years. And I want to take a moment, and if you can all please join me in acknowledging three individuals that were heavily involved in the process, made huge contributions to this, and I'm talking about Representative Pritchard, Representative Bellock, and Representative Harris. Thank you very much for your example. Thank you for your contributions in this process. And hopefully you guys will come back and visit us some more. We can learn some more from all three of you. Thank you so much."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Harris to close."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 109?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting '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 97 voting 'in favor', 18 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 109. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 7 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2921 offered by Representative Welch. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2921, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Welch, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Welch on Floor Amendment #1."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 is a gut and replace Amendment. I'd like to move it to Third Reading and debate the Bill on Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2921. 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, Senate Bill 2921. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2921, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 2921, as amended with Floor Amendment #1, is an initiative of our State Treasurer, Michael Frerichs. What this Bill would do is it would authorize the State Treasurer to purchase real property right here in the City of Springfield during Fiscal Year 2019 for the purchase of office space for the Treasurer. Currently the Treasurer's Office leases two different spaces. They would like to consolidate these two different spaces into one achieving significant cost savings to the state over time. However, the current law does not allow the Treasurer to own property. This would allow them to do that. And we would ask for approval of Senate Bill 2921 as amended."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

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Breen: "And Representative, you know, we just adopted a budget and instead of appropriations, where is the money coming for this new building?"

Welch: "Well, currently the Treasurer's Office already leases two different buildings. Obviously those moneys would be reallocated for the purchase of the building. And in anticipation of the leases that expire June 30 of 2019, the Treasurer's Office has undergone some extensive planning; they did cost benefit analysis, and they prepared for just this."

Breen: "And just... just so that I'm clear. It appears on page 3 of your Bill starting on line 7... really, I'm starting on line 6... that the appropriation for this purpose is already within... so it's within the appropriation for the operational expenses of the Office of the State Treasurer. So we've already given them the appropriation with the previous Bill that was passed. We're not giving them additional moneys, we're giving them the same money?"

Welch: "Leader Breen, that's correct. The appropriation is really not the issue. The issue is under current law the State Treasurer's Office does not have the authority to purchase property and that's the real issue in a nutshell is we're giving them the authority to purchase property."

Breen: "Thank you, Representative. I think we ought to be looking more broadly at changing our Procurement Code and make it more efficient. So thank you for your Bill."

Welch: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Harris is recognized."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question of the Sponsor."

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Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Harris, D.: "Representative, what's the cost of the building?"

Welch: "General, the cost to acquire the property and the complete renovation will be \$5 million or less."

Harris, D.: "And you've indicated that the appropriation was in the budget we just passed. Was it for the full \$5 million or is there going to be a mortgage taken out?"

Welch: "The appropriation is sufficient in our... in the budget that we just passed, General."

Harris, D.: "For a single... single transaction purchase?"

Welch: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Welch to close."

Welch: "I ask for approval."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2921 pass?' 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 101 voting 'in favor', 13 voting 'opposed' and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 2921, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 5 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 452 offered by Leader Durkin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 452, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time a previous day. Floor Amendment... No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Leader Durkin, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Durkin on Floor Amendment #1."

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Durkin: "Thank you. This is a... I've been at this for about five years with a particular issue in my backyard. And it deals with my high school, Lyons Township High School and an entity called the Township School Treasurer's Office. By way of background, those township school treasurers' offices were outlawed outside of Cook County decades ago. It takes the place... what it does for schools: it does their investments, it does their payroll, a lot of things that maybe at one time were sound good policies, but at this time it isn't. I'm asking that this Legislature will adopt this Amendment and eventually pass a law which allows for the... a process for the disconnection of the high school from the Lyons Township School Treasurer's Office. This has... my high school supports it. This has been a matter that has been negotiated between the powers to be in the Senate and also over here. And basically what it says is that there is a piece of litigation that is centered in this issue. Upon the completion of that litigation, then the high school will be able to, through a Resolution, begin the process of hiring their own treasurer and taking on those responsibilities that are currently being utilized at the Township School Treasurer. That's it."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 452. 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, please read Senate Bill 452 for a third time."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 452, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "I'll take any questions, but I would ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 452 pass?' 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 115 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 452, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 1110 offered by Representative Carroll."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 1110, offered by Representative Carroll, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Tracy Sefcik of Wheeling on completing a 3,142-mile bike trek across the country to help raise money for veterans and first responders, and we wish her the best on her next journey."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Carroll."

Carroll: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. You know, I think in this day and age we are always looking to identify heroes and I found one. A couple weeks ago on Sunday morning I was reading the local paper and I came across Tracy Sefcik's story. Tracy is a Navy veteran from New Lenox, Illinois, currently residing in Wheeling. So I had a chance to send her a letter. She called me on the phone. We had a

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really nice conversation. She is up in the Speaker's Gallery in the black tank top with flowers. She's waving to everybody. She's here with her son Clem Hall. Clem, would you please wave to the crowd? Thank you. And her father Tom Sefcik, Ted Tempinski, and Pat Sefcik. Thank you very much. Guys, can you please all wave? Thank you very much. But let's... let's for a moment talk about why Tracy is a hero. Tracy has been raising money for the Gary Sinise Foundation. I won't do my Lieutenant Dan impersonation. But she's been raising money for him and she raised over \$28 thousand for military veterans and first responders and is still raising money. So here's what Tracy did. She decided that she wanted to raise awareness by riding her bike from San Diego, California to St. Augustine, Florida over 61 days. And that's a total of 3,142 miles. But let me tell you more about Tracy and why she's a hero of mine. Tracy suffered, I believe, 16 seizures while riding her bike across the country. I believe Tracy has a brain tumor as well she told me this morning. So she is one heck of a person. And I think our House owes her a debt of gratitude, veterans owe her a debt of gratitude, first responders owe her a debt of gratitude, and I would ask to have every Member of the House added to this Resolution to honor her greatness. So thank you so much, Tracy. Thank you for being in Springfield and continue your great work."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. Gentleman has moved that all Members be added as Sponsors to the Resolution. And seeing no objection, all Members will be added. Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1110. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the

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opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Stuart, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Stuart: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Stuart: "Thank you. I would like to introduce the Body to my Page today. Skyler, if you could stand up. This is Skyler Durst. He is the nephew of my assistant here in Springfield Taryn Durst and she is also joined by her father Ken and they're behind us somewhere. And many of you on this side of the aisle have had the opportunity to meet Skyler and thank you for signing his book. Skyler is going to be in the third grade at Mount Pulaski Grade School. He plays basketball, baseball, soccer, and golf, and he likes to swim. He loves school. His favorite subject, recess. He wants to be a police officer or a professional baseball player when he grows up. Thanks, Skyler."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to your Capitol. Representative Welter, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Welter: "I have with me my two Pages for the day. If you guys could stand up over here. We've got Braden and Lanham. They are the sons of our staff member Derek Persico on our side. And they're down here in Springfield for a very exciting day. Braden is in sixth grade in Plainfield and his brother Lanham is going to be a sophomore in high school at Plainfield South. If you could please welcome them to their State Capitol."

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Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to your Capitol. On page 6 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2589, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2589, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read a second time previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Davis, has been approved for consideration."

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

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #2 represents the language for the Village of Midlothian with regard to their debt extension limit. We've talked about this before. Again, the Village of Midlothian went to their voters and asked their voters for this increase. Their voters overwhelmingly offered them the opportunity to increase their debt limit to purchase up to \$13 million of park equipment to improve their parks all across the city. Another reason that they asked for the ability to go all the way to their... go over their extension is that this is also a cost-saving measure for the Village of Midlothian Park District as well because of the fees associated with the incremental purchases which right now they do have the authority to do \$5 million in incremental purchases. This would allow them to do it all at once and saving the fees that will be subsequently added each time they went... for out for these purposes. Again, we've talked about this before. Be more than happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate... The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2589. 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, please read the Bill for a third time."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2589, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you very much. I'd be more than happy to answer any of your questions. Otherwise, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2589 pass?' 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 61 voting 'yes', 52 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 2589, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Hernandez, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hernandez: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Hernandez: "What I'm going to say right now, today, these are... all of these things are taking place in our country at this moment in time. And I felt it urgent to speak about it here on the floor. In the western and southwest suburbs of Chicago last week Immigration and Customs Enforcement separated more

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than 150 families. Many of them with U.S. citizen children. Breaking and entering into homes without warrants, racially profiling people in the street, and making warrantless stops and arrests. Families in my district were terrorized by these arrests made by plain clothes ICE agents who often do not identify themselves and travel in unmarked cars. Claudia Patricia Gomez Gonzalez, a 20-year-old Guatemalan immigrant woman, was shot and killed by border patrol last week at the border. She wasn't armed. ICE agents allegedly used stun guns on the minors for their amusement or punishment, kick them, and threaten to either rape them or kill them. One in five migrant children placed into foster care or whatever have been lost by the Department of Health and Human Services. HHS detains immigrant children after they are detained by ICE and are... or customs and border patrol. Of the one in five missing children some were lost to human trafficking. Children are being ripped away from their parents at the border. Many of these parents are seeking asylum, protection from violence in their home countries. Black and brown communities are disproportionally impact by violence. Over policing and criminalization of communities of color leads to family separation in black and brown communities leading to trauma, poverty which is a long-term impact. All persons deserve a dignified lives in peace and without fear with their families. My hope, I certainly am committed and want to collaborate closely with my colleagues to work to end violence against all communities. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Jesiel."

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Jesiel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On House Bill 3342, I happen to be off the floor when the vote was taken. So please record my vote as a 'yes'. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Journal will reflect your request, Representative. Senate Bill 3128, Representative Currie. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3128, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. This Bill was read a second time a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Currie."

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

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. But could I do a little house keeping beforehand? And that is to say Representative Kelly Burke would like to be excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative."

Currie: "All right. Then back to the Bill. Amendment #2 would become the Bill. And what this does is provide for the redevelopment and the acquisition of a vacant nursing home for the Department of Veterans' Affairs and CDB to clean up the mess at Quincy. The measure has several different pieces. First, there would be an opportunity for either agency to use the design-build procurement method to do the redevelopment that would last for five years. Second, it would exempt from the Procurement Code some of things that are necessary for this rehabilitation and for the renewal. But it also wouldn't exempt from the procurement provisions, the filing of financial disclosures, conflict of interest provisions,

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registration with the State Board of Elections so as to make sure illegal campaign contributions are not being made. Ordinarily when CDB does a contract they get to keep three percent. Under this measure, they won't be able to keep three percent. That three percent will go toward the redevelopment of the Quincy Home. It then requires the Office of the Governor, CBD, and the department to provide in quick fashion unredacted copies of correspondence and communications with the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs that relate to the securing of funding for the rehab and renovation within 10 days of receipt or 5 days upon the request of a Legislative Leader. As everybody in this chamber knows, there have been very great difficulties getting good information from the Department of Veterans Affairs. We think this provision will make that work a whole lot better. We also would let CDB to use some federal funds that are received for or as reimbursement for capital projects to the Quincy Veterans' Home rather than using those funds for debt service. The total cost of the rehab at this point would be \$53 million including 16 million of those federal funds. And I believe those were numbers that were already in the budget we just passed. I'd be happy to answer your questions. And I think this will go a long way toward seeing to it that our veterans are not liable to... are not likely to come down with Legionnaires' disease."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Frese."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Frese: "Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "This is on the Amendment, Representative, right?"

Frese: "Pardon?"

Speaker Turner: "You wish to speak on this Amendment? We're adopting Amendment #2."

Frese: "Yeah. I just... yeah, just a couple of questions regarding the Amendment."

Currie: "Yeah. It's okay. We can do it now and then we'll just pass it within..."

Frese: "These Amendments contain the verbiage that we need in order to expedite the project. Is that correct?"

Currie: "Yes, the procurement language. The exemption would last for three years. Design-build would cover five years."

Frese: "Right. And we discussed that in committee. If I can just... could you explain those again? What is three years and what is five years?"

Currie: "The three years is the exemption from the Procurement Code. The five years is the ability to use the design-build method for construction or rehabilitation."

Frese: "Wonderful. Appreciate you bringing the Amendments. I'll be in support. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 3128. 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: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie on Floor Amendment #3."

Currie: "Thank you. This is just a couple of technical corrections to make sure that there are certain things in the Procurement

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Code that would not be exempted under the language of the Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 3128. 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, Senate Bill 3128."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3128, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you. I've pretty much explained it on Second Reading and I would be grateful... happy to answer questions, but I'd be grateful for your support. This will solve the problem of the Quincy Veterans' Home. It will enable the state to move forward to acquire a nursing home, an unused nursing home, to house residents while major work at the original Quincy facility is undertaken."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. And thank you, Leader Currie. Just a couple things I'd like to talk to. So to the Bill. My colleagues and I that you see on the board and others that have been added to the list are proud to present House Bill(sic-Senate Bill) 3128, the Quincy Veterans' Home Rehabilitation and Rebuild Act. This Act is the General Assembly's response to the need for construction and renovation at the Quincy Veterans' Home to protect the lives of our veterans. Because the Governor's Office... once again, because the Governor's Office had not yet proposed any

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language, the Speaker's Office has led negotiations on what is needed to expedite the construction of Quincy Veterans' Home, Senate Bill 3128. And this is the result of those negotiations. My colleagues and I have decided to act decisively with Senate Bill 3128 to ensure that there are no delays in the construction or renovation of the Quincy Home. We will not rest until we find a solution to the continuing threat of Legionnaires' disease in Illinois and for... against its veterans. Senate Bill 3128 will allow for adequate oversight in the procurement process for the rebuilding of the home at Quincy while still expediting the rehabilitation and construction. The Bill will ensure that every... every penny of the fund for the rebuild of Quincy will go towards the rebuilding and reconstruction at that home but not allowing CDB to charge a contract administrative fee. The Bill will also allow for CDB to use federal funds to reimburse for capital projects related to the Quincy Home as opposed to require that they use as debit service. And lastly, we ensure that our veterans will be able to live in a new state of the art facility without delay and that construction at Quincy campus will begin without cumbersome procurement policy but with oversight which will ensure the final product is the best possible addition to the Quincy campus. And just so I put on record, I want to thank especially Representative Frese, my Minority Spokesperson McAuliffe, Representative Kifowit, Representative Costello, Representative Phelps Finnie, Representative Swanson, anybody and everybody, Senator Cullerton, Tom, being a part of this and keeping our foot on the pedal. Because once again just like every public

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hearing we had that I had the honor of overseeing we had stated we don't want to wait to the 11th or 12th hour of the end of Session to go ahead and finalize something. You need to understand for as much as you want to demonize my Speaker he is the one that stepped up to the plate and said Linda we're going to get something done don't you worry about it. So please when you're thinking about the process here it takes all of us. And I'm so glad to join hands with my Republican counterparts in the Senate and definitely in the House to get this done. So thank you, Leader Currie, for having the courage and tenacity to get this done so quickly for us and for the veterans of this state. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Wehrli."

Wehrli: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. We just heard the fine Representative from Aurora lambast our Governor and give all the credit on this fine piece of legislation to one individual. And then the very next breath decide to thank people in a bipartisan manner. These buildings have been there for a 100-plus years. Everybody in this building, second floor included, want to do what's right by our veterans. So on this day of bipartisan support for a lot of things please drop the rhetoric, provide solutions like this Bill does, and stop blaming people for everything around here on one guy."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I think this will solve the problem in the long run and I think we will do so expeditiously. I would like to thank the Members, all of the Members of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs because you were the

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ones who carried the ball, you were the ones that identified the issues, you were the ones that traveled to Quincy, you were the ones who heard from the families, you are the ones who are driving this engine, and I and all the veterans in the State of Illinois are very grateful to you. I'd appreciate your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3128 pass?' 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 110 voting 'in favor', 3 voting 'opposed' and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 3128, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 8 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3527 offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3527, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Gordon-Booth."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Gordon-Booth on Floor Amendment #2."

Gordon-Booth: "We're going to table Floor Amendment #2. We're going to move Floor Amendment #3."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please withdraw Floor Amendment #2."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Gordon-Booth and has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Gordon-Booth on Floor Amendment #3."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #3 makes some technical changes to the Bill and I'd like to adopt the Amendment and debate it on Third."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 3527. 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, please read Senate Bill 3527 for a third time."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3527, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is... Senate Bill 3527 is an incredibly important piece of economic development for the state. The first piece of this legislation it's... it deals with cleanup for an already existing tax credit, the River's Edge Tax Credit, that exists in the communities Peoria, East St. Louis, Aurora, Elgin, and Rockford. It makes some simple changes to the definition of recapture. It also amends the carry forward language from 20 to 10 years which is right there in the middle. Indiana has a 15-year provision, Missouri has 10, Iowa has 5. So, it puts us right there in the middle which is a great spot for us with our... with our regional partners. The other component of this Bill is for many years around the state we have discussed moving forward on a Historic Preservation Tax Credit. We've been able to see what

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tax credits do in other states as it relates to taking old buildings and refurbishing them. This is an incredibly important piece of legislation for the state. The Bill prioritizes projects that reuses buildings previously owned by local, State Government, or Federal Government. It also prioritizes putting vacant or underutilized buildings back into use and adding them to the tax roll. This Bill... this Bill includes the prioritization of the census tracts at or below the area median income. We have an opportunity to help folks from disadvantaged communities, ensure that those communities participate in the revitalization of neighborhoods and landmarks that become catalysts for local community and economic development. The resulting projects create a local business and job opportunities and a renewed hope for the future for many communities like mine and many others around the state that so desperately need to see development. The state historic tax credit is expected to return around \$10 for every \$1 that the state allocates. And the state doesn't allocate any funds until a project is complete. This is currently working in 35 other states and is largely responsible for the redevelopment and revitalization that you're seeing happening in communities in urban landscapes like communities... excuse me... urban landscapes like Detroit and Cleveland. I ask for your 'aye' vote for the incredibly important piece of economic development legislation. I'm open for any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

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Breen: "And Representative, I want to just kind of go through some of the provisions of the Bill. In terms of negotiating this measure, we're talking about a \$15 million tax credit. Is that right?"

Gordon-Booth: "That will be the cap, yes."

Breen: "Okay. Now that wasn't included in the budget though. So this is a new tax credit that will be... that's distinct from what we just dealt with earlier today?"

Gordon-Booth: "Yes."

Breen: "Okay. And then you had taken out, as part of negotiations, removed or changed the 20-year time frame carry... for the carry forward from 20 years to 10 years. And you've also taken out the requirement that all the projects be under prevailing wage?"

Gordon-Booth: "Yes."

Breen: "Okay. Now, I do see that the Department of Revenue and the Taxpayer Federation of Illinois remain opposed. I'm seeing the department believes 10-year carry forward is too long. TFI just says it's opposed. Do you know the nature of the Taxpayer Federation's opposition?"

Gordon-Booth: "Yes. TFI as you probably know they oppose all new tax credits."

Breen: "And then if you could give us a view of the scope. So for the Members in the Body, which of our communities would be able to apply for this tax credit?"

Gordon-Booth: "So the... the enactment date, it would be effective immediately. The agency would largely be charged with, you know, how that process would work in terms of the way in which individuals would have to apply when those... when the

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applications open up that would be decided by the agency. Because if there's a new program, we have to give them the ramp-up time to be able to create that said program."

Breen: "So but the... the department itself will make decisions on the tax credit based on a... they have some preferred areas as I understand it. Can you list out the preferred... so you've got to have certain areas are preferred that will get these tax credits first?"

Gordon-Booth: "Yes."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Breen, do you still have questions for the Sponsor?"

Breen: "Right. I asked a question. What are the..."

Gordon-Booth: "I said yes."

Breen: "What are the list of preferred categories? So which communities will be preferred?"

Gordon-Booth: "So... so, for the River's Edge Tax Credit or the Historic Preservation Tax Credit? Which one are you speaking to?"

Breen: "Your Bill, this new statewide tax credit."

Gordon-Booth: "So, the hi... for the River's Edge Tax Credit it would be Peoria, Elgin, Rockford, Peoria, East St. Louis."

Breen: "So, just so I'm clear. What are you doing to the River's Edge Tax Credit then?"

Gordon-Booth: "Excuse me?"

Breen: "What's the difference? So you're creating a new statewide tax credit?"

Gordon-Booth: "I am."

Breen: "And you're also making changes to the River's Edge tax credit?"

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Gordon-Booth: "I am."

Breen: "What are the changes to the River's Edge tax credit versus..."

Gordon-Booth: "As I stated earlier, we're making some changes in the definition of recapture. That's one change that we're making. But we're also amending the language which we've already discussed a little bit this afternoon. The changes to the carry forward, right. So in one of the Amendments that was brought to committee, one of the issues that many of the Members on your side of the aisle they had issues with a 20-year carry forward. So we went back. We made the changes to the carry forward. Instead of taking it... instead of extending it 20 years, we came back to 10 which is a middle of the road compromise because of our surrounding states they have carry forward language like Indiana has 15, Missouri has 10, Iowa has 5 years. So Illinois and Missouri, Missouri has one of the most robust programs. We're right there in the middle with Indiana. The other issue that many Members on your side of the aisle brought up was that the issue of prevailing wage being a precursor to being able to move forward in this way. We also removed the prevailing wage language in order to accommodate Members on your side of the aisle."

Breen: "And just so that we understand your new tax credit. So that was... so that was River's Edge. So, I understand the changes made there. You've got a brand new tax credit. So that's another \$15 million. And the credits are going to be given with priority given to border counties, property previously owned by public units, and low-income census

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tracts or nonprofit organizations, federal disaster areas, things like that. Is that an accurate statement?"

Gordon-Booth: "Yes."

Breen: "And so Representative, this is... we don't have the 15 million allocated anywhere. This is just a brand new credit. There's no accounting for it in the budget. It's just new."

Gordon-Booth: "So this credit is... this credit is being used to attract private development to come into our communities. Many of these communities, particularly communities outside the City of Chicago, it becomes very challenging to put together economic development deals in communities in down state. So this is not geared specifically to down state as we're talking about the Historic Preservation Tax Credit. But in order to try to find creative opportunities to put more private investment into our communities, we have to become more competitive with our surrounding states. So the creation of this Historic Preservation Tax Credit is one... is a conversation that's actually been around for at least a decade here in the General Assembly. So what we're looking to do with this small amount of money is try to create incentive to bring private development back into the State of Illinois to get more of these buildings back on the tax rolls in our communities."

Breen: "And then, just so that we're clear too. An entity could get... they could take both the River's Edge and this new tax credit that..."

Gordon-Booth: "No, no. So what we're doing with DNR, and more of that will happen within the rulemaking process, but DNR will have the ability to make the determination... excuse me, not

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the determination... but they'll have the ability to make entities choose between one or the other, so no. That actually came up in committee and that's actually inaccurate."

Breen: "Okay. So again, that's a rulemaking they can do. It's just not written into the statute as I understand it. It's not a bar... not a prohibition necessarily. As well, there was a note made that this 10-year... or this 10-year rollover is... has not been done before. It's new in Illinois law. Normally we do a 5-year rollover."

Gordon-Booth: "This is a new Act."

Breen: "Right. To the Bill, Ladies and Gentlemen. There's certainly some good to a tax credit, you like giving money back to the people. At the same time, there's not necessarily a funding mechanism for it. You've heard the details. You know, it's your call. This is budget day. So that... you know, hopefully that helps your decision-making process."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, to the Bill, just very quickly. First of all, the Representative did indeed work diligently over the past week or so to address concerns that this side of the aisle had with the... with the Bill. The prevailing wage issue was a concern for us. Prevailing wage was taken out. She initially brought the Bill in with a 20-year carry forward. She came back to a 10-year carry forward. Very responsive to our concerns. I will tell you that the Department of Revenue, when they testified in committee to their opposition, their sole opposition was the fact that it is a 10-year carry forward versus a 5-year carry forward which is normally what

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we do with tax credits. We limit them to 5 years. But let me tell their opposition was tepid at best. I mean, it was very weak. They don't like maybe setting the precedent of a 10-year carry forward, but they weren't strenuously opposed because of it. So I think that in this case a 10-year carry forward while it's longer than normal it's not out of line with what states around us are doing. So it's reasonable. Lastly, it is a \$15 million tax credit which granted it's not in the budget but with a state that's going to bring in \$16.5 billion in the individual income tax alone we're talking about .001 of a percent if... if all of the tax credit is claimed. And that's a big if because as the Lady said the objective is to induce businesses to come in and invest in these areas. Now it is a historic tax credit which is a now available around the state. That's a bit of a... that is a change, but it's limited to \$15 million and the most that any one entity can claim is \$3 million. So conceivably you would have five activities with \$3 million each. So it's not big in the scheme of things. She's made really diligent efforts to address all of our concerns. I think it's very reasonable. It's very... the River Edge changes are very much needed in her area. I strongly encourage a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Halpin."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Halpin: "Thank you. Representative, could you just clarify that communities that already have a River's Edge redevelopment zone have had a Historic Tax Credit for at least... I guess it's five or six years now. Is that right?"

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Gordon-Booth: "Yes."

Halpin: "And can you tell the Body how successful those programs have been in those five areas, if you know?"

Gordon-Booth: "Yes. So particularly in the areas of Peoria and Rockford the... and Aurora, the existence of these tax credits have literally spawned hundreds of millions of dollars in private investment in these communities where the absence of the tax credits those deals would've not been able to be... to have been put together. And so we often talk about economic development and job creation in this Body and if we want to be serious about either of those things then we have to put our money where our mouth is. And what we're essentially letting developers and individuals that want to work on these projects that want to be a part of developing older areas in our community is that if you want to take part in this River's Edge Tax Credit you have to be willing to put forth the resources, you have to make the investment in the community. And then and only then do you... are you then able to take advantage of that tax credit. It's after the money is already spent. And so oftentimes what happens these tax credits end up becoming but for tax credits, right? But for the tax credit, many of these developments would not be happening. And so as we're continuing to talk about, you know, job loss and loss of population in the State of Illinois, if we're going to be serious about turning this ship around, we have to be serious when we start to talk about job development, job creation, and tax credits that allow us to do the very thing which we should be doing which is creating an environment where people can be successful and build a family

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and want to actually stay in this state. I think that we're doing just that with these tax credits."

Halpin: "And is it fair to say that for the dollars that we put in and invest in this tax credit that direct investment and indirect economic benefits far outweigh any cost that this is to the General Revenue Fund?"

Gordon-Booth: "Without question. I think Representative Harris spoke to it so eloquently when he discussed the amount of the very slight investment that we're making... what we get... the return on that small investment is oftentimes 10-fold. And so there's no comparison. It is without question. I think the University of Illinois did a study back in 2013 on the success of the River's Edge Tax Credit and we clearly saw that hundreds of millions of private dollars... again, we're talking private dollars... were being invested in our state that otherwise would not have been in the absence of these credits."

Halpin: "And thank you, Representative. And to the Bill. I want to thank the Representative for including this package into this legislation. And for a long time what we hear when we put forward Bills is that we're not doing enough to do two things, which is attract business to the State of Illinois and to make ourselves more competitive with our surrounding states. And this Bill does both. This is one of the top concerns for economic development professionals in my area. And I assume it is in many of your districts as well. This is a Bill for a very small investment, \$15 million cap which I might argue is too small, but it's a small investment in our local economic development professionals, our local business

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community who will then return that money 10-fold into our economies. It's particularly important in my area because Iowa has had a credit like this with a statewide \$45 million cap. So keep in mind the State of Iowa, far lower population than the State of Illinois, has a cap that is three times higher than this Bill and has returned hundreds of millions in dollars every year in exchange for awarding these tax credits. And I would keep in mind that this Body, just last year, allowed for \$75 million tax credits for scholarship funds to private schools which have no direct benefit to economic development where as this one does. And one last thing I want to add, which is important to me in particular, is that this Bill does include... this is not a giveaway to anyone. This Bill does include and allows for recapture of Illinois taxpayer dollars when the project is not successful, there no longer is a business-use property. So if they don't fulfill the terms of their agreement, we and the Illinois taxpayers, get that money back. So I strongly support this Bill. I would urge an 'aye' vote. This is going to help communities across the State of Illinois. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Unes."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Unes: "Representative, first of all I want to say thank you for all of your hard work on this measure. There's been a lot of discussion about a 10-year carry over. But if I could just for a brief moment speak specifically just to the River's Edge Tax Credit. It's my understanding that that carry forward

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was unintentionally omitted originally and so there was... there was no carry forward of any years of the River's Edge and now this is correcting that and putting it back in for 5 years so that the tax credit isn't irrelevant. Is that... is that correct?"

Gordon-Booth: "Yes, it is."

Unes: "Okay. I just wanted to clarify that. Again, I appreciate your work and I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Gordon-Booth to close."

Gordon-Booth: "We've had a thoughtful debate on the issue of two very important economic development tools in the state. One, that has been around for a number of years that has proven to be successful but the fact that it's been able to spawn hundreds of millions of dollars of private investment into many of our communities. And also the creation of a brand new tax credit, the Historic Preservation Tax Credit. If you all don't know about the Historic Preservation Tax Credit I encourage you to look into it because all of us have areas in our community that we have old buildings that are on the rolls that are now vacant. We should be having conversations around job creation ensuring that we're putting people back to work and we have the ability to do that now just like 37 other states in the United States because of this tax credit. So if you support job creation, if you support economic development in the State of Illinois, if you support private investment coming back to the state, I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3527 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 101 voting 'in favor', 11 voting 'opposed', and 1 voting 'present', Senate Bill 3527, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Currie, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Ford is excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. On page 4 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 482 offered by Representative Zalewski. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill..."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Speaker, can you move... I mean, Mr. Clerk, can you move Senate Bill 482 back to Second Reading and read the Bill?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 482, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted previously. Floor Amendment #2 was adopted previously. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Zalewski, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Zalewski on Floor Amendment #3."

Zalewski: "Thank you. Floor Amendment #3 becomes the Bill. I'm happy to discuss it on Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 482. 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, Senate Bill 482."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 482, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We tried to do this Bill the other day and it got it a little confusing. So I want to take a little bit of time to walk through the dynamic for the Body and explain why we need to do the Bill. And I'm happy to answer any questions. The Federal Government's... the Federal Government says that taxes on jet fuel have to go for airport-related purposes. That's a federal rule under the FAA. Four years ago the Federal Government made a compliance decision that any taxes placed upon jet fuel that were not going to airport-related purposes states would be los... in jeopardy of losing their grant money. We are out of compliance by that... in that regard by a point and a quarter on our sales tax in Illinois. That's 1.25 percent of our sales tax on jet fuel is out of compliance with that rule which says moneys have to go to airport-related purposes. What that requires us to do is devote that money into a special account for the purposes of airport-related purposes. When we last tried to discuss this Bill, I got a lot of questions about airports losing money. It's important to remember no airports get this money at the moment. Airports are generally funded by landing fees, lease payments, other ways of funding but nobody is getting the money that we're talking about at this moment. So if you hear from your airports and they say that our Bill is going to cost them money or they don't get as much, it's important to know that that's inaccurate. However, that being said, in consultation with Leader Currie, Representative Harris, the

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other caucuses, the Departments of Revenue and Transportation, we feel as though it's important not to rush the process here and come up with a formula that all four caucuses and the Governor can agree upon. So what we're going to do in Senate Bill 482 is put the money in what we're referring to as a lockbox. It's going to go into a specially dedicated fund for the purposes of airport-related purposes. We're going to continue to engage over the summer in conversations on the proper allocation of the funds and hopefully return in the fall with a plan. So that's what Senate Bill 482 does. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "This Bill is on the Order of Standard Debate.

Representative Breen is recognized for five minutes."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Breen: "All Right. Representative, just so that we're clear. What your Bill is doing is ensuring that we meet the federal guideline or the federal requirement that by July 1 we have to segregate these funds from the fuel tax, the Airline Fuel Tax, but you're doing nothing in terms of then turning around and distributing the funds to the airport?"

Zalewski: "Correct. That's 100 percent correct."

Breen: "Right. And the dispute that we had had was that there's obviously a grave concern that a lot of the communities that are currently getting these tax moneys, because it's just being done based on how much fuel you sell, would lose a lot of money because Chicago is going to try to claim the lion's share of this based on their number of passengers and what have you. So..."

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Zalewski: "That's a false premise. So it's important to clean up the record when we talk about this. There's not going to be a redistribution of the money. Nobody is getting any of this money right now. It's going into GRF. What we're doing is taking the delta between what the tax rate is now and what it would've been in 1987, we're redistributing that into a lockbox, and we're going to come back and figure out the proper allocation. So anyone that says we're redistributing money is inaccurate and we need to make sure we're clean on our record."

Breen: "Right. We were just holding the money right now, but we are deferring the decision of how to spend it to a later date? I'm presuming Veto Session?"

Zalewski: "Correct. Hopefully, yes. That's our... that's my intent."

Breen: "Okay. Right. And so... and the airports and the local authorities are not going to get any of that money for the next six or eight months?"

Zalewski: "Correct."

Breen: "Okay. I would yield the balance of my time to Representative Wheeler."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Wheeler is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you. Representative, we had this Bill up on the board a couple of days ago, right?"

Zalewski: "I did."

Wheeler, K.: "And being a Representative who has an airport, a small regional municipal airport in his district, I want to make sure that folks at home know that we are still... what

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was... the Amendment that was on the board before that talked about enplanements..."

Zalewski: "Right."

Wheeler, K.: "...as a way to distribute that money. That's not happening today, correct?"

Zalewski: "Correct. There's no metrics in place with the enactment of this legislation at the moment."

Wheeler, K.: "Perfect. And then we'll have a chance sometime in the coming months to discuss how we do that in a way that balances what could happen for our... both our major airports, which are huge economic drivers, as well as regional and smaller airports throughout the state. Is that correct?"

Zalewski: "Correct. I would tell you that I think we need to be mindful of expectation setting because even IDOT would say and the department would say that there's a specific formula we're going to have to follow. So we... you know, this is going to require a lot of calibration, a lot of cooperation between the four caucuses and the regions to come to the right balance here. But yeah, we are not doing the allocation at this time."

Wheeler, K.: "You know, I appreciate that very much and I look forward to a good discussion about how to get that done, Mike. Thank you for that."

Zalewski: "You're welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Fortner is recognized."

Fortner: "Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Fortner: "As I understand the Bill before us, there's portion of it that would provide for the payments of local taxes charged on aviation fuels to go into the Local Government Aviation

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Trust Fund. That would seem to rely on language under subsection 6(g) of Article VII as an imposition on Home Rule. And so my inquiry is whether or not this will require 71 votes?"

Speaker Turner: "We will get back to you with an answer, Sir."

Fortner: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative David Harris is recognized."

Harris, D.: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Harris, D.: "Representative, when you said no moneys are being distributed, now let me be... let's be precise. As of right now the moneys are being distributed under the current sales tax distribution formula, correct? And this Bill stops that as of January 1 through December 31. Is that not correct?"

Zalewski: "This Bill says... this Bill says that moneys that go to the purposes of... any tax levied above the appropriate tax in place in 1987 will be reallocated to the fund that we're creating in this statute."

Harris, D.: "And when does that reallocation start?"

Zalewski: "July 1."

Harris, D.: "Right. So the allocation that is in place now for those sales tax dollars to municipalities stays in place until July 1..."

Zalewski: "Correct, correct."

Harris, D.: "...assuming that this Bill..."

Zalewski: "Assuming the Governor signs it."

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Harris, D.: "...assuming the Governor signs it. Okay. So we're talking about the period from July 1 through December 31 of this year. Okay."

Zalewski: "Correct."

Harris, D.: "And Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill. Gentleman explained it correctly. Unfortunately, the Federal Aviation Administration has said sales tax dollars on aviation fuel, jet fuel, and other aviation fuels have to be spent on airport purposes. And that's not what we've been doing for the past... back to 1987. So we now have to figure out how we distribute those dollars. We could not come up with an agreed formula as to how we were going to distribute those dollars so that airports outside of Chicago, recognizing that Chicago with O'Hare and Midway are the biggest in terms of generation of sales tax dollars on aviation fuel, all those airports including suburban airports, downstate airports, how do we protect those airports as well. So we could not come up with an agreed formula. What the Gentleman has done... has said, okay, we need to comply with the federal regulation which this Bill does. They have given us until June 30 to come up with a compliance regulation, this Bill does that. And then between January... excuse me... July 1 and sometime over the summer, we're going to come up with a distribution formula which we feel is equitable. So I believe this a step in the right direction. No one gets harmed here by doing this. Everyone is protected. And it's that next step in the process where we determine the distribution process or distribution allocation that is the real key. But this Bill simply sets up the lockbox as he said. And no one, no community, no airport

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is harmed under this legislation. So I encourage a 'yes' vote.
Mr..."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Currie in the Chair. And for further discussion Representative Harris."

Harris, D.: "Madam Chair, I do want an inquiry. I'd like this inquiry answered as to whether or not this does require 71 votes."

Speaker Currie: "This will require 71 votes."

Harris, D.: "Okay. And then a follow-up question to the Sponsor. There was some talk about if we put this into a lockbox would the money be spent for anything else? And I... for purposes of legislative intent, I would like to get a sense that the intention here is simply to use this as directed for airport purposes according to a distribution formula agreed to."

Zalewski: "That's both the intent and there's a subject to appropriations clause."

Harris, D.: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion for five minutes Representative Bryant."

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

Speaker Currie: "The Sponsor will yield."

Bryant: "Thank you. Representative, as you have your conversations throughout the summer, I know that there's been a little bit of talk about how this would get distributed later. Would it be like the population of the airport? How... I know I won't use the right terminology. But for instance, I have a local airport that... that the School of Aviation uses for Southern Illinois University, one of the fourth busy... I think it's the fourth busiest in the state for touch downs and take offs.

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We're going to consider all of those things when you're talking this summer, correct?"

Zalewski: "Yeah. There's some standard metrics, Terri, that we use to describe these things. So it's what's referred to as operations. Takeoff and landing, cargo load is a metric, and enplanements is a metric. So, you know, and we.. again, I want to be very, very cautious in expectation here because we have two large airports in Chicago, we have airports such as yours in the rest of the state. So it's going to be a challenge for the negotiators on this. But that being said, my hope is that we'll come up with an equitable solution."

Bryant: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Crespo for five minutes."

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

Speaker Currie: "The Sponsor will yield."

Crespo: "Yeah, Mike, so we talk about airport related services. Is that defined by the feds, what that is?"

Zalewski: "Well, we define it in the Bill. And then the.. I believe there's a federal rule on airport-related purposes."

Crespo: "Okay. That's contained in this Bill?"

Zalewski: "We don't define it. Staff corrected me. We don't define it in the Bill, but there is a definition."

Crespo: "There is a definition?"

Zalewski: "In the federal rules."

Crespo: "Okay. So the federal rules give us the guidelines of what those services are?"

Zalewski: "Correct. We had it in the old Amendment and then we took it out."

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Crespo: "Okay. And in terms of the metrics that this group is going to put together, do the feds also give you guidelines for that?"

Zalewski: "So the feds have all this data. They have data on operations. They have data on cargo. They have data on enplanements. And it's readily available. It's published by the FAA. So it's in the... it's available to us as we do the negotiations."

Crespo: "Okay. And so who's going to be part of the negotiating team? Obviously, you have the two big airports. We... you know, we have Schaumburg out by me. So obviously, they're very concerned. We have other airports throughout the state. They have been calling. Who's to be a part of this team? How does that work..."

Zalewski: "There's 118 of us. I... I welcome all Member inquiries. I think this is going to be a hard Bill to pass. So we need as much collaboration as possible."

Crespo: "So obviously the concern is that suburban Legislators are going to have less, Chicago is going to get more. Is the intent of the negotiating team is to hold these airports harmless?"

Zalewski: "Again, I want to be very, very clear. There's nothing being harmed right now. There's no money from this program going into your airport. That's been a misconception about this issue that we're redistributing moneys. There's no money from this going into your airport. Your airport likely is funded through landing fees. It could be funded through individual... it could be funded through lease payments. It could be funded through any number of ways, but this is what

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I would refer to casually as found money from the State of Illinois. So there's nothing to be held harmless from because there's no money going to your airport from this right now."

Crespo: "I appreciate that. I'm going to have to reconcile that with my airport."

Zalewski: "Sure."

Crespo: "They led me to believe that it is bringing in some money. So I'll check and make sure I can understand that."

Zalewski: "Okay."

Crespo: "Let me ask you this, Mike. So I think it's United Airlines somehow has managed to find a way to circumvent paying taxes on their fuel. Is that going to be a part of the discussion as well?"

Zalewski: "I would say that for the purposes of jet fuel taxation it is going to... point of sale and nexus on all issues related to sale and jet fuel is going to have to be part of the discussion because it's part and parcel with what we're talking about here."

Crespo: "Okay. And again this Bill is something that we need to pass to make sure that we comply with the feds?"

Zalewski: "Correct."

Crespo: "Okay. So I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Fred."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Skillicorn."

Skillicorn: "Thank you, Madam Chair. May the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Currie: "The Sponsor will yield."

Skillicorn: "Just a couple quick questions on a legislative intent on this. We are today going to be debating and trying to pass

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SB482 not something off in the future, just a lockbox. Does this have anything to do with property taxes?"

Zalewski: "No."

Skillicorn: "So... okay. So then we don't have to worry about the title of the Bill. Does it have anything to do with a tax increase, a tax hike?"

Zalewski: "No."

Skillicorn: "Does it have anything to do withholding Home Rule sales tax to anyone?"

Zalewski: "No."

Skillicorn: "So simply we're just creating a lockbox for something that is complex and we're working on and the deadline is coming up very fast."

Zalewski: "Correct."

Skillicorn: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Zalewski to close."

Zalewski: "Lockbox. I'm kidding. It's a *Saturday Night Live* joke. I... this is an important Bill that we need to pass to comply with a federal Bill. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "On Senate Bill 482, 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 111 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Hoffman, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

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Hoffman: "Thank you, Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would just like to introduce someone who is with us in the back of the chamber Jerry.. Representative Jerry Costello's a very lucky man because his mother Dr. Georgia Costello is here with us in the back of the chamber. Give her a round of applause, please. And I've introduced House Resolution 1164 that has not been able to make it through the process because Dr. Costello is stepping down after 10 years... on June 30 after 10 years as the President of Southwestern Illinois College where she's done an excellent job in leading the college. She has spent over 40 years in the field of education and the best thing she has given us is her son Jerry. The second best thing is all of the work that she has done on behalf of the children and the students here in Illinois. I ask you to give her a round of applause on her retirement."

Speaker Currie: "Congratulations. Representative Costello."

Costello: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll just take a couple moments here. I know we have a very busy day and everybody wants to get out of here, but I am truly blessed to have an incredible mother. She and my father worked their way through school. She worked her way through college, worked her way through her master's program, worked her way through her doctorate all while raising her family. They are truly, truly a blue collar story of success and what can happen when you're willing to put your priorities into education and changing people's lives. As Jay said, she started out in education in 1977, has taught tens of thousands of kids and made our state and our country a better place. I couldn't be more proud to

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have her as my mother and to have here today. So thank you very much."

Speaker Currie: "Congratulations, again. Clerk, could we please have the Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports following committee action taken on May 31, 2018: recommends be adopted, refereed to the floor is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1737; recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1804."

Speaker Currie: "And then we're going to move on to Third Reading-Senate Bills. We have Senate Bill 2655, Representative Feigenholtz. Clerk, please read the Bill. Do you have an Amendment, Representative? So could you return the Bill to Second Reading for purposes of an Amendment."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2655, a Bill for an Act concerning juveniles. This Bill was read a second time previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Madam Chair. House Amendment 1 is a quickly crafted focused product of a work group... a sub work group from the Medicaid work group to deal with the problem of the 300 children that are remaining in psychiatric hospitals in the State of Illinois. In one of our budget items that we passed an hour ago we dealt with paying those hospitals after these children are beyond medical necessity. What this Amendment does is try and craft a path so that these

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children can be released from the hospital and go into a residential setting whether it be in the system at DCFS or at HFS with an individual care grant. I know that this is a very deep dive for a lot of people and a little too much detail. But at the end of the day we're hoping that we can keep families intact in dealing with issues of severe mental illness that their children are displaying and help them recover and keep them in custody with their parents. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Spain on the Amendment."

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

Speaker Currie: "The Sponsor will yield."

Spain: "Leader Feigenholtz, are there any opponents to your Amendment?"

Feigenholtz: "There are not."

Spain: "And could you clarify the position of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services on this initiative?"

Feigenholtz: "They're neutral and spent a great deal of time working through this and helping coddle this Amendment."

Spain: "Thank you. To the Amendment. On behalf of the Medicaid Working Group, I'd just like to extend my sincere thanks to Representative Feigenholtz for her work and leadership on this particular issue. We brought so many issues in front of our working group and I think this one was the most difficult in vexing. And while we explored other avenues for a solution, Representative Feigenholtz was incredibly committed in her leadership and interest in seeking a better solution. And I think the solution that you see presented here in this Bill that is agreed and should widely be supported, takes us on a

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better path. I know we have continued work to do to understand how to resolve the challenges with our DCFS youth in care that find themselves in this very difficult position within a lockout status, but thanks to Leader Feigenholtz we're well on path to coming up with a better solution. I strongly urge the support of this measure. 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?"

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

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Representative Feigenholtz, do you want to call the Bill? Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2655, a Bill for an Act concerning juveniles. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you. I'd like to thank Representatives Spain, Demmer, Sauer, Bellock, Representative Harris for being patient with this and look forward to continuing to try and resolve this problem on behalf of children in the state who have little voice. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of Senate Bill 2655 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 received the appropriate Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3201, Representative Breen. No. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3225, Representative Davis. Representative Davis. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3225, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Sorry. At the request of the Sponsor, out of the record. Senate Bill 3246, Representative Bryant. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3246, a Bill for an Act concerning..."

Speaker Currie: "Sorry. At the request of the Sponsor, out of the record. We're going to move to Second... Senate Bills-Second Reading. Senate Bill 336, Representative Cassidy. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 336, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Cassidy and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to adopt Floor Amendment 2 which becomes the Bill and debate it on Third."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of Amendment 2 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. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 336, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Senate Bill 336 represents some amazing and really fun, frankly, bipartisan and bicameral work to address the growing opioid crisis in

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Illinois. This isn't a permanent fix. This isn't the total fix. This is a step towards doing this better. States that provide access to medical cannabis see a sharp decrease in the number of opioid prescriptions that are utilized. And under this program, which as I said we worked on in a bipartisan fashion worked with the administration and the agencies to create a path for temporary access for patients who would otherwise get an opioid prescription, so that they may access medical cannabis for the same amount of time that they might need an opioid. In addition, we took the opportunity to make some improvements to the process by which patients gain access to the program for the debilitating conditions. And I look forward to your questions and ask for your support."

Speaker Currie: "She... the Sponsor has moved passage of Senate Bill 336. And on that, any discussion? Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Currie: "Sponsor will yield."

Breen: "And just... Representative, so that everyone in the chamber is clear on this. It's an expansion of the state's medical marijuana program to allow for those... and you'll help me here just if I misstate it... that anyone who was going to be prescribed an opioid could now be eligible for the Medical Marijuana Program to get a card and do all of that?"

Cassidy: "They would not get a card. So for example, if I were... I'm a regular skin cancer patient. So if as I'm consulting with my physician about my next skin cancer surgery, when we talk about pain management for the period after my surgery instead of accepting an opioid prescription that doctor could

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give me a certification that he would have prescribed an opioid and I could then submit that to the program and have the appropriate length of time access to the program. So, you know, that could be a... that could be two weeks. But if I'm in a massive car accident and have a lot of broken bones, it could be up to 90 days of access. So it allows temporary short-term access similar to the length of time that you would have access to an opioid."

Breen: "And then I see you had a Floor Amendment #2. And you had a number of opponents on your earlier measures. Who are the opponents today to your Bill as amended?"

Cassidy: "I have... I know of no opposition."

Breen: "And then I see there was a looks like a partisan Roll Call in your committee vote. Was there anything expressed in the committee in terms of concerns about your particular Bill or the way that you've implemented this... this particular pilot program?"

Cassidy: "None at all. I believe that that was a matter of efficiency due to the late hour of the committee hearing. We have strong bipartisan support in both chambers. This passed the Senate with 44 votes. And we have nearly a dozen Republican cosponsors on this Bill. And there were no questions asked at all in the committee."

Breen: "Thank you for the answers to my questions, Representative. And I'm looking forward to hearing the rest of the debate."

Cassidy: "Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "This measure is on Short Debate. So we will use the prerogative of the Chair to impose two-minute limits on the conversation. Representative Williams."

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

Speaker Currie: "She will."

Williams: "Can you just remind me what final language was put in regarding the fingerprint requirement for cannabis card holders?"

Cassidy: "So this will eliminate the fingerprint requirement for patients going into the program. That was one of the most... we're the only state in the country that has that. And it was one of the greatest barriers and one of the greatest drivers of the very lengthy delay we have for patients to be approved. It is not unusual for folks to contact my office who have already completed their chemotherapy before they ever get their card. We have the longest wait times in the country. We've identified the fingerprinting prob... issue as one of the biggest hurdles."

Williams: "Thank you. To the Bill. I did file a Bill earlier this Session that eliminated the fingerprint requirement. And I am very appreciative of the Sponsor and other advocates including Lou Lang that have pushed and pushed on the issue of removing the fingerprint requirement. It's completely unreasonable, unacceptable, and inhumane to have cancer patients and people suffering from terrible medical issues have to be fingerprinted as if they were criminals to access basic medical care. I'm so thrilled that this will be moving forward, for the patients, for their families. Thank you for including that very important component in this Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Butler."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. And I would like to address this especially to my colleagues who represent

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rural areas in this state. And I think a lot of us are familiar with the scourge of the opioid epidemic in our rural areas. This has become a serious problem for all of us who represent down state rural areas in Illinois. And I think this is a great answer to help us combat the opioid crisis. We spent a lot time since I've been in the General Assembly talking about this issue. But this is a significant step in the right direction to help people who are addicted to opioids, who are dying from opioids, and really to help combat that situation. In 2016, there were almost 2 thousand deaths in Illinois from opioid overdose, almost 2 thousand deaths. And if we allow people to get access to medical cannabis instead of opioids, we're going to reduce those deaths, I believe. I just want to point out, and I know Representative Cassidy made mention of it earlier, but there was two papers published earlier this year in a *Journal of the American Medical Association* analyzing more than five years of Medicare Part D and Medicaid prescription data found that after states legalized marijuana the number of opioids prescription and the daily dose of opioids went way down. And I'd like to have a quote from one of the authors from one of those studies. David Bradford, who's an economist at the University of Georgia, he said, if you're interested in giving people options for pain management that don't bring the particular risks that opioids do, states should contemplate turning on dispensary-based cannabis policies. This isn't everything that we need to do when it comes to the opioid crisis, but this is certainly a great step in the right direction. I would encourage an 'aye' vote. Especially like I said for those of us who represent

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these rural areas where it's been a real problem. I think this is going to help get the crisis under control and help us combat it. Thank you to the Sponsor for bringing this forward. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Ives."

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

Speaker Currie: "She will."

Ives: "Representative Cassidy, so essentially you're doing a pilot program for pain use for medical cannabis. Is that correct?"

Cassidy: "Yes. This creates a parallel pilot program with the same sunset date as the current Medical Cannabis Program."

Ives: "Okay. And it appears in our staff analysis that in 2016 there are maybe 3 million Illinoisans that use some form of an opioid. Do you have that same sort of information?"

Cassidy: "That sounds... that sounds right, yes. There... I've also heard a similar statistic that there is a... there are currently enough opioids prescribed in Cook County to kill every man, woman, and child in the county. So there are significant issues with the sheer volume of opioids that are out in our communities, yes."

Ives: "I don't doubt that at all. But I'm actually heading in another direction to some degree. Would you... how many current medical cannabis users are there that have valid cards?"

Cassidy: "Our patient count is somewhere around 30 thousand now."

Ives: "Thirty thousand. So potentially you could... you're going to increase this a thousand percent?"

Cassidy: "Given that this would not be a permanent access for folks, it's a little harder to calculate in that way because you would be talking about some folks who might have one time

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access, some folks who might have three months of access. So it's a little bit of apples and oranges, but it would represent a significant increase in people having access to the program."

Ives: "Okay. Madam Speaker, to the Bill. So what you have before you really is the most massive expansion of medical cannabis that we will have seen since we approved medical cannabis in 2013 which at that point was supposed to be a pilot program. But every year since we've approved it in 2013 we have picked up another cause, another reason to have somebody get medical cannabis. The Bill before you would be the largest expansion..."

Speaker Currie: "Please bring your remarks to a close."

Ives: "Okay. Representative Breen would like to yield me a few more minutes."

Speaker Currie: "Can you... All right."

Ives: "Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Breen... Mr... okay. All right. Two more minutes."

Ives: "Thank you so much. So what you're looking at is the largest expansion of medical cannabis in a program that was supposed to be a pilot program. And I don't remember if it was last year or the year before but one of the biggest problems that we've had is that we took doctors out of the formula for determining which ailment should or should not receive medical cannabis. We took them out of the picture. So there's only a panel that decides whether or not it is medically good to provide medical cannabis to the patient and whether or not there's going to be any efficacy with the drug. Now, I'll be honest with you. If medical cannabis helps folks, great, then

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let's figure this out at the national level or at a minimum, have doctors involved in the decision, but let's not blanketly just allow a massive expansion of medical cannabis for any type of pain ailment just because we have an opioid program. I would suggest a much narrowly tailored Bill to deal with certain types of pains only. And so just be careful when you're voting on this just know that you're going to vote for the biggest expansion of medical cannabis in the state history. No offense to the Sponsor. I appreciate where you're coming from on this. I understand there are medical benefits to it. However, this is a huge expansion with no oversight by doctors. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Bellock."

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

Speaker Currie: "She will."

Bellock: "Thank you, Representative Cassidy. So I just wanted to ask in Section 65, 'cause I know your goals are good just as like the other Representative said, but I just feel that there is a lot of... I read through this that it's taking away from how strict the other program was meant to be. So in 65 it says eliminates a reason to deny a registry identification card. Isn't that what everybody in the cannabis program has to have?"

Cassidy: "As I mentioned before, Illinois was the only state with that level of background check. Cancer doesn't do a background check. Cancer doesn't care if you have a criminal history before it infects your body. Access to medicine shouldn't be limited by that either."

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Bellock: "Okay. But that... when we did the medical cannabis, that was supposedly one of the things to make it stricter to be in the program because people were leery about that cannabis itself. Anyways, going on to the two, it removes the language that persons seeking to be a patient cannot have a felony conviction under the Illinois Controlled Substance Act."

Cassidy: "Same answer."

Bellock: "Okay. And then three, it says it eliminates the requirement the Department of Public Health via the State Police run any kind of background check on a patient or designated caregiver."

Cassidy: "Once again, we are the only state in the country that believes that a criminal history should prevent you having access to medicine. And in those states, the sky hasn't fallen."

Bellock: "But as medical cannabis is... I guess I'm seeing it as is strong as opioids. Isn't that correct?"

Cassidy: "No."

Bellock: "You don't think the medical cannabis is as strong as an opioid?"

Cassidy: "It is not. In fact, the addictive properties of opioids are so... so..."

Speaker Currie: "Please bring your remarks to a close."

Cassidy: "That dependence... opioid dependence can set in within a couple of days. There are thousands of opioid deaths documented every year. There has never been a cannabis overdose death."

Bellock: "Okay. I respect where you're coming from, Representative Cassidy. I just feel that some of the things that they're

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taking out here in this are taking away from the cana... you know, the program that a lot of people supported because that it was one of the stricter programs in the United States. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Skillicorn, two minutes."

Skillicorn: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this Bill. And give you a little bit of information. This is just medical marijuana, and just working here with the Representative behind me, there are numerous studies that show that the states that legalize medical marijuana and expend medical marijuana actually have a situation where opioid prescriptions go down. It's verifiable. We've even looked up the stats of the Medicare Part D of opioid prescriptions going down for states that have medical marijuana in them. So, that the real health benefits are there. This is going... could actually save us money, this could save us from the crisis... opioid crisis, and it is their significant addiction problems with opioids but also they are quite powerful. You can get a quite powerful opioids just from going to a dentist, doctor, emergency room where some of these for long-term pain can be dealt with... with something that's much more natural, has fewer side effects, and such. So I would support that. Now the flip side though is I'm still critical of the way Illinois licenses these products. I'm still critical about how Illinois grows and sells these products. The backroom deals that made these things happen are inappropriate. I think that we should have an overhaul of this pilot program. I know that this Bill doesn't have to do

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with that, and I am fine with the context of this Bill. But I would like to work with the Sponsor to create a better program that is more free to our citizens, something that gives us more options, more choices but also gets rid of the cronies and the backroom deals, especially considering the accusations that were made this morning. So I do urge an 'aye' vote, but this program needs more work."

Speaker Currie: "Representative McDermed for two minutes."

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

Speaker Currie: "She will."

McDermed: "Representative Cassidy, you know that I told you that I would support this Bill. But in view of the allegations that came out just about two hours ago about the foundation of the Medical Marijuana Program, and its origins, and some of the allegations with respect to that, what do you feel about the... How can we feel comfortable with this program, and how it's developing, and how it's being administered at this time? I'm feeling uneasy."

Cassidy: "Our program is one of the most heavily regulated in the country. We have had no episodes of leakage from the system. We are actually a model... a regulatory model for the country. It is... it would be unfortunate if patients were to suffer due to the events of this morning."

McDermed: "I agree with you, Representative. And I hope for the sake of all those patients that, in fact, our system is regulated properly and did not originate in an improper way. Thank you."

Cassidy: "Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hammond for two minutes."

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

Speaker Currie: "She will."

Hammond: "Representative Cassidy, thank you for your work on this.

I know this is an issue that you are dedicated to and for all of the right reasons. I do have a question when it comes to the physician certifying, providing certification for a patient. Is that a mandate on the physician or does the physician have a choice on whether or not to participate?"

Cassidy: "We were worked very closely with the doctors on this language just as we have all through the process and have been tweaking it to make it better along the way. A doctor who does not believe that this is an appropriate treatment would have no obligation to provide a patient access. We, in fact, went even deeper with this process and ensured that our requirement that a patient have a bona fide doctor-patient relationship be much more explicitly spelled out so that there's not an opportunity for sort of pop of docs to provide access. We are making sure that there's... we've gone further in defining that relationship. And we've also, within this, found a way to eliminate another process that was happening along the way where folks were charging people sometimes hundreds and hundreds of dollars to fill out their applications for them and we have eliminated that in this to bring even more integrity to the program."

Hammond: "And I appreciate that very much. And to the Bill."

Speaker Currie: "To the Bill."

Hammond: "I think that this is certainly a step that Illinois can take to address our opioid crisis which is real. And it has been shown, it has been proven scientifically, that medical

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marijuana and I stress medical marijuana can be very helpful in these cases. Thank you very much."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Hays for two minutes."

Hays: "I call the previous question."

Speaker Currie: "Well, there's... nobody else is waiting to speak. Representative Cassidy for a quick close."

Cassidy: "I appreciate the debate. I also want to extend my thanks to the Departments of Public Health and Professional Regulation for their assistance in crafting a system by which this can be handled and worked through. They were great partners in this. And I appreciate everyone's 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "On Senate Bill 336, 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 72 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having achieved a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Still on Second Reading, Senate Bill 426, Representative Riley. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 426, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Riley."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Riley on the Amendment. Do you want to..."

Riley: "Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "...do you want to amend the Bill and then discuss it on Third?"

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Riley: "Yes. The Amendment just simply changes some words. It just changes some words that came out of the previous Amendment."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Riley moves adoption of Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 426. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 426, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Riley."

Riley: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 426 basically makes some changes to the way that appointments to the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District are made. The Thorn Creek Sanitary... Basin Sanitary District is a district in my area and some of the other Representatives here. It encompasses about 100 thousand people, runs through about seven towns. Right now, as many of you know, the process of one or more people being appointed to that board has to do with names coming to Reps and Senators who represent the area. And we have to make the determination on who will then be appointed. That process is somewhat unwieldy. And in my mind, and other people's minds, it puts a lot pressure on the State Reps and State Senators to make these decisions. We've looked at some other ways of doing it, you know, for example just having them run for office. That causes some problems too because you have a situation in the Thorn Creek area where you have some very large towns and very small ones. And it

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was thought that maybe the influence of the large town would be too much and the small towns would not have the same, you know, kind of say. So essentially what this Amendment does, what this Bill does, is say that anyone who wants to run for an appointment in this particular sanitary district area should go to the local mayor. They go to one of the seven mayors in the area. And there has to be a majority of the mayors who will agree on who that appointment is, whether it's one person or the three people who sit on the district board. And so what that does is it adds the transparency. It means that the largest town won't have undue influence over who gets appointed to the board. And it basically takes the Representatives and Senators sort of out of the decision-making process. So it, you know, it really adds to that process too. What we then will get is an agreement amongst the preponderance of mayors who they want appointed to the board. That is what this Bill does and I'll take any questions you may have."

Speaker Currie: "This Bill is on Short Debate. For two minutes, Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Currie: "Yes."

Breen: "Thank you. Representative, which Legislators currently choose these trustees?"

Riley: "The Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District includes myself, Representative Davis... Let's see who else."

Breen: "DeLuca."

Riley: "Representative DeLuca."

Breen: "Okay."

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Riley: "Representative Jones."

Breen: "Jones."

Riley: "And then I think the Senators Hutchinson, Napoleon Harris, and I think that's it. I might be leaving somebody off."

Breen: "Okay. Fair enough. I just... we're"

Riley: "I'm sorry. And Senator Hastings."

Breen: "Sure. Well, we just... sometimes we do these things and all of a sudden partisan... partisanship flips and things like that. It sounds like a very good idea though in general. And thanks for bringing the Bill."

Riley: "Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Butler."

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

Speaker Currie: "He will answer it."

Butler: "Mr. Chairman, so just so I get this straight. You want to spread this out so the communities are equal and have an equal say in the representation of this. Is that correct?"

Riley: "Well, I think they'll have equal say in representation by at least four out of the seven mayors coming to agreement as to what that appointment is."

Butler: "No matter the size of the community?"

Riley: "No matter the size. We have..."

Butler: "Okay. To the Bill. And I'm going to vote for your Bill. But I want to point out the hypocrisy of the Majority when it comes to these Bills. There was a piece of legislation that we passed the other day, Senate Bill 2368, that unfortunately this side was not paying attention to. And the hypocrisy is that Bill amends the Metro East Sanitary District of 1974, provides that on the beginning and effect of the Amendatory

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Act the mayor of the largest municipality in the county having the greater equalized assessed valuation of the district shall be an ex officio commissioner of the Metro East Sanitary District Board. So on one hand, Mr. Riley wants to say we want to spread it across equally across the cities; whereas, the Bill we passed the other day saying the largest community in the Metro East Sanitary District gets a say on that board. So I think we just need to be consistent here when we're passing these Bills. Mr. Riley, I thank you for your time. I just wanted to point that out to the Members."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Riley to close."

Riley: "Thank you very much. This Bill is very simple. It does what I said it was going to do. But let me just say that... and I appreciate everyone's support... but in terms of partisanship this is not partisan because the appointment is a nonpartisan appointment. We've had people of both Parties sit on this sanitary district board, first of all. Second of all, we've run a lot of these kinds of Bills. There are differences between them, but we've been doing this a long time and everything that I'm..."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Riley moves passage of Senate Bill 43... I'm sorry. Did I cut you off?"

Riley: "Well, actually, I did kind of get cut off. Everything that I'm representing is exactly what's happening. So thank you very much. And I appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "On Senate Bill 426, 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 106 voting 'yes',

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4 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Next would be Senate Bill 454, Representative Crespo. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 454, a Bill for an Act concerning education. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Crespo."

Speaker Currie: "Do you want to present the Amendment and discuss the Bill on Third? Just tell us briefly what the Amendment does."

Crespo: "Yes, Speaker. Basically, it retains the underlying language. It requires the IEP team to provide the parents with written notification that they can consider the use of assistive technology for the child. And it also seeks to supplement and reinforce the State Board of Education's corrective action plan for CPS."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Crespo moves adoption of Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 454. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments."

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

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 454, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 454 is basically a response to CPS's failure to adequately protect special need students in Chicago. There are reports out there saying that they were delaying and denying services

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to special need students and their families which resulted in an investigation or has gone as a public inquiry by the State Board of Education. The public inquiry resulted in a 43-page report which found systemic problems with CPS's special education process, lack of training for special education staff, conflicting information for parents and educators, and problems with electronic programs meant to assess student's needs for services. We've... we had over 12 hours of a subject matter hearing with CPS, ISBE, and advocates and we learned a couple of things. The mayor of Chicago, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, knew about this back in November 2016. He received a letter signed by over 500 parents in Chicago and chose to ignore the problem. Luckily we had some good reports out there highlighting what the problems were and we had some strong advocates in Chicago as well. During the subject matter hearings, we found out that the current CEO of education for CPS, who was part of the process in coming up with this new special ed model, was part of the meetings with the consultants. I asked her three times in a meeting if there were any agendas or any minutes to which she responded no three times. Later on that night, CPS called me and told me that she was mistaken. They did have an agenda, they did have meetings. Back in January, the CEO said that they were going to hire 65 people to help with special education. We met again in April and we found out that they barely hired half of those and the school year is almost over. I talked to the person in charge of special education in CPS and I asked her a basic... basic special education question and that was, what was the ratio of social workers to students in Chicago? And she did

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not know. The ratio should be 250 to 1 and it's actually 1100 to 1. Here's the problem: most of these issues impact black and brown students in CPS. And it's bad enough that we have President Trump who treats these people like second-class citizens. We should not allow the mayor of Chicago to do the same. And with that I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Currie: "On Senate Bill 454... oh, sorry. Representative Breen."

Breen: "Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this Bill, but I... as much as the President is a controversial figure, to say that somehow he is doing harm to disabled children is an insult of the highest order that should not be tolerated on this House Floor."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Ives."

Ives: "I can't believe what I just heard. I can't believe that somehow the failure of Rahm Emanuel to do the right thing for children who need IEPs in the City of Chicago, that was run by Democrats for the last hundred years, I can't believe that the Sponsor of this Bill would insinuate that Donald Trump is at fault. It's just incredible. Talk about partisan about something that a Bill that went out unanimously. I would expect that he would apologize to the President of our United States 'cause that's who he is. Whether you like it or not he is. And these are the types of comments that the Republicans, since I sat here, have never made about President Obama. We have never insinuated that he was somehow responsible for a malfeasance or lack of attention that's happening in Chicago."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Cabello for two minutes."

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Cabello: "Thank you, Madam Chair. To the Bill, but really it's just a comment. You know, maybe we should just keep our comments about what we're doing here in this state, you know, instead of standing on the shoulder of dishonor, maybe we can stand on the shoulder of honor."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Crespo to close."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. Let me make sure I make this very clear. I did not accuse our President Trump to be the culprit and the cause of this problem. What I said, and I think we heard Representative Hernandez talk earlier about some of the things that are occurring in the state today, is that we have President that many of us feel treats, mostly Latinos, like second-class citizens. And I just alluded that Mayor Rahm Emanuel was probably doing the same thing. And with that I'll ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor of Senate Bill 454 please 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 94 voting 'yes', 13 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on Second Reading, House Bill 15... Senate Bill 1531, Representative Harris. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1531, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 4, 5, and 6 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Greg Harris."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Harris."

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Harris, G.: "Madam Speaker, these four Amendments become and correct the Bill. I was hoping we could adopt Amendments 4, 5, and 6 and then discuss it on Third."

Speaker Currie: "Clerk, do you want to... 4, 5, and 6 are all filed?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendments 4, 5, and 6 have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Harris moves to adopt Amendments 4, 5, and 6 to Senate Bill 1531. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendments are adopted. Any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1531, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This legislation is an endeavor of the Attorney General of Illinois, Lisa Madigan. It provides consumer protections and transparency in the alternative retail and gas supply marketplace. It has provisions regarding and making sure that our LIHEAP program pays the lowest possible price for utility rates. It requires disclosures of price to compare in marketing the consumers and on the Bill that a consumer receives. It has provisions to guard against teaser rates that automatically renew without notice to the customer by requiring a 30-day advanced notice. It requires reports by suppliers and has enforcement provisions in the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Reporting Act. The Amendments that were

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filed include changes to the... went through a negotiation process with the utilities and the suppliers. At this point, the utilities ComEd and Ameren have removed their objections with these Amendments. There are still objections that remain however from the ARES."

Speaker Currie: "And on the Motion of this... Representative Breen, this is a Bill that's on Short Debate, so we will employ the two-minute timer."

Breen: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd move for Standard Debate."

Speaker Currie: "All right. We're now on Standard Debate. We'll have five minutes for you, Mr. Breen."

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

Speaker Currie: "Yes."

Breen: "Thank you. Representative, this Bill is something that came up relatively late in this Session and it deals with the alternative energy market. We both serve on the... on JCAR and we just approved 39 new rules on this industry. Why do we need to now continue with this Bill that was a hostile new set of regulations on this industry? Why do we even need to do this? And why are we doing it so late, so fast at the end of this Session?"

Harris, G.: "Well, Representative, first off, this was not a Bill that just came late in this Session. If you'll recall, there was House Bill 5626 that included these provisions and you know, others involving utilities that was introduced earlier in this Session, went through several rounds of negotiations with the public utilities and the suppliers. We decided that that Bill was overly broad. This Section, which was filed on a Senate Bill for reasons of the House Calendar, this is just

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a small portion of a Bill that had been existing. And while there are some people in the industry..."

Breen: "And then..."

Harris, G.: "...who do not like the transparency provisions..."

Breen: "...and Representative..."

Harris, G.: "...I would say that this is..."

Breen: "...I'm on Short Debate. It's the last day of Session. So let's get it going. My analysis shows the Illinois Competitive Energy Association, the Retail Energy Supply Association, Exelon, Nicor Gas, People's Gas, Dynegy Energy, Mid America Energy, Chemical Industry Council of Illinois, and the Illinois Manufacturers are opposed to the legislation. As I understand the nature of their opposition... in fact, I'm going to go to the Bill 'cause there's no point in going back and forth. You just take my word for it. Frankly, I'm a little more credible on this today and I'm not happy. One of the... I mean, one of the major benefits our state has is that we have... our market includes a robust market for energy. We're a deregulated market. That is one of the few advantages we have that our energy costs are lower than the rest of the country because of this deregulated market. We just held a three-year workshop at the Illinois Commerce Commission. They... that resulted in 39 new rules on this industry. And today, as I understand it, the Illinois Commerce Commission is now opposed to the Bill. They don't normally do that. They've let us know that though. In fact, they almost never get involved in substantive legislation. But the fact is, this Bill is not the solution that is needed to this problem. Certainly, there are bad actors in the industry, but the good actors in the

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industry actually gave us some really great proposed language that we could use instead of imposing solutions on an industry that is providing value to Illinois consumers and Illinois businesses. This Bill is not... not the way to do it. Please, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is another one of those late Session things rammed down our throats that would have grave negative impact on the State of Illinois. I'd like to yield the balance of my time to Representative Wheeler."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Wheeler. You have two minutes."

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

Speaker Currie: "Will."

Wheeler, K.: "Representative, we went through a long series of discussions in JCAR over the last year it seems like about how to handle and still maintain a good energy market with respect to these suppliers. Do you recall that discussion?"

Harris, G.: "Yes, I do."

Wheeler, K.: "My understanding of this is... is this is a response to the fact that maybe the Attorney General didn't get all that they had hoped for out of those rules. Do you contend with that?"

Harris, G.: "I think the Attorney General believes that we need to have the strongest consumer protections in place particularly in an industry where there have been so many multimillion dollar judgements against energy suppliers for overcharging and deceptive practices on seniors and in minority communities across the state. There are millions of dollars of judgements against these folks. We need to protect people on the front end not the back end."

Wheeler, K.: "To the Bill."

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Speaker Currie: "To the Bill."

Wheeler, K.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we are... we're obligated to find the balance between things, consumer protections and a competitive market. Here we go again where we do the overreach approach rather than the balanced approach we did back in JCAR which is negotiated, discussed and rules haven't even gone into effect completely. This is just another way of us sidestepping an approach that works with one that is just great for headlines and not good for consumers."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Thapedi for five minutes."

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

Speaker Currie: "He will."

Thapedi: "Thank you. Greg, you know, I'm on JCAR as well. And I think that it would be important that the Body is aware of exactly what we did with respect to the 412 Rules and more importantly, what the goal was in terms of identifying issues with the bad actors in the supplier business that yes there are some good suppliers here and it is a good thing for consumers to have choice. But unfortunately, many of us know that there are some bad actors out there in the supplier market and I think it'll be very, very helpful for you to expound upon that a little bit. I know that's going to eat up my time, but I think it's worth my time to give you that opportunity to address the issues of what our fellow JCAR Members mentioned about what we were doing with Rule 412."

Harris, G.: "I appreciate the question. And I think I can very succinctly describe the problem. There are 98 alternative suppliers in the... serving in the State of Illinois. I have

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here a list of their recent customer charges for all 98 compared with the ComEd utility rate. Of the 98 alternative suppliers in the state, 16 have lower rates than the ComEd rate. The others are all charging more, up to 50 percent more, to consumers. This is where people, you know, have a problem. And they're being charged over 50 percent more than the incumbent supplier rate. And that's what we're trying to at least inform people of before they make a decision and sign a contract and obligate themselves."

Thapedi: "And I appreciate that. And isn't it true that the goal of this legislation has always been to root out the bad actors in the supplier market. But however, in terms of before we got to this point, we looked at it from the aspect of two separate Bills, one dealing with the suppliers, one dealing with the utilities alone, and we're now here at this point in which we're laser focused on the suppliers. And many of those suppliers, and tell me if I'm wrong, but many of those suppliers admit that there are bad actors in their business and they, too, are dedicated to ridding the market of those individual companies?"

Harris, G.: "Absolutely. These companies that are competing and doing what we want them to and bringing choices to consumers we need to encourage them to thrive. And I think they feel they're being tarnished by these people with the deceptive practices and the twice as high prices."

Thapedi: "And I think it would also be very helpful, Leader Harris, that if you actually explained what the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Businesses Practice Act is all about because that seems to be the big bone of contention. And that's

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primarily the bone of contention of some of those good actors who are actually in the business that are being grouped in with some of the bad actors. And they're objecting because of the provisions that deal with the Consumer Fraud and Business Practices Act which from my understanding the major issue with that is the attorney's fee provisions but if you have a different view on that I'd be greatly appreciative if you could expound upon that."

Harris, G.: "I think... I think the folks who are the bad actors are also worried that the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act has bigger teeth, it has more enforcement, it could activate processes that would force them out of business for their bad actions and for their deceptive practices. I think that's their big worry is that their actions and their past are going to catch up with them."

Thapedi: "Understood. And it's also my understanding that one of the concerns that the ICC has and again, I have much respect for what the ICC does for the consumers of our state on a daily basis, but it sounds as if a major bone of contention from the ICC's perspective is what role do they play in enforcement issues? That if the Attorney General is going to be taking a position of having some enforcement authority with respect to this Bill, how are we going to be able to harmonize if at all current practices compared to what we're doing right now with this Bill?"

Harris, G.: "The Attorney General continues to work as she does now with the ICC. I don't see a problem in continuing to work together. But she also enforces right now fraud and deceptive practices, investigations, you know, across the spectrum, and

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brings additional resources that are more accessible to the average family and utility customer than filing an appeal with the ICC."

Thapedi: "So would essentially the prosecution or at least the regulation of the industry be a joint effort, if you will, with the ICC as well as the Attorney General both collaborating on enforcement type aspects of issues with the bad acting suppliers?"

Harris, G.: "Absolutely, as they do now in many other areas of law."

Thapedi: "Thank you for answering my questions."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative McDermed for five minutes."

McDermed: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. As near as I can tell this last week of the Session has been the let's expand the Attorney General's power as far as we possibly can week. So far we've been asked to expand their jurisdiction over how we treat immigrants at our public and private places, and how we treat all our employees, taking over duties of the Department of Labor, and now we're taking over the duties of the Illinois ICC. Really, I think the Attorney General ought to do the work that she's assigned to do. Oh well, guess she doesn't do that. We're the most corrupt city in the most corrupt state in the country, but yet she prosecutes none of that. No wonder we're looking for more work for her to do. No, we don't need to expand the scope of the Attorney General's Office. They need to do the work that they currently have. They're way behind on their environmental prosecutions.

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Guess what? Will County knows all about that. Vote 'no' to a further power grab by the Attorney General's Office."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Wehrli."

Wehrli: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Should this Bill receive the required amount of votes, I request a Roll Call verification."

Speaker Currie: "Thank... thank you. Your request will be noted. Representative Ives. She doesn't wish to speak. Representative Harris to close. Representative Harris to close."

Harris, G.: "Well, thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, for the debate. And I... there were so many things said in debate which, you know, I would challenge. I just want to review what some of those are so the people understand, you know, what is really going on with this Bill. First, there was a representation made that this is some new development. And as I said before, early in the Session House Bill 5626 was introduced with a much larger and broader package of not only transparency and accountability reforms for the alternative energy market but a series of other reforms and marketing practices... legislation related to the energy supplier and the energy producer markets. After many discussions, large groups and small, with the different sets of providers, the utilities, the generators, the ARES, and other groups it was determined that the larger Bill was far too long and far too big to accomplish in one Session and it should be split into two pieces. And it was. This is the smaller of the two pieces that we have today which deals only with the alternative energy supplier. It does four simple things. You know, this is not an overreach. This is not the

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Attorney General trying to, you know, replace the ICC. This is a simple effort by the Attorney General to be sure that our families and our electric and gas customers have options, they have transparency, and they understand what they're signing when they sign it, and they don't have to go and do research about what different prices are that other carriers offer that that information is provided to them at the time of purchase. The way this would be done is with what is known as a price to compare. The price to compare would say in the Chicago area in the Chicago market be the rate that is charged by Commonwealth Edison who is the incumbent utility provider. In other parts of the state, it might be Ameren Energy which would be the incumbent utility provider. Here in Springfield it would be Springfield Water, Light and Power which would be the incumbent electric provider here. Those would have to be printed on any solicitation and marketing materials. It would have to be published on any marketing materials that are developed electronically and placed on a website so that when a consumer looks at an offer from an alternative supplier they would be able to say it's this many cents per kilowatt hour for the alternative supplier and it would be this much if I went with incumbent utility supplier; therefore, they would have information to make their choice. There would be another opportunity for consumers to understand this when their bill came in the mail. You know, so when folks would get their mail bill or if they saw it electronically online, the price to compare would have to be there also. Alongside the price they are paying, there would have to be the price to compare with the incumbent utility. The next provision of

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the Bill deals with teaser rates. And these exist in many kinds of customer utilities whether it be gas, whether it be electricity, whether it would be cable television or other similar entertainment services. And these are the situations where you're offered a sign-up rate of, you know, x dollars per month and that rate would be good for six months or a year or whatever. So consumers sign up and there is the assumption on their part that when they do they're going to be paying this lower rate. And people forget that at some point there is an expiration of this rate and then suddenly their bill arrives and they find out that they're paying two to three times in the seventh month what they were paying for the sixth; not only that, their contract has rolled over and they are obligated for a contract of terms of 12 months, 18 months, 24 months which they did not understand when... because they did not read the small print that they were obligating themselves to. So what this Bill would do to present that is... to prevent that rather is we guard against teaser rates by requiring a 30-day notice about price changes and preventing automatic contract renewals when the new contract increases the price or switches from a fixed to variable rate. And in the Bill it also is also very clear, you know, how this information has to be disseminated; that it has to be a written notice, you know, to the customer whoever that customer may be and would have to be sent 30 days in advance. It also could be sent electronically, if the appropriate conditions were met, to notify a person or a family that their rates were about to change and it would have to explain to them what the options were should they wish to renew and

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continue with the contract but also give them notice so that at the appropriate time they could go shopping on the internet or... Pardon? I'm almost done. I've got like a couple more great things to say. I'm sure you're going to be very interested in hearing them. Okay. So you're wondering how you would un-sign-up from your electric utility. Funny you would ask that. A new idea has surfaced to be very clear I could read the language of the legislation so that you would thoroughly know what we're talking about. You want to hear the budget again? That was about 1,245 pages, I think. In this case here, Representative... you know, this is hard. They number the pages at the top and not the bottom so when it's clipped together it's very difficult to see. But what this tells me is there are 60 pages in this Bill. Well, yes, because this is quality legislation and there were so many questions raised from your side I want to be sure they're thoroughly answered. I may have mentioned that this was on House Bill 5626 originally and now it's on Senate Bill 31 and that was because of a parliamentary requirement to meet the House Calendar. Did I get that point through? Okay. Well, rather than read the Bill then we can go back to, you know, when the 30-day notice arrives, you know, how the customer responds. So a customer has a chance to respond either positively and stay within the contract which they have or they can then respond that they wish to drop out and go shopping for... in other marketplaces. Another thing this Bill do is it require suppliers to report quarterly to the ICC and to the Office of the Attorney General regarding rates charged to consumers. And that's why we go back to this chart, you know, which is a chart of rates that

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were taken from the Interstate Commerce Commission website. You know, I just want you to know that these charges that I'm referencing are not things that were, you know, pulled off the internet at random, the Attorney General's Office didn't go out a cherry-pick different things. These are actual charges that show that the vast majority of the bad guys who are in the electric market in Illinois charge more than the incumbent utility supplier. So in short, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a good piece of legislation that... it improves marketing practices and transparency. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "On Senate Bill 1531, remember there's been a request for a verification, vote your own switch. 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... Clerk, please take the record. On this Motion, there are 56 voting 'aye', 54 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. The Sponsor requests Postponed Consideration. Is that right? So the Bill will be on Postponed. Okay. Next on the same Order of Second Reading is Senate Bill 1737, Representative Hoffman. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1737, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes. I believe that this Amendment becomes the Bill. I would ask that we debate it on... on Third Reading, please."

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

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

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "This is an initiative of Northwestern University. The area and the... Amendment #1 that deals with captive insurance companies and would have negatively impacted that Northwestern University. So we're taking care of their issues. And once again, I would discuss it on Third Reading."

Speaker Currie: "On Amendment 2, 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. Read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1737, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 1737 is a collaboration of the insurance industry as well as labor, the trial bar, and others. For many years now since 2011, when we passed historic workers' compensation reform, we have seen reductions in the cost of the workers' compensation system; however, we have not seen corresponding reductions in the premiums. So we have put forward from this side of the aisle on several occasions rate review that would provide for insurance rate reviews at the Department of Insurance for workers' compensation rates. This

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Bill will provide for that rate review similar to rate review that were in Bills that we had previously passed that the Governor had vetoed. However, there were also provisions in those Bills regarding the ability of individuals to go to the Department of Insurance to individually say that their premiums are excessive. This Bill does not do this. This Bill reaches a compromise between us and the insurance industry that provide for premium notification on workers' compensation rates, if the rates are five percent over NCCI. There are also four very significant pieces of legislation included in this Bill that were initiatives of the insurance industry. They include the original Bill which was in Senate Bill 1737. This has to deal with reinsurance and is necessary for the Department of Insurance to have this passed so they can maintain their certification within a group that is called... that is known as NAIC. This is an initiative of CHUBB and Lloyd's of London. It also includes a provision... the provisions of a Bill in Senate Bill 2624 which was an initiative of Heather... Senator Steans as well as Representative Fine and it concerns health care plans. And I know of no opposition from the insurance industry. It also contains provisions from Senate Bill 1286, initiatives of Representative Unes and Senator Mulroe. What this deals with is the domestic captive insurance companies and makes it more attractive for... to keep domestic captive insurance companies here in Illinois. This is an initiative of the Illinois Manufacturer's Association and Representative Unes. This also contains the provisions that were contained in Senate Bill 3243 and House Bills 5160. It deals with domestic stock

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companies where they can allow domestic stock companies and their insurance companies to sell off product lines. That's an initiative of Allstate and CNA and is the law of the land in several other states as well as Connecticut. So as I indicated this is a... a product of the insurance industry as well as us sitting down and we get rate review, they get several other insurance provisions that they've been wanting. At committee there was no one to testify in opposition, no one filed in opposition. The insurance industry across the board is not opposed to this Bill. They are neutral and there are several others that... several other entities such as the AFL-CIO and others that are in favor of this Bill. I ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Breen is recognized for two minutes. The Bill is on Short Debate."

Breen: "Move for Standard Debate, please, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "Okay. Do you have enough people? Yeah. All right. We're moving to Standard Debate. Remember with Standard Debate we will hear from... we move to five minutes but there are three proponents and three in opposition. So, Representative Breen, are you opposing or are you supporting?"

Breen: "I am opposing, vigorously."

Speaker Currie: "All right. Go for it."

Breen: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this Bill dropped yesterday. It is a Frankenstein of monumental proportions. They took five different Bills and what they did combined them all. Here's the problem, three of the Bills, the reinsurance part, the domestic stock company

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part, the captive insurance part are great Bills. Each of them should have been passed on their own merits unanimously out of this chamber, and would be quickly signed, and they would improve our insurance industry in this state. But what we've got here is like a hostage negotiation. So the Democrats have held up these three commonsense reforms, easy Bills that no one would object to, and they've attached to them two absolute dogs. Number one, a prohibition undoing any sort of reform or innovative work with short-term health plans. Ladies and Gentlemen, our health care costs, the health insurance costs for the people of Illinois have gone up like they have for every other citizen of this country. The administration right now is trying to use short-term health plans to solve this problem. If we pass this Bill, we directly strike against and reject and refuse any reform that the Federal Government may be allowing us in the near future to help lower insurance costs for the people of the State of Illinois. This... that Bill, the skinny health plan as they call it, is a monstrosity. It is terrible. It's preventing us from doing any sort of health care innovation on reducing costs for the people of the State of Illinois. The other Bill, the final Bill, is one that requires all of the workers' compensation rates to be approved before the company can use them. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have all been talking on both sides of the aisle for years that we need workers' compensation reform. We're one of the worst in the country, we're worst in the Midwest, except that Bill is not reform it is deform. It would add \$17 million in costs to our Department of Insurance. We've got it right here, the fiscal impact, \$17

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million. Adding lots of new burdens on to insurers. We have over 300 workers' compensation insurers. We have the most competitive market for that in the country, or nearly, in the country. We just have a structure that is absolutely outdated and not suited to the 21st century, to the modern workforce, and to the needs of our business community. So, essentially, we would take three good Bills that have nothing to do with workers' comp, one terrible Bill that would raise insurance costs on every Illinoisan who has to deal with the private market, and then we would not reform workers' comp we would actually make our system worse than it is today. This is an absolutely terrible Bill. And I know that there are going to be some in here who will get up and stand up and say they're for it because they've got companies that, God bless them, they want one of the three totally unobjectionable, totally wonderful Bills. And those companies, those interests in Illinois are being held hostage on those unobjectionable Bills for these terrible Bills that will do grave harm to our state. And Ladies and Gentlemen, please, please, please this Bill was dropped yesterday. This monstrosity was constructed, this Frankenstein was dropped yesterday. There is no reason to vote for this Bill. There are some fine things in it, but this is not the way we do legislation or should do legislation in the Illinois General Assembly. Please, please, please vote 'no'."

Speaker Currie: "We've heard from one proponent, one opponent.

Representative Keith Wheeler, how do you define yourself?"

Wheeler, K.: "Opponent, please."

Speaker Currie: "Proceed. You have five minutes."

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

Speaker Currie: "He will."

Wheeler, K.: "Representative, we have not had a lot of time to talk about this as the previous Speaker just mentioned. In committee we talked about when it was dropped and how long you've been working on it. Unfortunately, I guess to some rise for everybody else, nobody else in Labor Committee was really involved in that at least on the Republican side. Would that be accurate?"

Hoffman: "I was working on it with the insurance industry."

Wheeler, K.: "But I mean as far as Members of the committee itself."

Hoffman: "No. There weren't... there was no Members in the discussions in the insurance industry.. or with the insurance industry."

Wheeler, K.: "Which is odd because Labor & Commerce Committee has handled a whole lot of insurance regulations that only effects, you know, workers' comp is one component of this and the rest of it's not. So you think you may have gone through insurance instead of labor and commerce. Jay, when I look through this Bill regarding the workers' comp.. let's just talk about the last part, the rate review. The purpose of this rate review is to somehow drive premiums down. Is that your impression or your intention?"

Hoffman: "Yes. It's to acknowledge the costs that have... the reduction in cost to the system as a result of the 2011 reforms and to acknowledge the NCCI rates which have been continually going down since then."

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Wheeler, K.: "And yet you're contending that somehow the Department of Insurance now with the review process will be able to equalize a marketplace that's the most competitive in the country in a way that the market can't do. Is that accurate?"

Hoffman: "Well, I wouldn't agree that it's the most competitive in the country. I would say that there are many insurance companies, a lot of insurance, 300 of them I believe the previous Speaker said, that are licensed to write business here, but I... we're not seeing the premiums going down when it goes... when it comes to the employers that are paying these premiums when we have seen the cost in the system go down over 30 percent since 2011."

Wheeler, K.: "So with our 332 companies that write workers' comp insurance here in the state which is, again, about the most competitive marketplace in the country as far as number of companies that can compete for that same business. I'm looking at a report that showed the removal of the prior rate of... prior approval of rates led to the decline of premiums of 8.7 to 14.7 percent. They also point out that only workers' compensation insurer's average profits in our state of only 3.8 percent compared to 6.2 percent nationally. So where do you intend to squeeze this from?"

Hoffman: "Well... right. So it used to be before 2011 I believe that right in the 70 cents on every dollar was paid out of... every dollar premium was paid out. Now, as a result of those cost savings, it's right around 50 cents on every dollar is paid out. And it's my understanding in Illinois now the

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profits have risen between 11 and 15 percent... to 11 and 15 percent."

Wheeler, K.: "Yeah. Yeah, but you're cherry-picking at data there that shows that there's been a time where workers' comp insurance companies have lost money in this state. So raising from below zero to above zero and saying, oh, look how good we're doing that all evens out over time. You've got to take a long period of time to average that part of it out to be accurate about that."

Hoffman: "Well, I can only say this, that the insurance companies that write these policies are neutral on this Bill. They don't have... a lot of them don't have any other interest in the other provisions of this Bill but they are neutral on this Bill."

Wheeler, K.: No. I..."

Hoffman: "And we worked at them to bring them to that point."

Wheeler, K.: "No, I... Jay, I have only a minute left. I'm going to go to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is not workers' compensation reform. We've been asking for that since I've been here. I've talked to the Sponsor about it a number of times. I... last year in the budget negotiations there were all kinds of back and forth about what would be a balanced approach to actually lower the workers' compensation costs in this state. There are many things that we can do to improve that. This is not a standalone solution to get the job done. Ultimately, they're not going to see what we're hoping the Sponsor's intentions at least is from this Bill. This is not going to do what it's claimed to do. If you're voting for this Bill because you think it's workers' compensation reform, vote 'no'."

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Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Ives, are you a proponent or an opponent?"

Ives: "Opponent."

Speaker Currie: "Opponent. All right. This is the third opponent. You have five minutes."

Ives: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. I'd like to focus a little bit more on the process for a Bill like this. And this Bill, although it seems maybe mundane to most people who live in the State of Illinois, what it shows is exactly what happens down here in terms of policy and politics. Because we can't just purely pass a Bill that makes sense for everybody which my... my colleague, Representative Breen, aptly described that there are three really good provisions in this Bill. Three good provisions that were there standalone legislation. Three provision that would fly out of this House unanimously because business would like it, and it makes sense, and insurance companies agree. But instead of doing really good policy down here, we had to put some politics into it. And so that's what you have. You have a political mess with this Bill and it's unfortunate. It's... and it's not what the public sent us here to do. They sent us here to help business, which helps taxpayers, which helps the State of Illinois. That's how I do my role. We could have honest debate about provisions of any individual Bill, but what you have here really is legislation where they are trying to jam down rate review for workers' compensation and have it all controlled in a centralized government agency. And that is ridiculous. You will absolutely destroy our competitive market for workers' compensation when you do this. You will have big government

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writing the rates for workers' compensation instead of the market deciding at what point should they offer premiums for our employers. You have... you have enormous companies that are so large they're able to self-insure, working out a deal with the Sponsor and insurance companies, that feel that they have no other way to work around this because they understand that one Party holds all the cards in terms of what legislation gets called, what does the legislation look like. So they pretty much got bullied into accepting that all five of these provisions get put into one Bill. That's what you have here. And big corporations are getting what they want. But middle-sized and smaller businesses will be destroyed in the workers' compensation market when we have rate review done by a centralized government who's going to decide whether or not their rates are competitive enough, whether or not that there's excess profit in those rates. This sounds like the Soviet Union for heaven sakes. That's what this sounds like. And that's what it's going to feel like to middle and small businessmen. Meanwhile the very large corporations that have the wherewithal to manage their own insurance are getting everything they want. And so I say... honestly, I say shame on some of these large corporations for cutting a deal like this against your smaller suppliers. I say shame on to the insurance industry that didn't just say we're not going to do this, we're not going to allow you to be bullied... or to be bullied and put our Bills in and then have everybody else eat a really bad deal for small businesses. Shame on the lobbyists who cut a deal without any Republican representation. Shame on them all for dropping this Bill last... yesterday and not

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negotiating with everybody who cares about this legislation. I know this seems like a really mundane piece of legislation, technical in its nature, complicated, hundreds of pages, nobody... something nobody really understands, and it's a terrible Bill. It's all politics not good policy. That's your explanation of this Bill. It's a terrible Bill for small businesses. I encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? We've had three opponents, one proponent. Representative Unes, we assume that you are for the Bill?"

Unes: "Correct."

Speaker Currie: "Five minutes for the Bill."

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

Speaker Currie: "He will."

Unes: "Representative Hoffman, can you share with me who the opponents of this Bill are?"

Hoffman: "There were... no opponents were filed in committee."

Unes: "No opponents? Thank you. And so did you... did I hear you correctly that the insurance industry is neutral on this Bill?"

Hoffman: "Yes. That's correct. As is the Manufacturer's Association. As is the... I believe that the... I believe that the Chamber in some capacity was... had no position also."

Unes: "But nobody slipped in as opponents?"

Hoffman: "There were no opponents."

Unes: "So I've heard from many of my colleagues, and they're not wrong, about how this process works. And I understand the frustration. I understand it very well actually. I've heard that, you know, this language was just dropped yesterday.

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Well, the language from the Bill isn't entirely new, a big portion of it. As you stated, I sponsored Senate Bill 1286. That's the captive insurance portion of this Bill that was put into here. That language was filed in February of 2017. We have passed two budgets since then. So it's not that this was just brand new, brought to this chamber and nobody's ever seen it before. There was legislation that was filed again in February of 2017. So if people want to vote 'no' just because they don't like the process, I guess that you have every right to do that. But before you do that, please consider some facts. And the facts are that with this portion of the Bill, we are sending a message to Illinois businesses that right now without this Bill are being de incentivized, they're being hurt simply because they are headquartered in Illinois. Non-Illinois-based companies don't have to pay the higher rates that Illinois based companies have to pay. So we hear all the time about how we don't want to continue to drive business out of the State of Illinois, but in 2014 we did just that. That's when Illinois imposed a tax on these captive insurance... industrial insurance and that was passed in 2014. And that included many captive insurance companies that fled the state because of that. Luckily we haven't lost more. And I don't want to lose anymore. I don't want to lose any. We can't afford to lose even one business. Again, this Bill has no opponents to it, none. And what we are doing is a probusiness item that is going to remove some of the competitive disadvantages that we have placed on the very companies that have dotted every 'i' and crossed every 't' and done what we want them to do and that is put people to work. They are

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major, major job creators for the State of Illinois and we are de incentivizing them only because they are headquartered in the State of Illinois. It makes no sense. It makes no sense to continue to de incentivize these companies only to have them leave or go elsewhere just across the state lines and pay much, much less because of the... on this captive insurance. So I don't understand why we continue to punish the people that are investing right here in the State of Illinois. Let's incentivize them to continue to stay here in the State of Illinois. Let's incentivize them to continue to be a job creator..."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hoffman, there's no other... Do you want to finish your remarks, Representative Unes?"

Unes: "If I could just finish very quick, Madam Speaker. Thank you. I sincerely ask every one of our Members on both sides of the aisle that don't like this process, that just please don't vote 'no' only because of that. Please consider what you are doing to the businesses that are investing right here in Illinois. Let's send them a strong message of thanks and a strong message that we want them to continue to stay here in the State of Illinois. Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "Well, thank you, Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. And also thank you Representative Unes, you're spot on. And I just have in my possession to bolster your argument a letter from the Boeing Company indicating their support for your Bill and indicating that that Bill will enable Illinois captives to operate within a framework that's consistent with other states that are established captive

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domestic. So that means they'll stay here. That means the businesses will be retained here who have these captive insurance entities. In addition to some of the prior speakers, let me just say that we've been working on a lot of these Bills, as Representative Unes has indicated, for several years. The rate review we've been working on for at least a minimum of 5 to 6 years. I would say more like 20 years. And for the first time we were able to come to an accord with the insurance industry so that they are neutral on the rate review. Now who has rate review in the United States of America? Some of these aren't exactly bastions of liberalism some of these states Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, and the list goes on and on. South Carolina, not exactly a bastion of liberalism or a place where you would think they would have rate review, but they know it's the right thing to do. This rate review is to help businesses. To help them reduce their premiums when the cost is going down in the workers' compensation arena. Reduce the amount of cost to businesses so they can remain here in Illinois. I... the last thing I would ever be able to do is bully large insurance companies. I can tell you that. We sat down, we negotiated. We came up with a Bill that some of us on this side of the aisle don't necessarily like some of the insurance provisions in this Bill. We're going to vote for it because we have an agreement. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Currie: "On Senate Bill 1737, all in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish?"

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk, please take the record. On this measure, there are 85 voting 'yes', 28 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Turner in the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "On page 6 of the Calendar, we have House Bill... Senate Bill 2610 offered by Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2610, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2, 3, and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Davis."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Davis on Floor Amendment #2."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #2 is a gut and replace Amendment that becomes the Bill but keeps essentially the same language as the underlying Bill but makes a few of the following changes following meetings with various stakeholders; (a) it raises the minimum threshold for receiving motor fuel tax distributions to \$2 million. This was a result of discussions with stakeholders who believe some smaller units of local government would have more difficulty utilizing disadvantaged business enterprises. Second, clarifies that the Department of Transportation must publish and maintain a list of all units of local government that may be subject to the Bill. The Amendment gives notice to those municipalities that may become affected at a later date who are at \$1.5 million in terms of motor fuel tax receipts. Three, clarifies that any

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municipality that implements a disadvantaged business enterprise program must supply the program to all contracts regardless of whether the contracts; a) is funded using motor fuel tax revenue regardless of whether the contract is funded using motor fuel tax revenue. Four, clarifies that a unit of local government does not need to undertake their own disparity study but may simply IDOT the department's 2017 disparity study or implement a program similar... substantially similar to the department's which breaks down the disparity by... which breaks down the disparity index by region based on the IDOT regions. And five, explains that any unit of local government has two years from the fiscal year where the unit receives \$2 million to enact a DBE program. The language also allows municipalities again around the \$1.5 million mark flexibility if at some time... at some future date they receive more than 2 million even if they receive less than that presently. So it primes the pump for them if they are ultimately going to get there. I move for the adoption... excuse me... the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2610. 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: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Davis."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davis on Floor Amendment #3."

Davis: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Floor Amendment #3 is a page and line Amendment resulting from negotiations with interested parties. In particular the Amendment allows

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units of local governments... local governments subject to these provisions that it adopt additionally processes if the processes to conform to federal requirements to ensure that the disadvantaged business enterprises and non-disadvantaged business enterprises are capable of doing the contracted work. These processes may include: (a) documentation of ownership of particular equipment including the year, make, and model; (b) a personal net worth statement; (c) details of employee's jobs and performance requirement; (d) available storage space; (e) financial banking information; (f) bonding information; and (g) outstanding loans and the purpose of those loans. Secondly, it allows for... it allows that a contract may... excuse me... secondly, to deny a contract award to any disadvantaged business enterprise if the price is more than five percent above any non-disadvantaged business enterprise quote, any unit of local government must ensure that any non-disadvantaged business enterprise has undertaken a good faith effort to utilize disadvantaged enterprises in accordance with federal regulations. Also, a good... and what we mean by good faith effort means that a bidder took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve the DBE goal or other requirement which by their scope intensity, appropriateness to the objective could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient DBE participation even if not successful. Municipalities... Thank you very much. I'll leave it at that, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Harris, do you wish to speak on Amendment 3? Representative David Harris is recognized."

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Harris, D.: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Sponsor, please."

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Harris, D.: "Representative, just to be sure we understand. If I'm not mistaken, we made a request that Floor Amendment #3 be brought back to committee. Is that correct?"

Davis: "That was correct."

Harris, D.: "And in good faith that's the request that went in, that's the request that you were willing to live by. But it's my understanding that the Rules Committee just reported it out to the floor directly rather than sending it back to committee, correct?"

Davis: "That is correct."

Harris, D.: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ammons on Floor Amendment #3. Representative Ammons is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Ammons: "Thank you. I just want to ask a quick question on Floor Amendment #3. The list of items that you just indicated that are part of this Amendment, are these requirements of any other standard business doing business with the State of Illinois?"

Davis: "These types of documents are already.. you must already require them if you're going to do business with IDOT. Why we list these documents is that there's a conversation that ensued in this whether or not every subcontractor should be at the prequalification level... IDOT's prequalification level to be a prime. Our argument was that not everybody wants to

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be a prime and shouldn't have to... should not necessarily have to aspire to that level. So IDOT has the prequalification level for prime contractors, but they also have a certified subcontractor level and which we felt would have been good enough because those are the same contractors that IDOT use. One of the organizations, as we discussed it, felt that there should be a little higher qualification somewhere in-between being a certified subcontractor and an IDOT prequalified contractor. So, these are the items that represent some of the additional information that could be asked for by a... by the vendor for subcontractors without necessarily having to aspire to be an IDOT prequalified Subcon... contractor."

Ammons: "So, this particular Amendment sets forth items that would be different from CMS qualification process from a general CMS? If you got to be... do you have to be prequalified on their prequalified vendor list and is the... are these part of that prequalified vendor list?"

Davis: "Well, one thing I want to make sure we're clear. So, if you bring in CMS we have some additional intent language that we're going to read into the record..."

Ammons: "Okay."

Davis: "...that focuses this only on the construction side of things."

Ammons: "Okay. Thank you for clarifying that. Thank you so much for answering the questions on this."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davidsmeyer, do you have a questions about Floor Amendment #3? Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 2610. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the

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Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Davis and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davis on Floor Amendment #4."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #4 is a page and line Amendment intended to clean up duplicative language in a prior Amendment related to the effective date. This language was as a result of a mistake from LRB and makes no substantive changes to the Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #4 to Senate Bill 2610. 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, please read Senate Bill 2610."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2610, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to start, and I know time is of the essence, by let me kind of taking a step back with regard to the original intent of the Bill. We talked about the Amendments, but just so everyone's clear, Senate Bill 2610 requires units of local government which receive a certain amount of money in motor fuel tax from the state to implement a business enterprise program setting goals for the inclusion of minority, veteran, and female-owned businesses or otherwise DBE enterprises. And well, originally, it was in

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both professional services and construction, but we have now narrowed that scope initially to only include construction. So that's the original intent of the Bill. And just for legislative intent I have some other items I'd like to read into the record. Number one, in 2017 the Illinois Department of Transportation conducted a disparity study concerning the underutilization of disadvantaged business enterprises which included entities owned by women, minorities, and disabled persons or veterans; subsection (a), the department's result indicated that a substandard disparity index taking into account the availability of... availability and utilization of disadvantaged business enterprises. Again, with legislative intent, number two, the disparity study and subsequent DBE program constituted an affirmative step toward... affirmative step to dismantle a system of passive racial exclusion in the construction industry. Number three, the study analyzed the availability and utilization of DBEs throughout the entirety of the state including the districts which are smaller geographic areas of the state. So, we're following the IDOT's district map and region map as well. Number four, based on the department study, a significant statistical disparity still exists within local municipal markets despite race and gender neutral attempts to remedy this continued problem. Therefore... number five, therefore, because of this ongoing disparity it is a compelling... it is a compelling government interest to remedy this problem by passing legislation incentivizing DBE participation in the local markets similar to the remedies enacted by the department to effort... in effort to achieve the overall statewide goal and apply to the

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expenditure of federal funds. Number six, this process will allow sufficient flexibility to municipalities who are affected. Seven, these... this... these disparity index figures referenced in the Bill are already provided in the Illinois Department of Transportation's website and make up its program which has survived the strictest of scrutiny throughout the federal judiciary. Number eight, and for the purposes again for legislative intent, the language of this Bill applies to contracts governing construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, and betterment of highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, rail ports, airports, and other forms of transportation or the cost of administering loss or processes directly related to the same. And lastly, with regard to the City of Chicago as they have chimed in late on this, the penalty provision of this legislation is not intended to punish municipalities like the City of Chicago that already have a robust MBE, WBE, VBE, and DBE program. Chicago's programs are an example of what substantial compliance as required by this Bill should look like. And we will continue to work with the City of Chicago. They have some other slight items that they'd like us to address. Be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Members, just a reminder, we still have committees to get to. So please try to keep your comments as brief as possible. Representative Currie is recognized."

Currie: "Just for purposes of announcing that Representative Stratton is excused for the remainder of the day."

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Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. This Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. Representative Breen is recognized for two minutes."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd move for Standard Debate."

Speaker Turner: "This Bill will be moved to Standard Debate."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, I show as the opponents to your Bill; the Illinois Road and Transportation Builder's Association, the Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association, and the Illinois Municipal League. Are there any other opponents to the legislation?"

Davis: "Well... So, of the three that you just mentioned, we know that a subsection of the Road Builders are opposed, another subsection of the Road Builders are neutral. The Asphalt folks indicated that they may have had some concerns, but they're not adamantly asked for any particular changes to the Bill, and the IML, which I did hear about late, unfortunately, never reached out to me with any of the particular concerns that they have."

Breen: "Fair enough. Those are the three opponents listed in the witness slips. So that's why I asked. Now... just to inform the Body about the DBE program that allows or requires certain DBEs to get a certain percentage of contracts and they can exceed the minimum bid by five percent or so. They get a five percent advantage on certain contracts. Is that... just for the sake of the Body's understanding is that correct?"

Davis: "So the five percent provision essentially sets forth that if a subcontractor bids and their price is more than five

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percent that a... it allows the municipality or other entity an out to say that your bid is too costly we'll have to make another selection relative to the program. And then I think your first question was about percentages. Again, this an opportunity to set forth a DBE program with regard to the utilization of minority women, veteran-owned businesses. So it's really just about encouraging that participation."

Breen: "But... well, it's not encouraging because if you don't do it you use all your MFT money. So, you know, there's a wide variety of municipalities and counties that will be impacted including my home county of DuPage County and it's... several of its larger municipalities would all be impacted by your new regulation. And just to be clear, too, it doesn't... your new regulation that ties up all the MFT money, it applies... it would apply to every contract not just the contracts using the MFT, the Motor Fuel Tax money, right?"

Davis: "Well... well, I just read legislative intent, and I can read it to you again if you'd like, that the language of the Bill applies to contracts governing construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, and betterment of highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, rail ports, airports, and other forms of transportation. So I understand what you're asking, but the legislative intent... we didn't make that change in the Bill but our intent is not to impact say the County Clerk's or not to impact the County Sheriff."

Breen: "Right. But... and even if that statement of legislative intent is effective to require it in the Bill, that's still a lot of... a lot of contracts that don't have to do with MFT necessarily."

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Davis: "Well..."

Breen: "Just because my time's running out, I'm going to go to the Bill. And Ladies and Gentlemen, we certainly support the idea of actually bringing more folks who are disadvantaged into the contract area but in our small municipalities, even our mid-sized municipalities, they don't have the resources of the State of Illinois or the City of Chicago to design these programs, to put them into place, to monitor them, to require every single contractor they're dealing with, whether DBE or non-DBE, to fill out all the paperwork, track the paperwork, give the DBE firms a five percent advantage over the non-DBE firms and to apply it to every contract they have even if... even if limited to roads, and bridges, and everything else having to do with transportation, that is still a lot of work that they don't have the resources to do. Again, your Municipal League is opposed. At least listed on the opponents are the Road Builders and the Asphalt Pavement Association. So, look, it might be a good idea, but it's not a good idea for May 31 when we're trying to... trying to help the state and not put more burdens on our state and on our units of government. Please respectfully vote 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd really like to add something to this debate, but do to a possible conflict of interest, and that I take very seriously, I will be voting 'present'. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Keith Wheeler."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

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Wheeler, K.: "Representative, you know I've had a couple of discussions the last day or so about issues along these lines and you have my commitment to work together on some things to figure out how we actually find the right balance here."

Davis: "Absolutely."

Wheeler, K.: "So I want to bring up one of the parts we just talked about because the DBE program has great parts and has some parts I don't think are working as well as I wish they were."

Davis: "Okay."

Wheeler, K.: "So does anywhere in the language of this Bill, with all the Amendments it has on it, is there a requirement that you hire minorities within the actual process of doing the work or is just hiring DBEs that are actually owned by a minority, veteran, or any other classifications that we have and there's some..."

Davis: "So I think the simple answer to your question is no, but as I'm being told, to be a DBE you have to list your employees, who those employees are, what have you. So... so, I would say... so I would say no again..."

Wheeler, K.: "Right."

Davis: "...but sometime the premise, and you may have heard me and others say it before, is that if you bring on a black contractor strong probability that that black contractor is going to hire black individuals. And that's... that's kind of the premise. So to your point..."

Wheeler, K.: "Right. Right."

Davis: "...but that's the premise."

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Wheeler, K.: "And I guess that's what I want to talk about is just somehow we closed that the goal. Okay. Just because I... you know, I come from a contracting background. Well, I've got family who are still in the business who are trying to make things work with public works contracts and other things that would... would be... I, you know, well, they're already effected by most of it 'cause the projects are big enough that they deal with this right now. But their concerns have to do with the fact that we need more engagement within that process. And they also would like to have... be recognized for the fact that... that we've had... I shouldn't say this it's not my business but a business I'm very familiar with... they have more minorities working in their own business then they actually have in the DBE contractor that they hired to do work with them. And I think that's kind of a misguided, you know, where we're trying to get to and I want to work with you on that. So I want to put that all on the record before we even start a discussion about this particular Bill."

Davis: "Right."

Wheeler, K.: "So I appreciate you indulging and giving me some time to do that."

Davis: "Right. Let me just say, and I appreciate what you want to do, and I think there is an interest and has been an interest on particularly from minority Members to try to push the idea of making sure that the workforce is well. And that's where we seem to kind of hit the roadblock, you know, in terms of what Members are willing to support or vote for. So I even think the other issue we're talking about is the beginning of trying to understand how to impact what you just said."

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Wheeler, K.: "Right. And that's why, you know, just for the Body's knowledge, I moved a Bill to Will today that's going to help us find reporting information so we can make better decisions going forward about what is available. And I think that's one of the first steps we should take. In fact, I think that's the step from my mind we should take first before we dive into this particular approach because I'm looking at the list of communities and I guess..."

Davis: "Well, remember..."

Wheeler, K.: "...municipalities..."

Davis: "...we changed the threshold. So, unless your analysis changed, we changed the threshold a little bit. So there are fewer communities now that will be impacted by this. And the previous speaker talked about DuPage County, which I believe is like one of the richest counties in the state and they're going to have trouble implementing this. They've got a lot of money in order to do that. But the idea was to try to take some of the pressure off some of the smaller counties and smaller municipalities. So that's why we changed the threshold."

Wheeler, K.: "Is it... so I'm clear, \$2 million is the MFT threshold now. Is that correct?"

Davis: "That's the threshold now."

Wheeler, K.: "Okay. So, I mean... Will, I..."

Davis: "And then let me add, there's a... there's a \$1.5 million trigger. So those that may in the next year get to 2 million, they will be notified that they are encroaching upon 2 million. And encourage them to start looking at what other communities and counties are doing to implement this so they

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can be prepared to implement once they meet that threshold. And then also there is a window by which they have to implement this as well. So it's not immediately at 2 million you've got to do it. There's still a window by which you can start to ask questions and get information about it. And I even suggested to one of the proponents as they were talking about, you know, the time and you know, getting all the information. I'm like... many of these entities have conferences. They have opportunities where they coalesce in order get this... where they can get this kind of information."

Wheeler, K.: "So... and again, I guess, Will, here we are. I want to work with you on these ideas going forward. I don't... I guess I don't feel that this is a solution that I'm ready to support yet just because we haven't vetted the whole thing through and I think that there's some things we need to do to make things better for the workers as well as for the enterprises we're trying to help in this process. So I'm going to go to the Bill with five seconds left. Ladies and Gentlemen, I..."

Speaker Turner: "Please make your final remarks, Representative."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I applaud the Sponsor's efforts to engage the entire community in what should be a very vibrant marketplace that includes everyone who wants to work and I want to work with him. I do. I sincerely mean that and I mentioned that before we will. This is one I'm not ready to go to quite yet. So I won't be able to support this Bill today, but I look forward to working on the things we can. And I... at the request of some of the Members on my side of the aisle, we'll be asking for a Roll Call verification."

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Speaker Turner: "Members, a verification has been requested by Representative Wheeler. Representative Davis to close."

Davis: "Well, again, thank... thank the Members that asked questions. And I think, Representative Wheeler, it's I guess if I would interpret what you said as kind of a chicken or the egg scenario. You like an examine of the workforce prior to saying you got to have DBE programs. And I can... and I can appreciate that. And what I would say is that something like this... something like this is a work in progress to some degree. So to the extent in which we can still encourage DBE programs I think that we should do that. The Bill sets forth... a matter of fact, this is a very different than the original language that we put forth relative to trying to move this Bill forward. It was a little bit, I would say, more onerous in earlier iterations. And what we've done working with the Department of Transportation and we appreciate all of their help is to identify easier ways that those municipalities, that those counties that are impacted by this, don't have to do disparity studies. IDOT's disparity study is detailed enough. And the way they set it up by county and by region which means that the same criteria for Sangamon County where we are does not have to be the same criteria for Will County, or Cook County, or even for that matter DuPage County. That disparity study recognizes the differences in the State of Illinois where in certain parts of the state, particularly maybe in southern Illinois, you may not quite find the diversity that's necessary, but you know, but recognize that there are diverse businesses there and that they can also figure out ways to put programs like this in place. Then

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secondly, or another reason is that this is about Motor Fuel Tax money. Motor Fuel Tax money is not money for any one entity, or one person, or one group of individuals, everybody pays into that. And so we're suggesting that if a county receives that redistribution of tax money from the state that after receiving a certain number of it, \$2 million, that they should be asked to put a DBE program in place, things that will allow for them to as they are making... as they're repairing their roads, striping their roads, whatever the case may be, repaving, resurfacing, reconstructing, you name it that they should have DBE programs in place to allow for the inclusion of diverse businesses. Now clearly I'm African-American, and yes, I'm going to advocate for African-American businesses, but when we talk about DBE programs, which are Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, that includes women businesses, whether they are white women or not, it includes veteran-owned businesses, it includes disabled individual-owned businesses. So here are opportunities for everyone to benefit from state dollars. A lot of what we do with IDOT and state agencies we're talking about the spending of state dollars. Well, the reality is that MFT money is also state dollars as well. And we should be talking about ways that give opportunity for the diversity of businesses across the state and opportunity to take advantage of these resources. Members talked about, you know, organizations that are opposed to this and I want to take an opportunity to talk a little bit about that. When we talked about the quality of businesses that could participate, the ask was that every business whether you are a small business, a subcontractor,

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whatever the case may be, every business aspire to be prequalified by IDOT in order to be a prime. Well, the reality is that some businesses do not want to be prime businesses. They would... they like the niche they have as a subcontractor and they want an opportunity to continue to work as a subcontractor. And we thought that that was just a little bit too much by saying now everybody, because we're talking about inclusion, everybody now has to achieve to the highest level possible. Some organizations don't have the desire to do that. And we want to make sure that whether you do aspire to be prequalified and want to be a prime contractor that you have the opportunity or maybe you just want to be what IDOT calls a certified subcontractor and that you have the opportunity to do this as well and participate in this program. We wanted to make sure that all of those opportunities were available. Gentleman talked about at the \$2 million level the number of communities that would partic... he talked about the \$1 million level. There were a lot of communities including at the 1 million... at the \$1 million threshold. And again, and we get this money from IDOT are generally communities with more than 40 thousand citizens. And we felt that they would likely have had the capacity to do that, but in the interest in trying to work with some of the opponents that was moved to \$2 million. But let me just tell you some of the communities that receive over \$1 million in Motor Fuel Tax. They include the counties of Adams, Champaign, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Macon, Madison, McHenry, McLean, Peoria, Rock Island, Sangamon, St. Clair, Tazewell, Winnebago, Will County. Also included communities like

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Arlington Heights, Aurora, Bartlett, Belleville, Berwyn, Bloomington, Bolingbrook, Buffalo Grove, Carol Stream, Champaign, Chicago, Cicero, Crystal Lake, Decatur, DeKalb, Des Plaines, Downers Grove, Elgin, Elmhurst, Evanston, Glenview, Hoffman Estates, Joliet, Lombard, Moline, Mount Prospect, Naperville, Normal, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Orland Park, Palatine, Peoria, Plainfield, Quincy, Rock Island, Rockford, Romeoville, Schaumburg, Skokie, Springfield, Streamwood, Tinley Park, Urbana, Waukegan, Wheaton. Now with the change to raise the threshold that list has shrunk considerably. City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage, Naperville, Peoria... Naperville's not a county. So I'm sorry. So counties Peoria, Sangamon, Kane, to include Will County, Winnebago County, Madison County, McHenry, McLean, St. Clair. Communities like Naperville, Aurora, Elgin, Joliet, Rockford. So again, the change in the threshold shrunk the number of communities. So to imply that communities in DuPage County somehow aren't sophisticated enough to do this and implement such program, that's a little... that's a little much. When there are certainly more counties and communities that were much smaller than even DuPage and some of those communities that were included in the first iteration. Under the Illinois Motor Fuel Tax Law, the 19 cent per gallon Motor Fuel Tax is paid by distributor's supplier of the motor fuel product. These funds are collected by the Department of Revenue, transferred to the Department of Transportation, and then based on certain criteria are then distributed to municipalities, counties, and road districts in the state in proportion to their populations. Now talking about good

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faith, making sure that a good faith effort is made toward making sure that the participants reach out with regards to their DBE programs. So, Appendix A Part 26, *Guidance Concerning Good Faith Efforts*. When, as a recipient, you establish a contract goal on a DOT-assisted contract for procuring construction, equipment, services, or any other purpose, a bidder must... I'm sorry. He interrupted me. Well, I won't start over, but never the less, thank you very much for your indulgence. I hope this provides a much better understanding of what we're attempting to do. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2610 pass?' 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 57 voting 'in favor', 47 voting 'opposed', and 4 voting 'present', Senate Bill 2610, having failed to receive the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared... Representative. Representative Davis. Would you like..."

Davis: "Yes. Yes. I'd like Postponed Consideration. I'm sorry."

Speaker Turner: "Please move this Bill to the Order of Postponed Consideration. Leader Currie is recognized."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Just for the record to reflect that Representative Soto is excused for the rest of the day."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports. Excuse me. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements. Sorry."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting immediately: Judiciary-Criminal is meeting in Room 122. Higher Education is meeting in Room 118. State Government is

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meeting in Room 114. Revenue & Finance is meeting in Room 115."

Speaker Turner: "Members, committees will meet immediately and we will recess 'til the call of the Chair. The House shall come to order. On page 9 of the Calendar we have House Bill 128, under the Order of Concurrence, offered by Representative DeLuca. Mr. DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 (sic-#2) to House Bill 128. And it clarifies that when a percentage of the site's sale proceeds are provided to the state, the proceeds shall be granted to the Capital Development Board to be used for capital improvements at the Illinois State Police facilities."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 128?' This is... Mr. DeLuca."

DeLuca: "I just wanted to clarify Senate Amendment #2. My apologies. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 128?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting '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 this question, there are 107 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present', and the House concurs with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 128. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 772,

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Representative Willis. Out of the record. House Bill 1010,
Representative Greenwood. Please proceed, Representative."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with the
Amendment which is replacing chairperson with chair. I ask
for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with
Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1010?' All in favor signify
by voting '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 this
question, there are 106 voting 'in favor', 1 'no', and 1
voting 'present', and the House concurs with Senate Amendment
#1 to House Bill 1010. And this Bill, having received the
Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House
Bill 1042, Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. The Amendment just simply does a little more
clarifying as to the specifications for the lactation rooms
for nursing mothers. So I would ask for Concurrence to the
Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, just to be clear. The Bill is, in
substance, the same as your original Bill. So original votes
on this would be appropriate by any Members of the House
unless they've changed their mind?"

Stuart: "Yes."

Breen: "Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1042?' All those in favor signify by voting '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 108 voting 'in favor', 1 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1042. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1336, Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is... came out of the House unanimously. It is a Bill about preventing insurers from increasing policy premiums about folks who have accidents while performing volunteer EMS services. They added a single word in the Senate. The word personal. Would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 10... 1336?' All those in favor signify by voting '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 110 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1336. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1443, Representative Willis."

Willis: "This just takes care of a technical error in drafting. That's all it is. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, I just wanted to check. The technical Amendment made by the Senate does not change the nature of the underlying Bill such that folks who originally were opposed to the Bill would likely want to remain opposed unless they've changed their mind at the intervening time?"

Willis: "That would be what I would presume, Sir."

Breen: "Thank you so much."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1443?' All those 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? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 93 voting 'in favor', 16 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1443. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1465, Representative Mussman. Out of the record. House Bill 1595, Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #3 which creates agreed upon language and removed all opposition that was in the Senate."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #3 to House Bill 1595?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; all those 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 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting

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'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Amendment #3... Senate Amendment #3 to House Bill 1595. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1804, Representative Andrade."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 1804. Amendment 2 is a Amendment that was brought to me by Toni Preckwinkle. Its language... the Bill remains mostly the same. Provision two changes and removes all automatic detention. And it leave all discretion up to the judge. And I request... respectfully request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Breen: "Thank you. And Representative, I just want to... to clarify. We had originally approved the Bill 72 to 41. Many of the concerns that were made about your Bill related to the treatment of juveniles in the original Bill. You have now secured an agreement at least to some extent with Cook County that obviated some of those objections to the treatment of juveniles. And I see that it came out of the Senate unanimously. Was there any opposition expressed to the Amendment?"

Andrade: "On the floor? No. Not that I know of."

Breen: "Okay. Thank you, Representative for your answers."

Andrade: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Guzzardi."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates he will yield."

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Guzzardi: "So, Representative Andrade, just to understand this correctly. Your commitment is that Senate Bill 2339 is not moving forward in the process?"

Andrade: "Absolutely. My... our preferred language is this Bill. That is... that is exactly the intent of this."

Guzzardi: "Okay. So this is moving forward in the stead of Senate Bill 2339?"

Andrade: "Absolutely."

Guzzardi: "Okay. Thank you, Representative."

Andrade: "Absolutely. Only one Bill will be passed."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. I just want to clarify that I believe that American Civil Liberties Union is still opposed to this measure. That while you've taken out... compared to the Bill that we saw earlier there would not be the automatic detention of teens waiting for charges, but there still would be a significant enhancement of penalties. They also expressed still some concern about the possible inference that somebody knew something about the status of the automobile and they're not sure that quite works either. But I would certainly agree with the President of the Cook County Board and the Sponsor that from the civil liberties perspective this is certainly an improvement."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Riley. Representative Andrade to close."

Andrade: "I respectfully request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1804?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have

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all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the... please take the record. On a count of 78 voting 'in favor', 24 voting 'opposed', and 2 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1804. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1910, Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1910. I concur to accept the amendment... Senate Amendment #3. Simply amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code to extend a TIF District in my district for the town of Normal. And there's no opposition. I ask for your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, are you looking to concur with Senate Amendments #2 and 3?"

Brady: "Yes. Yes. I'm sorry. To House..."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates he will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, you just let us know I think this a... is this a TIF extension?"

Brady: "Correct."

Breen: "Okay. So it's a TIF extension. Thank you so much. Thank you."

Brady: "You're most welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Smith, do you have a question on this Bill?"

Smith: "On the previous Bill, I'd like to be recorded as a 'no', House Bill 1804."

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Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Seeing no further debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #2 and 3 to House Bill 1910?' All in... this is final action. 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 99 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present, the House does concur with Senate Amendment #2 and 3 to House Bill 1910. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Demmer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. House Bill 2040, Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill was originally to assist a school for the disabled that is in my district. When it was over in the Senate, it was realized that IDOT had some new regulations on school buses to have them turn off their radios at railroad crossings. The thing is there was no exception for the two-way radio'. So these are GPS locators so that folks know where their buses are. We don't want to turn those off at the railroad crossing. So this would just make sure that that doesn't occur. Came out unanimously, I believe, out of the... or 41 to 1 out of the Senate."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2040?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all opposed vote

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'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 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendments #1 to House Bill 2040. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2063, Leader Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2063 will help survivors of human trafficking access crime victim's compensation. The Illinois Crime Victim's Compensation Program, is aimed at helping to reduce the financial burden imposed on victims of violent crimes such as sexual assault. Under the program the victims and their families can receive financial assistance for expenses accrued as a result of a violent crime such as mental health counseling, medical expenses, transportation, appointments, or relocation to safer housing. This Bill makes minor adjustments to the law to clarify that trafficking survivors may need additional time to connect with law enforcement. And it makes it clearer that the survivors are eligible for compensation if they are engaged in a legal proceeding involving a claim that the victim is a victim of human trafficking. I do have some legislative intent that I'm supposed to read into the... if that's okay. The purposes for legislative intent, the Bill adds the crime of human trafficking to the Section of the Crime Victim Compensation Law that says the crime must be reported to police within seven days or must be timely under the circumstances. However, many trafficking survivors may not report the crime within that seven day time frame because

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they are afraid of their trafficker, the trafficker has threatened to hurt their loved one or cause a trauma. Under this law, the victim who reports to law enforcement more than seven days can establish that the reporting was timely under the circumstances. We know that frequently trafficking victims are not aware that what is happening to them is a crime, that they often don't know what they have any... that they have legal rights or that they may have been coached by their trafficker to be afraid of law enforcement or themselves been arrested for prostitution or other times related to their trafficking so they are afraid to speak up. These are the types of circumstances that could make later reporting considered timely under this law. Just one more sentence. The Bill provides the victims of human trafficking are eligible for compensation... I already said that... if they are engaged in a legal proceeding involving a claim that the victim is a victim of human trafficking. Legal proceeding is intended to be very broad. It would include state and federal court cases as well as administrative proceedings. I don't know of any opposition. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate..."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2063?' All those 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 109 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2063. And this Bill, having received the

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2617, Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2617. This is language that was asked for by the Department of Insurance. It just assures that if there are changes at the federal level the state will not be responsible for the costs."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, on your original House Bill 2617 it went out of the House 82 to 21 as I understand it. And did your Amendment change in substance any of the original Bill?"

Gabel: "No, it did not."

Breen: "Okay. So folks may want to review. And unless they've changed their mind in the interim be consistent with their original vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2617?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those 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 76 voting 'yes', 30 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', the House does concur with Amendment #1... Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2617. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Keith Wheeler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of... actually, I just want to correct the record on House Bill 2603 the Concurrence. I intended to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Turner: "Journal will reflect your request, Representative. House Bill 2624, Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to concur with Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 2624. This is a consumer protection Bill around short-term limited duration health insurance plans. I know of no opposition."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Motion. Ladies and Gentlemen, this was part of the Frankenstein that we just passed earlier this evening. However, this was one of the really, really bad parts. There were three good Bills that were unobjectionable. This was one of the terrible Bills. This Bill would absolutely take us out of any attempt at reform of our health care cost. So it would mean that we could not do any of the lower costs methods that have been proposed by the Federal Government that are coming into play. This would ban any sort of short-term insurance from being renewed. So it would prevent your folks who can currently buy a six-month plan of insurance could not renew that plan for a year and a half after, they could not get the new 12-month plans that are being proposed by the Federal Government which are going to be renewable. So I would respectfully... I understand it came out of the Senate unanimously, but that's because they really didn't look at the Bill very carefully. So while there may not be any opposition from the industry groups that are all currently making more money in the current way they

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do business every person in the State of Illinois who has to interact with a private health insurance market opposes this. They want more options not less. They don't want their options shut down. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Fine to close."

Fine: "Yet I believe that is a big misinterpretation of the Bill. This is a consumer protection Bill. You can purchase the short-term limited duration plans for up to six months. But right now consumers are being fooled by these plans because there is no transparency. So consumers do not know that when they purchase these plans many do not cover preexisting conditions, they do not cover prescription drugs, you cannot go to the emergency room on the weekends. So what this says is these plans can still be sold in Illinois except when you purchase these plans on the website in bold type it has to say that these plans are not ACA compliant, they do not cover preexisting conditions, and you can purchase longer term minimum essential cover at www.healthcare.gov. If you look at the proponents of this legislation these proponents, most of them, are those who will not make a dime off of these plans, but they will help the people that they are covering under their umbrella."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #3 to House Bill 2624?' All those 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 62 voting 'yes', 45 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #3 to House Bill 2624.

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And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2723, Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I move to Concur in Senate Amendment 3... 1 and 3, sorry, to House Bill 2723. This is, as I understand it, clean-up language concerning there was some rewrite of foreclosure law and timeshare was left out. This simply puts all that back in. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 3 to House Bill 2723?' 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 86 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 3 to House Bill 2723. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2771, Representative Christian Mitchell."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 2771. These are both clean-up Amendments. The first was at the combined request of the Shriver Center as well as IRMA to define employer and make some other technical changes as well as to provide clarity on the exemption for the railway industry which is regulated federally. The second also deals with chiropractors being a reasonable reason to use a sick day. And clarifies the railway language further. We had a pretty thorough debate

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on the underlying language. I'm willing to answer any questions. Otherwise I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, when did this pass out of the Senate?"

Mitchell, C.: "I don't remember, Representative. It was some months ago. It's been awhile."

Breen: "Well, some months ago as in May 30 of 2017. So..."

Mitchell, C.: "That's entirely possible."

Breen: "That is a year ago. Yes. And it failed in June of 2017."

Mitchell, C.: "That sounds like it... I'm sure... I think that was an attendance issue, Representative. But yes, that's my understanding."

Breen: "Right. So but again, the... let's see. Everybody opposed from the Department of Labor, to the Coal Association, the Manufacturers Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the NFIB, and in my analysis, it says and 30 others are opposed. I don't even know who the 30 others are. But boy, there's a lot of opposition. And so this was a bad Bill in the first place, really bad Bill now. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Mitchell to close."

Mitchell, C.: "Respectfully, look, a lot of the fear of the groups that Representative Breen cited was that somehow employers are going to pick up and move. Well, we've had this in Chicago in Cook County for a while, they have not fled. We've had it in seven other states for a while, they have not fled as well. This is a good Bill to ensure that no one in the state, the 1.5 million workers who currently do not have access to a

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paid sick day, would not lose their job because they want to take a kid... they want to care for a sick kid. This deserves an 'aye' vote. And I would ask for it from this Body."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 2771?' 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 59 voting 'yes', 50 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the House does not Concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 2771. And this Bill fails. House Bill... this Motion fails. Excuse me. House Bill 2984, Representative Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and great Members of this Assembly. I'd like to concur the Amendment 1 for Senate... House Bill 2984."

Speaker Turner: "A line about the Amendment, Representative."

Evans: "Yes, Sir. Why not? This Amendment removes the opposition. I think we had the Bill. I think it went out. It was a kind of a tight vote. But I worked with Cook County and I worked with the nurses to try to come up with an Amendment to remove the opposition. Some clarity on those allowing those employees to get the vaccinations and protect the safety of folks entering the hospitals but at the same time giving them their rights and freedom to be able to make a choice with regarding to their religious beliefs or if they've already been vaccinated. So I request the Motion to be moved forward."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2984?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting

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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 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2984. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3040, Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I've been around this place so long that my first Bill was the appropriation Bill authorizing the expenditure of money to move the Capitol from Kaskaskia to Vandalia. And this is my last Bill. I ask... I ask a favorable vote on the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment 1 to 3040. 3040 makes some changes to the Military Code of Illinois and the military... and the Code of Military Justice. There was also a provision in there dealing with an amorphous group known as the State Guard which is the unauthorized... excuse me... unregulated militia. There were some concerns about how that might be used, union concerns. What the Amendment does is address those concerns and remove any opposition. I ask for your support."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3040?' 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 this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', and the House does concur with Senate Amendments #1 to House Bill 3040. And this Bill, having

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received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2018: recommends be adopted the following Motions to Concur; Senate Amendments 1 and 2 for House Bill 138, Senate Amendment #5 for House Bill 4208, and Senate Amendments 1 and 2 for House Bill 5721."

Speaker Turner: "On page 6 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills on Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 2367, Representative Currie. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2367, a Bill for an Act concerning government. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie on Floor Amendment #1."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. The Bill essentially has two parts. The first part would combine the work of the Legislative Research Unit with that of the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. The idea here is not to remove people from positions within either agency, nor would it change the mission of either agency, and all employees from LRU moving into COGFA would retain their collective bargaining, health care and other rights. The idea... and this is the idea of the four Leaders of the General Assembly is to try to find savings by virtue of sharing information technology, payroll, and other kinds of activities. The second part of the Bill comes from the Governor. Governor Rauner wrote a letter to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity expressing his concerns

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that the Regional Economic Development Authorities are not as transparent as they should be, are not as open to the public as they must be. So what this would do would first of all be to include all the counties in a Regional Development Authority except for DuPage and Cook. And then it would proceed to say that the RDAs have to respond to the Freedom of Information Act, the Open Meetings Act. They could not meet nor take any action without a quorum. They would... there's clarification that they would not have moral authority behind the bonds that they do. They would be required to let the General Assembly know what kinds of financial arrangements they are making. We impose upon them some pretty strict conflict of interest provisions. I know of no opposition. I'd be grateful for your support and happy to answer your questions."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield for questions on Floor Amendment #1."

Pritchard: "So Representative, in committee just a few minutes ago you commented on the reasons for consolidating the LRU and COGFA the fact that there's 27 employees in LRU that would be transferred to COGFA, there will be no reduction in staff?"

Currie: "That's my understanding."

Pritchard: "And it's also my understanding that part of the reason is to get better facilities?"

Currie: "That would be the hope."

Pritchard: "Well, they'd be moving into the Stratton Building, so there is efficiencies in that part. The other issue is whether

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these two parts of the Amendment are germane and you have assured us in committee that they were, correct?"

Currie: "I do believe so. What we're dealing with here are the entities created by action of the General Assembly. And I think that it works for those that we create and control to be included in a measure about those that we create but do not control."

Pritchard: "And the second part of this is you're introducing some ideas that the Governor has purposed to add more counties to the economic areas?"

Currie: "That was not... I'm sorry. His proposal was to make sure that these Regional Development Authorities operate within State Law so that they are responsive to the Open Meetings Act, the Freedom of Information Act. The decision to add counties I think came from the counties themselves. But I would say the Governor's reform proposals are excellent. The idea that there should be no conflict of interest within these agencies, that they should have to report their activities, that people know what kind of financing they're arranging. I think that makes excellent sense."

Pritchard: "I'm glad to hear that there are some good ideas coming out of the second floor."

Currie: "Absolutely."

Pritchard: "And that we add all the counties now..."

Currie: "Except for DuPage and Cook."

Pritchard: "Very good. Well, we hope this will help the economic development in the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Wheeler, on the Amendment specifically or can we adopt the Amendment and discuss it on

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Third? Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2367. 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 Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 2367."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2367, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "I just explained the Bill on the Amendment. And I would be grateful for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Wheeler."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Wheeler, K.: "Leader Currie, I just want to make one other clarification here. Is there a requirement in the transparency for the RDAs with respect to the executive director position?"

Currie: "That's a change. What it says is that an executive director must live within the region and there shall be one per RDA."

Wheeler, K.: "Perfect."

Currie: "This again comes from the Governor, comes from the second floor. And as we know, he's filled with good ideas."

Wheeler, K.: "I'm glad you agree. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Ives."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

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Ives: "I just had a few questions about the debt authority for these various economic development agencies. Do you know what it currently is, what they can bond out, what they can't do, and what are their rules? Or are we providing them a whole new ability to issue debt?"

Currie: "They are not in a position to do any taxing of their own. What... as I understand what they do is they provide the mechanism for bonding authority for mutual funds and others. And because they are the kind of agency, a governmental unit, they're able to provide better interest rates. Under this measure, we clarify that none of these agencies has state sanction moral authority. And it is to say we're not stuck at the end of the day if these bonds are not paid back."

Ives: "So how are they then getting the revenue to issue the bonds and pay them off? Where does that come from? Does it come from property taxes? Do they..."

Currie: "No. They have no taxing authority."

Ives: "Okay."

Currie: "So what they do is they would do the bonding by virtue of a project that they are soliciting the bonds or selling the bonds for. And it would be the private investment community, whether a mutual fund or other kind of investor, who would decide to go ahead make the investment. And presumably they would do so on the grounds that they figure that the investment will pay off."

Ives: "Who is the ultimate backer then of anything that they were to bond out or debt that they were to issue? Who ultimately does that fall to to pay back?"

Currie: "Well... the bank, as I understand it."

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Ives: "So they're an intermediary of some sort for economic development in their region?"

Currie: "Well, so obviously, if the project isn't one that can attract bidders, if people don't think that the project's going to make money, they won't make an investment."

Ives: "Okay. And do they have that authority now or is this brand new?"

Currie: "They do not have the authority to impose taxes. Some of them there may be a sense of the moral authority which is to say that the state would ultimately be the backer, but that's not an appropriate role for us and we're clarifying in the Bill that they do not have moral... they cannot let moral authority bonds."

Ives: "Okay. Just finally, though, do they have the authority to issue bonds at this point?"

Currie: "They do. They do. But again, we're not responsible for the repayment. And actually the RDAs don't have the resources themselves. These are investments that they are proposing and offering the kind of financing because they are government entities that may make the interest rate more attractive to people who think that the project is a good idea."

Ives: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie to close."

Currie: "I'd appreciate your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2367 pass?' 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 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting

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'present', Senate Bill 2367, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 8 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3309, Representative Bryant. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3309, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 3309. Representative Bryant."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3309, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bryant."

Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's an agency Bill just cleaning up some mine reclamation property. Came out of the Senate, I think, with no opposition."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3309 pass?' 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 107 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 1 voting 'present', Senate Bill 3309, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3350, Representative Sauer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Excuse me. Senate Bill 3550, Representative Sauer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3550, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Sauer."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sauer on Floor Amendment #1."

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Sauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 3550 amends the Consumer Electronic Recycling Act. And provides that nothing in the Act shall prevent a manufacturer from accepting through manufactory waste program residential CEDs collected through a drop-off collection program that's operated pursuant to an agreement with a third party, a local unit of government, whether that be county or municipal joint agency. I'd like to thank all of the stakeholders for working collaboratively on this in the negotiation. This took several years to put together. There is no opposition to this Bill. And I'd ask for a favorable vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hammond, would you like to speak on Senate... Floor Amendment #1?"

Hammond: "Yes."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hammond is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Hammond: "Representative, my question is, would eight-track tapes be included in this program?"

Sauer: "Representative, I'm not exactly sure what an eight-track tape is."

Hammond: "That was cruel, but I'll accept your answer. Thank you."

Sauer: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 3550. 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 Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read Senate Bill 3550."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3550, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sauer, have you already explained the Bill?"

Sauer: "I did indeed. And I believe it does exclude eight-track tapes. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3550 pass?' 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 109 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present, Senate Bill 3550, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 12 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, we have House Bill 4129, Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 which adds a TIF extension for the Village of Posen to the TIF extension for the Village of Caseyville."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Breen: "So this is Representative Davis's mythical Village of Posen TIF language that got attached to... detached from its own Bill and attached here?"

Stuart: "Exactly."

Breen: "Okay. Thank you much."

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Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4129?' 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 this question, there are 99 voting 'yes', 7 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', and the House does concur with Amendment #1 to House Bill 4129. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3248, Representative Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 3248 is a gut and replace. It is a negotiated trailer on behalf of the manufacturers for our electronics waste program that we established last year. There's two major pieces. One, the manufacturers have agreed on an allocation formula so that they know how to properly charge each of them for the amount of material that they are responsible for as well as create suitable legal protection for them as they create the clearing house which is scheduled to be in operation this summer. Happy to answer any questions. And I would move for Concurrence to Senate Amendment 1."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3248?' All those 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 108 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3248. And this Bill, having

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received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4146, Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to concur on Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4146. This piece of legislation we passed it out of the House with the promise to continue working on it in the Senate. Now we have a Bill that no longer has any opposition. It is a wonderful patient care Bill. And it provides the process in which a patient who is stable on their medication can remain on the drug at the original contracted price for their duration of their insurance year contract. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, just to be clear. All of the original opponents to this Bill have been cleared off.. were cleared off with the Senate Amendment?"

Fine: "That is correct."

Breen: "Great. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4146?' 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 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4146. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3648, Representative Mitchell."

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Mitchell, C.: "Sorry, Mr. Speaker. Just give me a moment to pull up my analysis. All right. Thank you. So this is a Bill just codifying something that state's attorneys can already do around the state which is to appoint the special counsel to assist with complex litigation. I know of no on record opposition. And would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Breen: "And so Representative, this is actually... this very much appears to be the codification of current practice where you can appoint a special Assistant State's Attorney. Is that right?"

Mitchell, C.: "That's correct, Sir."

Breen: "And they already have authority to pay those folks if they need to, but that's not being addressed in your Bill."

Mitchell, C.: "That's correct, Sir."

Breen: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative... Representative Mitchell to close."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3648?' All those 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 109 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3648. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4237, Representative Carroll. Mr. Clerk, please take this Bill out of the record. House Bill 4242, Representative McSweeney."

McSweeney: "Mr. Speaker, I move to concur to Senate Amendment #2. It simply fixes a typo and now correctly refers to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It's the same Bill that passed the House and Senate unanimously with a typo fix. I'd appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4242?' All in favor signify by voting '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 108 voting 'in favor', 1 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4242. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4259, Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to Concur with Senate Amendment 1. This Bill is agreed language with the Secretary of State's Office. It was unanimous here. It was unanimous in the Senate. And after it's unanimous here in the House, we'll have multiyear license plates. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4259?' 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.

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On a count of 110 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4259. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4324, Representative Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to nonconcur on Senate Amendment #1. The Amendment that was attached is inconsistent with the agreed Bill that left the House and went to the Senate."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Breen: "Thank you. And thank you, Representative, for adhering to the agreement that was made by the various parties in the House. I note that the original vote was... I believe was 88 to 3. So there may have been some opposition. I just... but did want to flag it for anybody that may have voted against it in the beginning, but it looks like it had pretty broad support."

Welch: "When it left the House it was an agreed Bill."

Breen: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves to nonconcur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4324. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion carries. And the House nonconcurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4324. House Bill 4340, Representative Wheeler, Barbara Wheeler."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment 1. This Amendment is... adds to the Bill. It provides a message establishment does not include an

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establishment in which a person's license under the Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Illinois Therapy Act will not be able to... will not have to notify. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is... seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4340?' 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 109 voting in favor, 0 voting opposed, 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4340. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Martwick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Martwick: "Speaker, there was a problem with my switch. I can... could you have the record reflect I intended to vote 'yes'?"

Speaker Turner: "Journal will reflect your request, Representative. House Bill 4348, Representative Connor."

Connor: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4348. This was the result of negotiations between the stakeholders as implemented by the Illinois State Police. I know of no opposition. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4348?' 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 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting

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'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4348. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4395, Representative Hays."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The underlying Bill, that we passed unanimously, allows a candidate for elective office to file their statement of economic interest online. The Concurrence indicates that local candidates can in fact file online except for Constitutional Officers, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, et cetera, and Senate, and House Members. So that's the change. I think this is my last Bill. Be kind."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes... seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4395?' 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 110 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4395. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4412, Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Sat down too soon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the Concurrence of Senate Floor Amendment #1 to revise that pension funds in Illinois shall endeavor to ensure the racial and ethnic makeup of the system in administrative staff positions and administrative supervisor positions. And I move Concurrence."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

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Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, I'm confused as to the... what was the change made in the Senate? It looks like the original House Bill, but what did they do particularly to your Bill?"

Ammons: "The only the thing the Senate did to this Bill it does look like the original Bill is they wanted to make sure that all pension funds strive for the exact same thing to ensure racial and ethnic inclusion."

Breen: "So instead of the original Bill which was limited to one retirement system the Bill now says each retirement system, pension fund, or investment board shall make its best efforts to ensure that the racial and ethnic makeup of its senior administrative staff... so it's senior administrative staff, not the board, but senior administrative staff represents the racial and ethnic makeup of its memberships. So we would be adding that requirement to each board, investment, et cetera... investment board, pension board, et cetera."

Ammons: "That's correct."

Breen: "That's the... that's the Bill? Okay. And then I see it came out of the Senate 49 to 1."

Ammons: "That is correct."

Breen: "Fair enough. Thank you, Representative for the answers to my questions."

Ammons: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ammons to close."

Ammons: "Thank you. I move Concurrence."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4412?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 85 voting 'in favor', 18 voting 'opposed', and 1 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4412. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4467, Representative Hurley."

Hurley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur Senate Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4467. It clarifies that a child may not be born, legally adopted, or in the legal custody of the disabled officer in order to be considered for a line of duty scholarship."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4467?' All in favor signify by voting '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 109 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 1 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4467. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 4472, Representative... excuse me. House Bill 4472, Representative Stewart."

Stewart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the House concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 4472. The Senate just reinserted these provisions in a different portion of the statute. It passed the Senate unanimously and the House unanimously. I'd ask for your support."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4472?' 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... on a count of 106 voting 'in favor', 3 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4472. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Guzzardi, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Guzzardi: "Mr. Speaker, I wasn't quick enough on the draw. I'd like to be recorded as voting 'aye' on the previous Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Journal will reflect your request, Representative. House Bill... Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "What he said."

Speaker Turner: "The Journal will reflect your request. House Bill 4507, Representative Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with the Senate Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "Just a line about the Senate Amendment or two."

Gordon-Booth: "This is a TIF extension for the City of Madison as well as some technical language that is being requested by the Illinois Department of Revenue."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Breen is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

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Breen: "And then just want to... so this is agreed language on the one topic and then we're also increasing the life of a TIF on the City of Madison, I believe?"

Gordon-Booth: "Yes, we are."

Breen: "Okay. So thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 for House Bill 4507?' 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 97 voting 'yes', 7 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 4507. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4516, Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4516. This is technical language added by the Department of Insurance. It says it changes in the Federal Law take place the state will not be responsible for the cost. And the underlying Bill remains the same."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, I see that the original vote was 108 to 0 to 1. So someone did vote 'present'. I don't know if there was a conflict there, but otherwise the Bill looks exactly the same. Is that right?"

Fine: "The Bill is exactly the same. It covers hearing aids for children under the age of 18."

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Breen: "Right. And I think we were very much supportive of that.
So thank you, Representative, for bringing the Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4516?' 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 106 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4516. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4554, Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur on House Floor Amendment... or Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4554. The Senate simply added some technical language regarding traffic control devices."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4554?' 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 107 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4554. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4569, Representative Parkhurst."

Parkhurst: "I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1. This Bill concerns aboveground fuel tank storage for agricultural sites, construction sites, and commercial vehicle sites. The

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Amendment just removes railway yards from the Bill. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4569?' 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 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4569. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4594, Representative Andersson."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur for... with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4594. You may recall this is court fines and assessments Bill that myself and former Rep Elaine Nekritz worked on. Passed out of this House with 89 votes. The Amendment in the Senate only corrected some channeling of where the funds go. It does not change the underlying Bill. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, just to confirm. So, we had the original vote count was 89 to 17 and nothing really changed in the Bill. So unless folks have changed their mind, they just want to check the vote tally and be consistent with their votes."

Andersson: "That's absolutely right."

Breen: "Thank you, Representative."

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Andersson: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4594?' 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 86 voting 'yes', 18 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4594. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Members, we will move over to Supplemental Calendar #2. And Leader Currie is recognized for a Motion."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. I move to suspend Rule 15(e) so that we can hear the Concurrence Motion on House Bill 138 which has been released from the Rules Committee. This just gives us the opportunity to do so without waiting the full hour."

Speaker Turner: "You've all heard the Lady's Motion. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motions carries. House Bill 138, Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This is the initial suggestion from the House Task Force on Sexual Discrimination and Harassment with respect to changes in underlying legislation. Some of the measures that we proposed deal with the Legislative Inspector General and the Legislative Ethics Commission, others deal with other of the Inspectors General. And at least one or two provisions apply to workplaces not just in government but across the state. So

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first of all, we would permit that the Legislative Inspector General could be a full-time position. We'd require public posting when there are vacancies. And we've established a search committee so that each Legislative Leader can appoint a judge or a former prosecutor to make a recommendation to the LEC about who ought to be the Legislative Inspector General. I think this is a way of making sure that we are going to be encouraging people who have very strong qualifications to take that job. We would allow the Legislative Inspector General to begin to initiate an investigation into claims of sexual harassment without the approval of the LEC. For other claims, we provide for additional transparency. While I know of no instance in which the LEC said no, to a request for an investigation by a Legislative Inspector General and I know that it has never happened that there has been a founded report from the Legislative Inspector General asking for it to be published and the LEC has said no but we will clarify that the LEC has to tell us if that happens because I think if that does happen we may want to find very different way of operating this whole program. We'll allow the LIG to share information with a complainant, with the victim, with the accused, about the status of an investigation and require the LIG, in the quarterly report, to tell us what numbers of complaints they've had and also in what categories they fall. What are sexual harassment, what might be discrimination, and so forth and so on. We're making that same requirement of all of the... of all of the Inspectors General in the Executive Branch as well as with us. We're changing the law so that former Members

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and former staff within the suitable time frames could be brought before an investigation by the Legislative Inspector General and before the commission. We are extending the statute of limitations for filing discrimination and harassment claims before the Illinois Department of Human Rights from 180 days to 300. We think this is important because in many of these instances people don't feel comfortable coming forward within the existing time frame. In addition, when it comes to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the time frame there is 300 days, so we will just fit right in that. We'll permit the Executive Ethics Commission to suspend the registration of a lobbyist or lobbying group for up to three years if there are serious infractions of our ethics requirement. We're going to require all employers statewide, private as well as public, to post notices in their workplaces making sure that employees know they have a right to a workplace that is free from sexual harassment. Those are the major changes. There are plenty of others. And I'd be happy to answer your questions."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Jimenez."

Jimenez: "To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, Leader Currie, for bringing this measure forward today. We spent a lot of time together over the last six months or so. And as many of us in this chamber I've taken my role on the... as the Minority Spokesperson on Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Task Force very seriously. This is a very important issue that we have to look at from every angle. Our Task Force has taken testimony from many groups, agencies, victims, and ideas from our fellow Members here in this chamber and in the Senate.

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We've taken all of that info into consideration so far and what you see here today reflects what could be agreed upon by today's deadline. Not everything has made it into this Bill. Even a few of my ideas and concerns didn't quite make it. But we are not finished addressing this issue and I'm hopeful we will continue to come to more agreements over the summer. We know for a fact that it isn't over and it can't be over. Since last fall when this issue exploded right in our face because we didn't have a Legislative Inspector General for three years. Some people around the building still joke about this issue, push back on commonsense reforms, victims continue to hold press conferences because they believe that that action is more effective than our current process. We've made some progress today and I encourage all the Members in the chamber to vote for this progress. But we do have to continue to reform the process so that everyone trusts that it will be accessible and fair. We have much more work to do, but I'm grateful that we are moving these measures forward today and that we will help create a more transparent and accountable process going forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you. I want to thank the men and women on the Task Force who put a lot of time in this very, very important issue. Some people will say it may not go far enough. Some people might say it goes too far. But let me just say this, the discussions I've had with my Caucus and also the Legislative Leaders this is just the beginning. The issues that have been... other issues that have been not in this Bill have not be foreclosed on. It's important that we reach

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consensus on these very important issues. It's timely, but the people who are involved with this have done great work. But just know this, there's more work to do on this as with many things. And we'll be back in November and possibly in January in a hope that we can tie up these loose ends on these outstanding issues. But I want to thank Representative Jimenez, Leader Currie for your dedication on this very important issue. We have much more to do but this is a good start. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Hays."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to echo the comments that have been made previously and thank Leader Currie, Representative Jimenez, all of the Members on the Task Force. This is a step forward. It certainly not the end of this discussion. I would really suggest it's a beginning of the discussion and much more needs to be done. We are in a place now that it's much better than the absurd place we were before with we had no Legislative Inspector General. The Commission has recently authorized the acting Inspector General to go forward not only and complete her work as it relates to open cases now but to certainly follow up on cases that are subsequent to the original cases she was asked to look at which I think is extraordinarily appropriate. And in the coming months you're going to see an all-out search for a permanent. And it's in this Bill, someone who is in this role permanently, not on a contracted basis but all of the time. Which I think highlights the seriousness of this measure and how serious people are taking it. I thank you for bringing the Bill."

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Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. This is a very weak first attempt at solving a very deep problem that we have here in Springfield. You had last fall 300 women who work in and around the Capitol sign on to a #metoo movement saying that they have been the victims of some sort of abuse. And this is all that we have as a result to show from it. And the biggest problem, the biggest thing missing from this Bill are the rights of complainants. You can make a complaint and you'll never know what happens to that complaint. You have no requirements to be notified. You have no requirements for information. You have no requirements for participation in the process as this complaint, very serious complaints by the way, go through a system that is not transparent and is run by a political leadership in here that has been entrenched for decades and that many feel afraid to stand up to. And so complainant's rights are very important whether it's in the Legislative Inspector General process, or the OEIG process, or any other agency that has an Inspector General. Complainants, regular citizens in the State of Illinois, feel they do not have a voice when they find malfeasance in their government. And so the biggest thing missing here is the rights of complainants. The only thing that they've added in at all is that the Legislative Inspector General may notify. There's no mandate to do it. They may do it. But other than that they've left off many of the strong provisions that I filed with HB4840. And was dismissed outright by both parties when it was put before the Executive Committee and then dismissed again by the Sexual Harassment Task Force as items

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that we will be working on. The Bill was ready. The Bill could go. You could have complainants have rights right now, but you've decided not to. And as we know today a very significant complaint was made against a Member of this Body. And that complainant came out publicly in a press conference just as Representative Jimenez indicated because she did not feel comfortable going anywhere else and did not feel that her voice would be heard. This has to change. Giving rights to complainants would give them some assurance that they would be able to participate in the process and that's a first start. But to really solve the problem of ethics, sexual harassment, abuse, bullying, it's going to take all of us men and women to, one, confront it when first approached and two, to not allow it to happen. Men and women who are virtuous would not allow this to even occur in the first place and that's the point where we have to get to. The culture has to change. And until you change the culture, you're not going to solve it anyway. And the culture is set and the tone is set by the leaders in this place. Rank and file though have an important mission to when they see it, confront it, when they see it happen to others, stop it. So we all have a role in ending this. This should not be the end. It's a very weak first step. And I expect more out of this Task Force in the future."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To this Bill. So my... I was elected in 2010. And as I met with the outgoing district director, my predecessor, one of the things she said to me was you're going to a city that's a lot like Peyton Place.

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Now I'm just old enough to know what Peyton Place is. Some of you are too young to know what that is. So you can look it up. It's P-e-y-t-o-n, Peyton Place. And it was troubling to me to hear that. And so I had just sold a business. I was not as tied down. And with a wife and two children every week we'd pack up the car and come down to Springfield so that I had some amount of normalcy when I was down here. I can't say that it's bad everywhere. There... obviously, no matter where you are in the private sector, the public sector, in government, in sports, in entertainment, there are people who behave well, who behave virtuously and people who don't. But one thing that I wanted to get on the record is this. I was sitting on that... we had a subject matter only hearing up in Chicago on Halloween. Leader Currie, you were there. The Speaker was there. And Denise Rotheimer dropped the name of a Senator and I think it was jarring to all of us. It was jarring to me. I'm not an attorney, but I know that there is a difference between making comments in committee versus making comments on oath, and making accusations and such. And so one thing that we absolutely have to preserve is due process for both the accused and also the accusers. And it is very troubling to me, and it should be troubling to all of us, that there are Members, there are lobbyists, there are staff, there are others around the Capitol complex that don't feel safe in bringing up allegations of abuse or harassment. And to echo what Representative Ives said, that has to change and no amount of training is going to change that. It has to do with the heart, the character, and accountability of those of us who are down there, especially those of us in elected

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office but at every level as well. I also want to say that if there is bad behavior on either side of the aisle it should not be covered up. Those who are acting badly should be exposed and should be dealt with appropriately, swiftly, and depending upon the severity of the case, there ought to be severe consequences that relate to the severity of the behavior. Some of the things we're dealing with, power, sex, abuse, they're as old as time. But I hope that the events of this past year really have shaken people up that we do shine a spotlight on those who are acting badly and anybody who's thinking about acting badly will see that this is not to be tolerated anymore. And the fact that I was made aware of this over eight years ago and it's still going on it means that the change is going to be maybe more difficult but we have to take it very seriously. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Gabel."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Gabel: "So first I just would like to thank you for chairing the committee, you and Representative Jimenez. It was not an easy task. I was a Member of the Task Force and we reviewed and spoke with many, many different people from all sectors who were involved and who have some knowledge of this issue. We did a deep dive. We need to go a little deeper. There are still things that we need to figure out and ways that we can make rules and laws that will change the culture here. I think also that it is going to be a responsibility of all of us to kind of police each other in a way, you know, to tell each other when that's not quite right. Let's, you know, let's not

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go there. And I think we still have a lot of work to do as a group really to meet together and talk about the issues, what we feel is correct, what we feel is not correct, and what kind of a culture we want to have down here. I just have one question. So if somebody makes a complaint to the Legislative Ethics Commission, will that complaint be heard or is there still in the rules that a certain number of commissioners can decide that that complaint will not be heard?"

Currie: "As I say, I don't know that... generally, the complaint would go to the Legislative Inspector General or first to an ethics officers. Some complaints can be handled before you get to the level of the Legislative Ethics Commission. I know of no situation in which the Legislative Ethics Commission has refused the Inspector General's request to undertake an investigation. But under this legislation, we will found out should that ever happen. Since we do get reports we will get reports. And when it comes to a claim of sexual harassment, the Inspector General would be able to begin the... would go ahead and investigate without waiting for permission from the LEC."

Gabel: "Okay. I just think that and I would like us to look at that again because I think it's important that the LEC not be able to put a brick on an investigation and stop that investigation. So I hope that we can look at that again as we go further... take further steps to improve these policies that we have here."

Currie: "And as I say, here we have the transparency that will help us figure out if there is a problem. Are investigations being stifled and being stymied on an everyday basis? I don't

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think so. But this is a way we will know what the answer is. And my understanding is that for a complaint to go to the LEC it would have to be a founded complaint from the Legislative Inspector General."

Gabel: "First?"

Currie: "Yes."

Gabel: "Okay. Well, as we said, it's a little complicated. But I just hope that we don't squash these complaints too early and I hope that they get a chance to be heard."

Currie: "I agree. And I don't think we do, but I think we'll find out if stifling is happening. And we will find a way to prevent that from happening should that turn out to be the way the... the way things are operated. But again, my own understanding is that it's never happened either the stifling of a proposed investigation nor if the Inspector General has come to the Commission with a founded report and said to the Commission I would like to publish this. I don't believe the Commission has ever, ever stood in the way."

Gabel: "Okay. Well, thank you. Again, thank you for the work that you've done. And I look forward to continuing this process. Thanks."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative McDermed."

McDermed: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I also had the privilege and responsibility of serving on this Task Force. And one of the many presenters that came to talk to us came from the esteemed employment law firm Seyfarth Shaw. And they came and gave us a version of the training that they give for corporations all across the country. They are one of the leading employment law firms in the country. I believe they

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came and performed some training and certainly represented my former employer in my former career many, many, many times. I knew many of their partners and we hired some of them to come in-house. The most striking thing that this team from Seyfarth Shaw told us was that the success of any training program like this, any anti-harassment effort, is the investment of the leadership of the organization in making that change. So my challenge to all of us here and to all of the Leaders of this august chamber is, what are you going to do to lead the change of... and change our culture of bullying of every type into a culture of supportive, and constructive, and positive leadership? I'd like this challenge... you don't have to answer me here today. But I'm putting this challenge out there. If we're sincere about getting rid of sexual harassment and every kind of harassment and bullying that exists in this chamber, and you know it is does, it has to be led by the Leaders. That's the challenge out there. I'm waiting. We're all watching."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Butler."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wasn't going to speak, but I first had a question of Leader Currie, if possible."

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Butler: "Is this... what's the effective date on this?"

Currie: "Immediate."

Butler: "So would this impact any cases that are currently in front of the..."

Currie: "No. I don't believe so."

Butler: "So..."

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Currie: "If there were new allegations that became new cases then, yes, this would apply."

Butler: "I have... then I have a question about one provision that's a new provision if I'm reading this correctly, Section 25-50. If the ultimate jurisdictional authority is a subject of the report, hear me... he or she may only respond to summary report in his or her capacity as a subject of the report and shall not respond in his or her capacity as the ultimate jurisdictional authority."

Currie: "Right."

Butler: "That will not... that will not be in place for any current cases. That will only be going forward?"

Currie: "Yeah. If they were a new report that went to the Inspector General, it would."

Butler: "Go ahead. Does that apply to any current cases in front of the Inspector General?"

Currie: "Yeah. We believe that the current investigation would be covered."

Butler: "With that provision?"

Currie: "Yes."

Butler: "Okay. Thank you very much. To the Bill, if I might. And I... you know, I live here in Springfield and to a couple of my colleagues that have mentioned this, to my friend from Palatine, to the Representative who mentioned down here, Springfield's not the problem. And I get a little sensitive about that because this is my town. Springfield's not the problem. It's the people that are here that are the problem. Because this attitude and what happens and what we've seen happen over the last several months doesn't just happen here

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in Springfield, it happens up there. I can say it. Up there in Chicago. It happens down there in southern Illinois. It happens all over the place. My town is not Peyton's Place. The people that come here that have made it Peyton's Place are the problem, not my town. And I would hope moving forward that people who are involved with State Government and people who are involved with this institution would realize that, that it's the people here not the community. So please keep that in mind when you're making reference to my town how that impacts my community. And when people hear those words across the state what they think of the Capital City of the State of Illinois. So please keep that in mind when you're making your remarks."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I, too, wasn't planning on speaking, but you know, the gentle Lady from Wheaton she and I have had some good tangles in our few years together in the Legislature, and we disagree on a lot of things, but I agree very strongly with a number of the remarks that she made. And I want to thank her for making them. I know the sky is falling, right, pigs are flying. No, I genuinely agree with you, Representative, that the change is going to start with those of us in this room, with the men and women of principle who don't stand for this kind of activity and that our simply behaving well on our own and be silent about the bad actions of others around us is no longer enough. I've said it on this floor before, and I'll say it again in this debate tonight, I take it personally as a failure that I have not done enough, that I haven't spoken

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out often enough or loudly enough at the behavior of those around me. And I feel compelled by this legislation to be engaged in the process. I do have to differ with you slightly in the spirit of our tradition in saying that I think this Bill is a good step in the right direction. I believe that this Bill is the product of earnest and important work by the Members of the Task Force on which it's been my pleasure to serve. And I'll be proud to support the Bill. But we've talked a lot about changing the culture, changing cultures tonight and we can change all the laws we want but the culture isn't some sort of creature, some sort of externality that exists outside of us. The culture is us. The culture is us. How we behave, how we comport ourselves; that's what makes the culture of this institution. Each of us bears responsibility for this. Each of us can do better. I resolve myself to and I hope you all will join me. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Let me just say that the Task Force did yeoman's work. We had 10 hearings. And I appreciate all of the comments and work of the Members of the Task Force, especially the Minority Spokesman, Representative Jimenez. We have worked hard. We've worked well together. And we agree this is not the end of the story; this is the beginning. I think it's a pretty good beginning. I think the transparency, I think the accountability that we've put into this Bill will help us all. I do think that there are ways people can take their complaints to appropriate places and get redress of their grievances. But I also appreciate those on the floor who spoke about our individual,

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our overall responsibility to help change the culture. Passage of a law is not going to change the culture, but if all of us can be more attentive, more willing to speak out, more willing to set the parameters of how we treat one another and how people in any workplace treat one another with respect and with civility, I think we can change the world. I'd appreciate your 'yes' vote on the Concurrence Motion on House Bill 138."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 138?' 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 this question, there are 110 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', and the House concurs with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 138. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Morrison, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a quick point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Morrison: "In the spirit of civility and respect, I want to publicly apologize to Representative Butler and all the people in Springfield. Let me just be clear, you know, when I made my remarks and the remarks of this assistant who was telling me about Springfield, she said Springfield as a metaphor. What she meant was the Capitol complex, the people in and around this area when we're in Session. That's what she meant. She did not mean, and I don't mean, any disrespect

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for the people of Springfield. This is a wonderful family friendly city. We loved being down here as a family. My kids actually wanted to come down here during this Session week. So... but I will choose my words a lot more carefully and but we were not indicting the people of Springfield. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Supplemental Calendar #2, we have House Bill 4208, Representative Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4208. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #5 on House Bill 4208. The Members of the Body will recall that this is a Bill that I've been working on for a couple of years now and it passed the House a couple weeks ago. And during that debate, I specifically promised the Members that we will continue working on this Bill in the Senate and that's what we did. We continued and had earnest discussions and negotiations in the Senate. The new Amendment removes all law enforcement objections and it actually uses language that was written by the School Management Alliance who supported this Amendment. There is no longer any opposition to this Bill. The big change is that school-based arrests were taken out and the new priority will be that schools will have... the new priority will be on high disciplinary records in schools. And it will be based on the report of this by ISBE. You will recall that this is an initiative that was initially brought to me by the Voices for Children in Education. They are up in the gallery. This Bill doesn't reflect their original proposal in anyway. I think it shows their tremendous respect for this system, what they've learned about the system, and the art of compromise. And once again, I would ask that we give them a round of applause.

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This process is difficult and they've learned how it works. That compromise is what it's all about. And through their compromise we have reached an agreement on a Bill that no longer has any law enforcement opposition. It's going to help provide important, critical mental health services in schools, and yes, it focuses on and recognizes the importance that school resource officers play in our schools. I would ask for Concurrence with Senate Amendment #5."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll just go to the Motion just since we have debated this previously. The Senate voted on this earlier today and they voted on partisan lines; it was all the Democrats up, all the Republicans who voted down. And as best I can tell, it's because there's a line in this new grant program and none of the... there was no appropriation for it in the latest budget. And it's subject to appropriation, but the very specific line that says grant funds shall not be used to increase the use of school-based law enforcement or security personnel. And certainly as much as you can say well you know we're just appropriating for everything else the message that passing this sends to our communities is certainly not the one that we want to be sending in the current environment where our school resource officers have been saving lives, literally saving lives in confronting very, very bad people. And I don't want to even begin to think that somehow we are saying they are inadequate or somehow say that they don't deserve funding maybe as part of a comprehensive solution. But my goodness, to pass a Bill like this at this time. I mean, my goodness. We just had memorials,

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we've had thanks to those who... school resource officers who have bravely saved lives. I just don't see the point of doing this right now. So I would respectfully request a 'no' vote just if only for the message this sends and the fact that there's no reason to put that limitation in this Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Welch... Excuse me. Representative McCombie is recognized."

McCombie: "Hi. Thank you. Will the speaker yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

McCombie: "Or Sponsor. Thank you. Sorry. Representative, we spoke about this in length and I went to bat for this in district sitting with a lot of law enforcement and I was not aware that that piece was still in there. Can you elaborate on that because that's not what we spoke about?"

Welch: "So, I want to specifically say two things in response to that. So give me a moment to say both."

McCombie: "Sure."

Welch: "First of all, it also says in here nothing prohibits school districts from hiring school resource officers. If you will recall the original version of this and even subsequent Amendments specifically prohibited use of school resource officers and required them to reduce the use of school resource officers. We've gotten away from that. We've recognized the importance and the role that school resource officers play, like Officer Dallas from Dixon, and schools are specifically allowed to continue that. What we are saying in this Bill is that these dollars will be used for critical, important mental health services. If a school voluntarily applies for this grant a school is saying that we recognize

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that behavioral health services are important. And what we're saying is by adopting this Bill we're putting Illinois out in front in recognizing and trying to prevent instances from ever happening by investing in mental health. Nothing in this Bill prohibits school districts from hiring school resource officers and that's the commitment that I gave to you and that's the commitment that I kept and that's why we continued to work on this Bill. And that's why you don't find anyone in opposition to this Bill."

McCombie: "Okay. Then that certainly was a misunderstanding and I will continue to read on this and consider my vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Welch to close."

Welch: "I would respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #5 to House Bill 4208?' 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 65 voting 'in favor', 42 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #5 to House Bill 4208. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5721, Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 and 2 to House Bill 5721. Amendment 1 provides that CPS shall adopt a policy to address under enrolled schools and the policy must include a list of potential interventions. Amendment 2 is a clean-up Amendment and is a

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product of negotiations with CPS that removes their opposition. We worked together with CPS to make the necessary changes in the Senate as promised. And I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 5721?' 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 102 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 5721. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On Supplemental Calendar #1, we have House Resolution 1165, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker, Members of the House. This is a Resolution that would encourage Members whether they witness things that are happening that are bullying, harassing, or whatever in the chamber or in the complex, or Members who have been victims of some kind of harassment or bullying to report those activities, to talk to the ethics officer, to talk to the Inspector General. If we're trying to change the culture one of the... and I think everybody, several people mentioned on this House Floor how important it is for us to set the parameters, to set the tone, to make sure the discourse is civil. So this Resolution that would change our House Rules would give us a responsibility to... at least encourage us to take responsibility when we see things that ought not to be happening to make sure that the... that an

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investigation is possible. So I'd be grateful for your support for the adoption of this Resolution."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Jimenez is recognized."

Jimenez: "Thank you, Leader Currie. And this is just another one of the things that we had talked about in the Task Force and in talking to some of the victims along the way. One of things is that I believe, and I think a lot of the Members in this chamber believe, is that we must hold ourselves to the highest of standards. When we are in positions of power, when we see things or hear things we must report them and in this we're... it encourages it in our House Rules, it makes it official. And because of the additional reporting requirements that we put into the Bill that we passed before, as we report these things to our ethics officer, even if it's something that you're not sure about, it's something that we should speak up because some of the people who are victimized in these instances they are afraid, they're afraid to speak up and Members in this chamber should not be afraid. We should stand up to fellow Members here in this chamber as well as the other chamber and anywhere on the Capitol complex because as some of the other Members mentioned before it starts with us. And if we don't lead on this issue nobody will. And we'll continue to have this cycle where victims are fearful to come forward and we have to speak for some of those because they are very vulnerable in these situations. So again, I thank Leader Currie for bringing this House Rule forward and we need to take this very, very seriously. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Feigenholtz."

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Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise in support of this. I think that after hearing all the testimony of the substantive Bill that we just passed that we heard a lot of Members talking about how we treat each other here on the floor of the House and in the Capitol complex. And we want to honor Representative Butler's request that this is our Capital City, it's his home, we should treat each other with respect and be kind. And if we see other people treating our colleagues badly, we should report it and we should encourage them to report it. And that will create a much better culture and a much better environment for all of us. Representative Currie, I think this is your last Bill. Is that accurate? Might this be your last Bill?"

Currie: "Absolutely not. What a suggestion, Representative."

Feigenholtz: "Well if it is, God bless you, and all the work you have done... I can't talk anymore... on this and everything else. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you. And I'm glad that Representative Jimenez joined me as a principal Sponsor on this Resolution. I urge your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves that the House adopt House Resolution 1165. 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 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', this Resolution is adopted. Thank you. Members, we are going back to page 14 of the Calendar on Bills

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under Concurrence. First we have House Bill 4650, Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd move to concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4650. It makes... the Senate made a technical churn... technical change to address concerns of the department."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4650?' All in favor signify by voting '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 this question there are 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', and the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4650. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4687, Representative Bennett."

Bennett: "There we go. Thank you. House Bill 4687. This Bill adds a spouse, adult grandchild, parent, or adult sibling to those who petition a court for visitation rights of a ward if the guardian unreasonably prevents them from doing so. This Amendment basically just does this, it states that if the ward is capable of communicating their wishes to the court and does not want visitation from the petitioner, the court cannot force the visitation. I move for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4687?' 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."

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On a count of 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4687. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4697, Representative Halbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I Motion to Nonconcur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4687 (sic-4697). This dealt with township supervisors in a temporary appointment. And urge a Motion to nonconcur."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves to that the House nonconcur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4697. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion carries. And the House Nonconcur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4697. House Bill 4707, Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Concurrence of Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4707. It simply adds members to the Prescription Drug Task Force and includes a sunset date."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Breen is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, I just want to ask you about the.. I know the Bill came out 103 to 3 and then 1 voting 'present'. Is your Bill in substantially the same form as it comes back from the Senate or what were the changes made over there?"

Scherer: "Yes. As I just said, it has now an expiration date of January 1, 2021. It requires the Task Force to submit its recommendations by December 31, 2019. And it expands the Task Force to 25 members, adding 2 public defenders, 2 providers

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of addiction treatment services appointed by Human Services, 2 members who are physicians licensed to practice medicine in all its branches specializing in pain management and emergency medicine. It's a wonderful Bill to help with the opioid crisis."

Breen: "Ahh, okay. I remember what we had initially debated was that the Governor had done an Opioid Prevention and Intervention Task Force and the General Assembly created a collaborative Pharmaceutical Task Force. And so, I think maybe there was some confusion about that. But thank you, Representative, for explaining the Bill."

Scherer: "That's right."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4707?' All in favor signify by voting '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 101 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4707. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4711, Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4711, as it came out of the House, dealt with reducing the number of frivolous lawsuits against a county in relation to Zoning Code. The Senate added a provision that also dealt with land use in the Rockford Park District. So it would allow them to sell their water park if the sale is approved by 80 percent of the park commissioners. The sale price must be equal or exceed the

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average of three appraisals. And that the issue is that the water... the Park District does not well... not properly suited to continue operating the water park facility at this time because they are losing money on it. And so they need to get it... I think they are looking at trying to find a buyer that will improve that... improve that property."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Willis."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Willis: "Representative, I see that there were 110 'yes' votes on this previously and 1 'no' vote. Would you expect the same again this time?"

Breen: "I know I wasn't the 'no' vote. And so, I'm not sure exactly who voted against it last time, but they probably should vote against it again."

Willis: "Well, that Gentleman's not here. So I think you're probably good. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4711?' All those in favor signify by voting '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 105 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill... the Senate does... I mean, the House does concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4711. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4724, Representative Finnie."

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Phelps Finnie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with House... I'm sorry... Senate Amendments #2 and 3. Senate Amendment #3 is just a word change from producer to operator. Senate Amendment #2 is a gut and replace. This... these are agreed upon Amendments, just technical changes to the Fracturing Act. I humbly ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #2 and 3 to House Bill 4724?' All in favor signify by voting '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 92 voting 'yes', 16 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendments #2 and 3 to House Bill 4724. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4735, Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I Motion that the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1. This is a little bit of a bipartisan partnership and we were simply adding to the Bill that March 5 of each year will be recognized as the Day of the Horse in the State of Illinois. I appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4735?' 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 104 voting 'in favor', 2 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment

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#1 to House Bill 4735. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4746, Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move Concurrence on House Bill 4746 which is in relationship to the Mahomet Aquifer reporting of unintentional gas leaks in the aquifer, notifying of residents around the infected area, and other technical changes, its mileage and things of that nature. I move for Concurrence on 4746."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Thapedi."

Thapedi: "Will the Sponsor quickly yield?"

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor indicates she will yield."

Thapedi: "Representative, aren't there some other aquifers that are also been potentially compromised as well? Is this one only dealing with the Mahomet Aquifer? About... what are some of the other aquifers as well?"

Ammons: "This one deals with sole source aquifers. In this case, we are... the Mahomet Aquifer is the only one that's been designated by the U.S. EPA as a sole source. And it also deals with the aquifer that had a recent incident."

Thapedi: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4746?' 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 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4746. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is

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hereby declared passed. House Bill 4751, Representative Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4751. Senate Amendment #2 contains clarifying language that was suggested by the Illinois Department of Revenue. I would ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4751?' 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 107 voting 'yes', 3 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4751. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4768, Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for a Motion to Concur to Senate Bill 2... Senate Amendment 2 and 3 which cleans up the language for the oath so it flows better."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Williams."

Williams: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Williams: "Representative, do you think this will be your last Bill?"

Wheeler, B.: "I do."

Williams: "Well, to the Bill and more importantly to you. As everyone knows in this chamber Barb is my cousin, but since she's been down here she has been an amazing advocate, a committed Representative, and I will miss you so dearly, your

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energy, your laugh, your smile. Your constituents are lucky to have you, but we are even more lucky to have you here. I love you like a sister. Best of luck. Godspeed."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #2 and 3 to House Bill 4768?' 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 this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 3 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', and the House does concur with Senate Amendments #2 and 3 to House Bill 4768. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Long, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Long: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that I meant to vote 'yes' on HB4724."

Speaker Turner: "The Journal will reflect your request. House Bill 4771, Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 4771. Senate Amendment 1 and 2 are technical in nature and just limit the scope of the Bill. Appreciate your support."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 4771?' 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 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Senate... I mean the House does concur with Senate Amendments

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#1 and 2 to House Bill 4771. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4781, Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move to concur with House Amendment #2 for House Bill 4781 which is part of the work product from the Higher Education working group. The Bill simply seeks to create the College and Career Task Force and will direct stakeholders to conduct that Task Force in trying to work with data for public high school students entering college or career interests and share that data effectively and efficiently across the public education... higher education and then report back to the General Assembly by January 30, 2019. And I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Motion. I just want to briefly lift up a concern that this Task Force, while it contains I believe 30 members and pertains to the use of student data and data privacy, there's no one appointed to the Task Force from the data privacy community. And it's a concern that's been raised by some constituents around this issue which I wanted to state for the record. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4781?' 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 103 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4781. And

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this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4799, Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4799. It removes language requiring the school board to review and/or update its bike-pedestrian policy at least one every two years."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, I just want to make sure that the Body is reminded this was the... the Bill that required school boards of a school district to adopt a policy on educating students on the effective methods of preventing and avoiding traffic injuries related to walking and bicycling in grades K through 8. And then, so your Amendment has now removed the provision requiring the school board to update its policy at least once every two years?"

Harper: "That is correct."

Breen: "Okay. So but I do know there was some mild opposition here in the House, and mild opposition in the Senate. So, folks should just check that again based on their original votes. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4799?' All in favor say 'aye'... 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 this question, there are 98 voting 'yes', 11 voting 'no', 0 voting

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'present', and the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4799. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Bourne, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Bourne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I intended to vote 'yes' on House Bill 4771. Thank you."

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

Brady: "Point of personal privilege please, Sir."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Brady: "Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, please give a nice Springfield welcome to my two Pages today Mr. West Reardon from... who will be a junior incoming at Normal Community High School. If they'd stand. And Mr. Ben Cooper will be a freshman at Riverton High School. West is here with his mother who is here in the gallery, Laura Reardon from Bloomington. And Ben happens to be the grandson of my first secretary here Ms. Linda Brown. Please give them a nice Springfield welcome as they've hung with us all day."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to the Capitol. House Bill 4821, Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I Motion to Concur on Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4821. The Amendment is technical language added by the Department of Insurance that says if there are federal changes that the state will not be responsible for those costs."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4821?' 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 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4821. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4888, Representative Bennett."

Bennett: "Hello, Mr. Speaker. I concur with Senate Amendment #1 with House Bill 4888. The Amendment clarifies that the Department of Corrections gather information about where people go when they get out of the Department of Correction facilities. And it just clarified private residencies, transitional housing, homeless shelter, or other. I move for an 'aye' vote, please."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4888?' 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 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4888. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Arroyo, for what reason do you seek recognition? House Bill 4897, Representative Guzzardi."

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Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the House do concur to Amendments 2 and 3 to House Bill 4897. This pertains to our craft brewers around the state. I don't recall how many of them there are. I seem to recall the number 84. Hopewell Brewing in my district has been a proponent of this as there are in many of our districts. This represents an agreement between the beer distributors and the craft brewers around allowing these folks to sell cider at their breweries, which is very exciting. As well as dealing with some distribution issues. I know of no opposition. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #2 and 3 to House Bill 4897?' 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 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendments #2 and 3 to House Bill 4897. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4936, Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4936 is a technical change at the request of the department. And I know of no opposition. Ask for your support."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4936?' 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 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting

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'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4936. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4949, Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 which was a request of the Illinois Hospital Association exempting them from this requirement because they already have other requirements to do the same thing. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4949?' 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 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4949. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5020, Representative Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5020. I'd like to move to concur with Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3. This is another initiative of the Higher Education Work Group. And what this does is it creates the four-year MAP program. Instead of MAP grants being awarded on a year to year basis, they will be awarded on a four-year basis. One of the things that we learned during... when taking testimony, the admissions directors from our colleges and universities said in order to compete with out-of-state colleges and universities they need to be able to guarantee students financial aid packages for

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the four-year duration. This will put Illinois back in the game, bring our students back to our state, put the butts back in the seats. And hopefully they stay in our state and become contributors to our economy. I would ask for approval of the four-year MAP program."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #1, 2, and 3 on House Bill 5020?' 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 105 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendments #1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 5020. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5056, Representative Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. House Bill 5056 I'd like to concur with Senate Amendment 2. This is clarifying language regarding to a Class of C vehicles. The initial Bill which flew out of here was a clean-up Bill for the Secretary of the State that adjusts a variety of issues. It flew out, so it came back to clarify Class C vehicles which are being used commercially with the Department of Transportation. Request the support."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 5056?' 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 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting

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'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 5056. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5057, Representative Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. I would like to concur for Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5057. This Senate Amendment clarifies civilian escort vehicles weighing under 26 thousand pounds. There was an initiative with the State Police to clarify with these particular vehicles. I ask for your support."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5057?' 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 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5057. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5141, Representative Jimenez."

Jimenez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1. This Bill includes the original language that we passed out of the House unanimously which reduced to one year from three years in which IDFPR can turn over unpaid and outstanding money orders to the Treasurer's Office Division of Unclaimed Property. The added language amends the Consumer Installment Loan Act to provide that the date of renewal for a license is December 1. It also amends the Pay Day Loan Reform Act for license renewal to December 1. This makes

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things more efficient and aligns the renewal dates with the Sales Finance Act at IDFPR. I request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Breen: "And Representative, I'm looking at the Calendar here and I don't see any more Bills with your name on them coming after this. Do you have any others in the hopper that are waiting?"

Jimenez: "I don't think so. But I want to leave that option open."

Breen: "Fair enough. But there's no reason not to take gratuitous applause from your colleagues any time you can get it. So thank you."

Jimenez: "I will always take applause. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5141?' 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 107 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5141. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5175, Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5175. This is an initiative of the Illinois Education Association, the Chicago Teacher's Union, the Illinois Federation of Teachers, as well as the School Board Alliance. What this does is provides local control on the issue of determining charter schools. It indicates that

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the... if you appeal the local control, you can appeal under the Administrative Act to the Circuit Courts but no longer to the State Charter School Commission. This was a Bill that was carried by Representative Welch in the past. I know we've debated it in the past several years. I think everybody kind of knows where they're going to vote or how they're going to vote. So in the interest of brevity, if you don't ask me any questions I won't give you any answers."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen for a question."

Breen: "And all of... and I will not ask you any questions because I do not want to hear any of those answers of yours on this particular Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is identical to House Bill 768. Passed the House on a vote of 61-46, Senate 33-17, vetoed by the Governor. It's exactly the same language. As the Representative said, you've voted on this repeatedly before, in fact, the 99th General Assembly we also voted on it. This is a bad Bill. I mean, for heaven sakes we've got charter schools in this state, allow them to operate. We've got a... the mechanism is set up as it should be. And Mr. Speaker, if this Bill receives the requisite number of votes, I request a verification."

Speaker Turner: "Members, a verification has been requested by Representative Breen. Chair recognizes Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Durkin: "Now Representative Hoffman, I have known you for a number of years and you've been a champion of education all around.

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The question I have is, what do you have against the charter schools?"

Hoffman: "I don't have..."

Durkin: "What is the problem?"

Hoffman: "I don't have anything against the charter schools, but I believe in local control. The dollars follow from the local school district to the charter schools. So to me it just makes sense that the local school district would be the one making a decision about the charter schools."

Durkin: "Do you believe the charter schools provide a valuable opportunity for families throughout the State of Illinois as an alternative where they have families have decided that education that they currently are in and no longer acceptable in their eyes?"

Hoffman: "I've supported the Bills that have been favorable to charter schools. This is simply about who's going to decide whether in a given district there is going to be a charter school. Do I believe that some of the charter schools provide value to... valuable education to alternatives? Yes, I do. I also believe that there are many that don't and have failed. However, that's beside the point. This is simply a matter of local control that I believe you should be able to make the decision on the local level, local elected school board."

Durkin: "If this Bill passes, it'll be death nail for the charter school movement in the State of Illinois. And let me just say that I hope all of you who are going to be making a decision on this have visited a charter school. I have. I've met with the families. I've met with the students and it's an amazing experience. What I don't understand is in this country where

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we are... where we are raised to believe that competition brings the best out in all of us whether it's in a private sector, in the public sector, the only place that we don't want competition is in the education. And I find that very sad. This Bill will end the charter schools the way we know it. And I'm asking all of us to really think about this. But more importantly vote 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Willis."

Willis: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield, please?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Willis: "Mr. Hoffman, will this Bill close down any charter schools?"

Hoffman: "No. It indicates... it's important to note that once a charter school has been granted its chartering entity, the school district or the State Commission, this will not affect the renewal process. It will go between... it will go to the State Commission if it already has been approved by that State Commission. If it was initially approved by a local entity or a local school board, it would go back to that for the renewal process."

Willis: "Will this school prevent families from making their own private choices of where they want to send their children to school?"

Hoffman: "No."

Willis: "Okay. So if they choose to send them to a charter school or they send... choose to send them to a parochial school or to home school, this still allows them to do that?"

Hoffman: "All this Bill does is provide local control for determining whether there's going to be a charter school in

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a given district. It would say that local elected school board will make the determination as to whether there's going to be a charter school... a new charter school in that district."

Willis: "And who are usually the members of a local school board? Are these people from out of state? Are they educators or are they normally people that live in the community?"

Hoffman: "Well, I think there's a residency requirement that you have to live in that school district. A lot of times they are educators who have decided to not only serve as an educator but even possibly serve on a school board."

Willis: "In fact, I will share with you that I spent 12 years prior working on a school board and I do actually also have an education background. I taught and worked at a community coll... at a college in the area. Those are usually the people though that have the best knowledge of what's oftentimes best in their community. They're not financially gaining anything from adding in a charter school or adding in any other school, right? There's no financial gain to the school board one way or another?"

Hoffman: "No. What happens is when you have a charter school and one of your students goes to it, the money that would go to that school district for that school... for that child will go to this charter school."

Willis: "So in other words these decisions can be made because they would actually be harmful to the community or for schools that were trying to succeed because they could be losing funds to a private entity, a charter school, correct?"

Hoffman: "Yes. Because they would have students who would go to the charter school and the money follows them. So I just think

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it's a local decision if they want to have a charter school that is... that deals with the given subject a local elected school board could run on that fact, could get elected, and then would approve a charter school."

Willis: "Okay. To the Bill. This is a Bill that I think is... I know that I have supported it many times before and we've heard that it's come before us many times. And that's true because it's a Bill that we need to have in place. I often hear from colleagues on the other side of the aisle that we want to see more local control. Give it back to local control. Don't have the state do everything. Local control. Local control. Well here's a Bill that's giving you local control. Let the local school boards make up this decision of what is best in their community. That's what we want to see. If they choose that they cannot fulfill or if somebody comes forth with a charter school proposal of something that may work best in that community, I think we need to give credit to these individuals that make up the school board that they're going to make the best decision. And if the community actually doesn't agree with those decisions, as Mr. Hoffman has said earlier, they can get voted out and we can get new members into those school boards to make the decision that the community thinks is better. This is something that we need to do. We're talking about local control again and again down here. This is a Bill that gives local control. It's what we want to see in there. It doesn't close down any existing schools as we see it. It doesn't prevent families from making the best educational choices for their own students. This is a Bill that now is the time to have in place. And I urge

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everybody to look at it closely. One of the things that we say again and again is let's keep going at it 'til we get it right. This is what we're looking at. I urge an 'aye' vote on this. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Ives,"

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

Speaker Turner: "You're the last speaker, Representative. Representative Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just... to the Leader's comments earlier. This is not going to be the death knell of charter schools. It's just going to allow local control, local decision-making. And if there already is a charter school in place and it was... it was the decision of the state board to place that charter school there, the State Commission I should say, well, then when they decide whether or not they're going to keep them, it would be that same entity's decision. Let me say that there still are instances whereby under this Bill and current law and does not change when the State Commission will make determinations. When a charter proposes to be jointly authorized by two or more districts; in other words, it's not just on district but two or more districts, and the districts yield to the commission in light of complexities of the joint administration then they will be under the purview of the State Charter School Commission. When a charter is appointed via referendum, approved via referendum, and you could have a referendum by getting five percent... a petition of five percent of the eligible people in that area you can put it on the ballot and if it's approved then the State Charter School Commission...

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the State Charter School Commission would still have authority. I ask for an 'aye' vote. This is about local control. That's all it's about. And I ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Turner: "Members, a verification has been requested by Representative Breen. Please be at your seat to vote your switch. The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5175?' 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 64 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. Representative Breen, do you wish to pursue with your verification... persist with your verification? Mr. Clerk, please read the votes in the affirmative."

Clerk Hollman: "A poll of those voting in the affirmative: Representative Ammons; Representative Andrade; Representative Arroyo; Representative Brady; Representative Bryant; Representative Carroll; Representative Cassidy; Representative Cavaletto; Representative Chapa LaVia; Representative Connor; Representative Conroy; Representative Conyears-Ervin; Representative Costello; Representative Crespo; Representative Currie; Representative D'Amico; Representative Davidsmeyer; Representative Davis; Representative DeLuca; Representative Evans; Representative Feigenholtz; Representative Fine..."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman does not wish to persist with his verification. And with 64 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate

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Amendment #1 to House Bill 5175. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Butler: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like the record to reflect that on House Bill 5141 I voted 'no'. I meant to vote 'no'. I probably should've voted 'yes' 'cause it was Representative Jimenez's last Bill. Everybody else voted 'yes' so I probably should've voted 'yes'. I'm going to miss my office mate very much. She's been a great addition to the office especially with her boys running around. So please let the record reflect that, Sir."

Speaker Turner: "Yes, Representative. House Bill 5197, Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I ask that we concur in Senate Amendment #4 to House Bill 5197. We passed this Bill... it's regarding the use of the Foreign Fire Fund in the City of Chicago. What this did is it indicates how the foreign fire insurance proceeds received by the board will be used in the following manner; 50 percent for maintenance use, benefit, or enhancement of fire stations, 25 percent for maintenance use, benefit, or enhancement of emergency response vehicles, tools, and equipment, and 25 percent for the maintenance enhancement of the department and for the use and benefit of the actual members. In no event, shall the funds be used to purchase, maintain, or enhance personal property of a member. The Bill also defines active member. And I ask for a favorable Roll Call."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #4 to House Bill 5197?' 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 101 voting 'yes', 7 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #4 to House Bill 5197. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5231, Representative Stewart. Representative Stewart."

Stewart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the House concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 3 to House Bill 5231. This is an agreed Bill. I know of no opponents. It passed the Senate unanimously and the House unanimously."

Speaker Turner: "Can we get a line or two about the Amendments, Representative?"

Stewart: "Certainly. It's an agreed Bill between the City of Chicago and the FOP in regarding an officer's possession of a FOID not as a condition of employment."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative McCombie."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

McCombie: "Representative, is this your last Bill in the House?"

Stewart: "I think it's my last Bill tonight 'cause I'm certain the... all the Members of the House are waiting for the Speaker to say, and now."

McCombie: "Okay. So before you go off to the old folk's home in the Senate, I would just like to say thank you very much. And a lot of folks here in the House do not know that you are one

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of the reasons that I am here and you talked me through this process to get me on the House Floor. So, you have all Brian Stewart to thank for me being here. You're welcome."

Stewart: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It took a little while to get him awake so... from his nap. So we appreciate him waking up and coming out here and doing this. So thank you, Representative Stewart."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 3 to House Bill 5231?' 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 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 3 to House Bill 5231. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5245, Representative Unes."

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5245 which very simply removes some of the concerns from some hospitals. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5245. 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 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House

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concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5245. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5247, Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 which modifies the high school registered apprenticeship program so that it does not include an apprenticeship program related to construction. And that's by the advice of the Council of Operating Engineers. And I hope to have one more Bill before I leave this chamber."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen. Chair recognizes Representative Davis."

Davis: "Representative Pritchard, you mentioned one more Bill. This is your last of this Session. Just want you to know how much I've appreciated working with you on education funding and all the great things that we did to make sure that children have a great opportunity here in the State of Illinois. And with that, I would like to take the opportunity to present this to you, a little token of my affection to you for all of your hard work on education funding. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5247?' 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 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5247. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Feigenholtz, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like the record to reflect that I intended on voting 'yes' on House Bill 5245."

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

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Barb Wheeler is excused for the rest of today."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. House Bill 5288, Representative Andersson."

Andersson: "Hello. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5288. Before I explain the Amendment, which is very brief, I do want to say that when I was the Floor Leader I had the honor to ask questions of the incoming freshmen Representatives like Conyears-Ervin, Greenwood, McCombie, Welter, Stratton... Stratton was tough... Harper, and even Dave Severin who was nervous and I think he probably still is, and others. And it was a wonderful opportunity and I'm so glad to have been a part of your history now. So since turnabout is fair play, this is probably my last Bill, so you know, feel free. Anyway the... so the Amendment is very brief. This is on the sober living home registry for DHS and we've added some disclaimers to say that DHS is not endorsing any of these particular homes we're just putting out a registry of available ones. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions and would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

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Breen: "Thank you. And Representative, I see that your Bill passed the House 113 to nothing, the Senate 54 to nothing. Can you explain the broad opposition to your measure?"

Andersson: "It was a tough fight, Peter, it really was. You were leading that battle. So fortunately I won."

Breen: "Right. I just... I just walked off the floor. Fair enough. Thank you, Steve, for your service and for your lively conversations, everything else, and suffering through this role before you handed it off to me. So..."

Andersson: "Thank you, Sir."

Breen: "...Godspeed."

Andersson: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative... Chair recognizes Representative Christian Mitchell."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will speak straight to the Bill or in this case to the Sponsor. Representative Andersson, you represent the best of what we do here. Our friendship has changed my life and I am extraordinarily grateful. You have done so much that you can hang your hat on; your vote, your leadership, in helping us break this impasse literally saved lives. Your advocacy on mental health is a credit to you, to your family, to your district. We will miss you very much. And I look forward to continuing our friendship. God bless you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I really like that hyphen up there. This is the last day of Spring Session for both of us. We came in together. We're going to leave out together. And I just want to say I appreciate everything that you did

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especially during your time of leadership. Don't let that lip quiver or I'm going to start too. But thank you, Leader Andersson. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5288?' 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 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5288. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5303, Representative Slaughter."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5303. As you recall this Bill streamlines the operations for the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board. The Amendment makes minor changes in clarifications regarding the composition of the board. Primarily the new language clarifies the qualifications and duties of the hearing officers that will now be used to hear disciplinary matters for the board. Lastly, the Amendment brings Cook County in line with all the other merit boards in the state by allowing collective bargaining to negotiate a process to oversee terminations. This is agreed upon language with all the parties involved with the Bill. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5303?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5303. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5308, Representative Christian Mitchell. Out of the record. House Bill 5463, Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I Motion that the House concur with Senate Committee Amendment #1. This is the Amendment that we said was going to come. It removes the opposition of DHS and it simply creates more flexibility for the department to create an online electronic screening tool. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5463?' 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 99 voting 'yes', 5 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5463. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5502, Representative McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you. I move to concur on Senate Amendment #1 on House Bill 5502. This removes the agency opposition. And it will allow them to hire an investigator for every 2 thousand appraisers."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5502?'

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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 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5502. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5573, Representative Mitchell. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Representative Mitchell."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a just a clean-up Amendment that addresses the ACLU's concern with victims being allowed to make statements when a juvenile is found not guilty by reason of insanity. I know of no opposition."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5573?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting '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 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5573. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5588, Representative Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5588. It's a page and line Amendment which makes several changes at the request of the stakeholders. It makes it an agreed Bill. It also makes some technical changes."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5588?' 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 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5588. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5632, Representative Mitchell."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So just a couple of things on this. So one, the Senate Transportation Chairman amended the underlying language to apply only to the City of Chicago. Two, there is Dutch Reach language in the Bill that the Chairman also attached that I will let Representative Mah elaborate on. But I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Mah."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to say a few words to address the odd attachment of my Dutch Reach language to Representative Mitchell's Bill. I cannot pretend to understand what was in the mind of the Senate Sponsor when he amended my Bill language to Representative Mitchell's Bill. I could only imagine it was because he wanted to be absolutely supportive of me and is so enamored of my legislation that he wants to make sure it appears in the statute in multiple places. Why he chose to hold my original Bill in his committee I will never know with complete certainty. But I do fully support Representative Mitchell's Bill and it was not my wish to interfere with it. I urge an 'aye' vote for Concurrence."

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Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Mitchell, C.: "Yeah."

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Breen: "Thank you. So Representative, just so that we're clear. Your Bill appears entirely unobjectionable, but you've been dragged into the Dutch Reach method debate. And so..."

Mitchell, C.: "Words I hope to never hear again, Representative."

Breen: "Fair enough."

Mitchell, C.: "I got fair enoughed so hard there. Representative, go ahead."

Breen: "I... yeah. But again, I know that Members of the Body have repeatedly voted either for or against the Dutch Reach method and so they may want to apply those votes yet again to this measure. As much as they prefer your underlying Bill, it's been hijacked by the Senate which is kind of the bane of our existence. So again, thank you for bringing that... the Bill otherwise except for the Dutch Reach part."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Wehrli."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Wehrli: "Representative, I don't recall being present when this Bill... when Representative Mah's Bill was originally being discussed. Could you for educational purposes please show us what the Dutch Reach is?"

Mitchell, C.: "So Representative, unless you are in possession of ribs from the Naperville Rib Fest I will not be able to demonstrate. But I will tell you it involves reaching across

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your Body to open a door instead of potentially hitting someone with your door on a bike."

Wehrli: "Across your body?"

Mitchell, C.: "Across your body."

Wehrli: "Okay. You can't just for..."

Mitchell, C.: "Where are the ribs, Representative?"

Wehrli: "Thank you."

Mitchell, C.: "Fair enough."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5632?' 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 93 voting 'yes', 13 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5632. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5683, Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "I move to concur in Senate Amendment #1. This would provide that the definition of a 'Veterans Home' includes the facility operated and maintained by the Department in the City of Quincy that provides housing to residents of the Veterans Home at Quincy. There's some legislative intent I'd like to be asked."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Frese is recognized."

Frese: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, for that purpose for legislative intent. Operated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs means staffed by State of Illinois employees. Is that correct?"

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McAuliffe: "Correct."

Frese: "And there is no intention to privatize the services or jobs of the IDVA staff that's now employed at the Quincy Veterans' Home. Is that correct?"

McAuliffe: "No. Correct."

Frese: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Jones. The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5683?' 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 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5683. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5749, Representative Phelps Finnie."

Phelps Finnie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #2. This Amendment removed opposition. Worked really hard on this Bill. And very proud of the work we've done in bipartisan effort. I move for an 'aye' vote on the... I'm sorry. This is the overweight Bill for farm."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you. A little more housekeeping. Please excuse Representative Ammons for the rest of the evening."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 5749?' 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

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record. With 103 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 5749. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5752, Representative Phelps Finnie."

Phelps Finnie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the Advisory Council Bill... I'm sorry. I move to concur on Senate Amendment #2. And this is a completely agreed upon Bill and very important Bill as we've spoken about in this House. I move for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 5752?' 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 107 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 5752. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5770, Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 5770. This is just a technical change that was made in the Senate that removed the opposition of the School Management Alliance."

Speaker Turner: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 5770?' 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 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting

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'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 5770. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Stewart, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Stewart: "Mr. Speaker, please let the record reflect that on House Bill 5752 I intended to vote 'yes'."

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

Winger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to request that the record reflect that I intended to 'yes' on House Bill 5175."

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

McCombie: "Speaker, please let the record reflect that I vote.. meant to vote 'yes' on HB5749."

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

Moeller: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Moeller: "Thank you. I know it's late in the evening, but I wanted to give a special shout-out to a colleague who's going to be... this is her last day during our normal spring Session and she didn't have a Bill up tonight. Representative Sente who has been here for a number of years and has done... has been a mentor to me and a role model for what an excellent Legislator is and a wonderful human being. And I appreciate her friendship and her service to the State of Illinois. And want

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her to know that she will be greatly missed here in this chamber. So..."

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

Olsen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could you let the record reflect I intended to vote 'yes' on Senate Bill 2432 and I intended to vote 'no' on Senate Bill 2619 and 2773?"

Speaker Turner: "The Journal will reflect your request. House Bill 5777, Representative Yingling."

Yingling: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 which becomes the Bill. The Amendment makes technical changes to the local government reduction efficiency division of the County Code. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

Breen: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Breen: "Are you an auctioneer, Sir?"

Yingling: "No. I just noticed how close we are to the end of the Calendar."

Breen: "Fair enough. Seems like a good Bill."

Speaker Turner: "No further debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5777?' 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 105 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5777. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5784, Representative Manley."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to concur with Senate Floor Amendment 1. It's a page and line Amendment. The Amendment changes the requirement of the Department of Veterans' Affairs to report on the health and welfare of the residents at Veterans Homes from a quarterly due date to a biannually due date."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5784?' 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 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5784. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5856, Representative Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur Senate Amendment #1 for House Bill 5856. This Bill, this Amendment rather, clarifies that only mass transit vehicles that charge a fare for ridership may ride the tollway system for free. It also clarifies that those vehicles must have regularly scheduled service that uses the tollway system. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5856?' All those 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

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record. On a count of 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5856. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Davis, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davis: "Very quick point as we wrap up. Yesterday, Representative Crespo was kind enough to acknowledge James O'Brien, our staff person on the House Appropriations as well as the other education committees. We know he's leaving us. He's going to law school to get some additional education. He's going to work his way back to this chamber, or to this building, or something like that. In the same spirit of Representative Pritchard in acknowledging his work on education, Senate Bill 1947 would not have happened without this young man right here. There's no question about that, no question. And I wanted him to know how much I appreciate him. I know we talked about it the night the Bill passed, but I just wanted him to know how much I appreciate his efforts, herding all the cats, everything he did to make that possible. And I just have a little plaque with appreciation for your success as a champion for education, Senate Bill 1947, from myself. Congratulations, James."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Harris."

Harris, G.: "And in similar fashion point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Harris, G.: "I'd like to acknowledge another staff member who is leaving House Democratic staff who was instrumental in

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drafting the hospital assessment, the Medicaid Omnibus, and the budget we passed today, Luis Andrade who we will see back here though with another group on the other side of the doors by the rail. So I know Luis is listening. You don't get a plaque because I'm not as nice as Representative Davis, but we wish you well as you leave us. Thanks."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Moment of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Gordon-Booth: "If I could, we would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to recognize someone who has always been a mentor to me, a Leader within our Caucus, Representative Al Riley. Al is... if you know Al you'd love Al because he is all knowing. At one time I was on this floor and I was pregnant and Al told me that if I went into labor he could deliver my baby because he's done that before. He's all things statistics, politics, transportation, martial arts, military, but more than... more than anything he loves his people. And Al has shown love to many of us in this chamber. He's mentored us. He's spent quite a few years in my hometown of Peoria with some great people who before I got here they let me know who Al Riley was and what Al Riley was all about. And all I can say is that they didn't even come close to meeting the mark of the man who has been in this Assembly for more than a decade. You are leaving a legacy of some very significant work that you've done while you were here. And we're going to miss you greatly. We love you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Chapa LaVia."

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Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Chapa LaVia: "Now the next person that we're going to miss dearly is made an indelible mark not only just in this Body but throughout the State of Illinois and that's Dr. Wallace. Dr. Wallace, you have brought the issues that we've all have been struggling to identify with because you're real, your heart is pure. I love your son, both of them, but I want to take this one home. But you have to realize you have become a role model and you are going to go places that I could never. But allow me to always be there that you can stand on my shoulders 'cause you make me proud to know that the generation coming up, they're going to take over the world, honey. And anything you need... and you know you have... Michael has aunts and uncles here. But let you know this is not a stopping ground for you. You have great things for you whether it's the state or the federal level. God be with you, and watch over you, protect you in everything you do because you represent so many people. And that weight could be hard and fast and strangle you sometimes, but just know God is on your side and you will prevail, you will not fall. I adore you my sister. And we will always be here for you. But you brought something to this General Assembly that I haven't seen in 16 years. So I love you. Godspeed in everything you do. And may your path always be guided by angels and may they protect you at all times and your family in everything you touch. I love you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Hays."

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

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Hays: "I would like to recognize my friend and all of our friends' Professor Mike Fortner. You know, the professor if it's original ideas as it relates to the budget we heard one today that was included in our budget today. Frankly had we listened to many of those ideas over the last several days we probably would've solved our budget crisis by now. He is an expert as it relates to elections, drawing maps, astrophysics, anything complex, the master. But a kind, kind man. And I don't think I've ever had a conversation with you, professor, ever where I didn't come away wiser, more introspective. You are a good man and you will be missed."

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

Skillicorn: "I'm going to steal one last personal privilege of the spring Session. And I want to acknowledge my two seatmates here that are leaving. I have had the honor of knowing them since before I was elected, but being here, having the conversations I've had with them, even if it's just asking about rules or the six- or seven-hour conversations about whatever we would talk about with the professor have been wonderful. When can you sit next to a General and a professor and keep up. So I have loved it. It's been an honor. And I really am going to miss some of the fun debates and the chitter-chatter. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Bryant."

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Bryant: "I believe we also have a colleague... she left? We're going to get her back. If you'll come back..."

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Speaker Turner: "Members, we are not adjourning. We have a lot of work to do left. So, Mr. Clerk, Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Joint Resolution #79, offered by Leader Currie. Be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, May 31, 2018, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, November 13, 2018, or until the call of the President; and the House of Representatives stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 13, 2018, or until call of the Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On page 16 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, we have House Bill 5201, Representative Welch."

Welch: "Thanks, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur on Senate Amendments 1 and 2 on House Bill 5201. This is a Bill that my seatmate was the Chief Sponsor of and is an initiative of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Karen Yarbrough. It creates the mechanics lien demand and referral pilot program and provides that the program is to expire on January 1, 2012. The Amendments made some minor and technical changes. I would ask for approval."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

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Breen: "And Representative, if you could just explain a little bit about the... what this Bill does. I know we may have had another Bill that was similar. But in terms of telling us what this Bill does 'cause it appears it got out of the Senate 37 to 19. So apparently there was some contention around it."

Welch: "Well, the... you want to talk about the changes in the Amendment or the Bill itself?"

Breen: "Right. Well, I think the Bill was entirely different from the one that was sent to the Senate?"

Welch: "No. It's a gut and replace Amendment but it preserves the substance of the underlying Bill. I can tell you that the changes clarify that the Bill's only concerns expire liens, liens of records that are past the period of legal enforcement and not defective liens. It defined residential property as real property and provide one to four residential dwelling units. It specifies that if a completion date is not contained in a recorder lien then the work completion date should not be deemed the date of recording... or shall be deemed the date of recording. The substance of the Bill remains intact. I think the Amendments actually made it a stronger, better Bill. It's my understanding that there's no opposition to the Bill at all. So I'm not understanding the vote that you just mentioned."

Breen: "I think there may have been some concern that, you know, normally the recorder of deeds is... they just get deeds and they record them and similar tasks. But now we would be charging the recorder to refer a matter of some sort or at least become more of a consumer advocacy office rather than

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just a neutral and impartial recording office. At least that's my understanding of the concern in the Senate."

Welch: "I'm not aware of that issue. But you know there's nothing wrong with having additional consumer advocates."

Breen: "Thank you, Representative. Just the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, you may just want to check the Senate Roll Call. Appears there was a spirited dispute in the Senate about whether to change the Cook County Recorder's Office powers. They got more of an office for consumer advocacy rather than a more neutral and impartial government official. So thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 5201?' 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 69 voting 'yes', 27 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 5201. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4234, Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4234. The Amendment removes language requiring the Department of Agriculture to create a position to implement the duties of this legislation."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

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Breen: "Thank you. And Representative, I wanted to make sure this is the Farmer Equity Act which had these... all these provisions about socially disadvantaged farmers in urban areas. And so it's essentially the same Bill we had before, but it just deleted the requirement that the director of agriculture create a position within the department. So at least eliminates the fiscal impact of the Bill on the Department of Agriculture. Is there any other changes to the Bill?"

Harper: "That is all."

Breen: "Okay. Thank you. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, you got the vote count there. I know some folks that opposed it at first. Certainly seems like very little has changed on the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate... no further debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4234?' 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 83 voting 'yes', 18 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4234. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1853, Representative Jesiel. Go right ahead, Representative."

Jesiel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1853 which authorizes Illinois to join an interstate compact that will develop and regulate short-term psychological treatments across state lines. It's designed to enable Illinois psychologists who have patients

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traveling out of state for work, college, or others reasons to continue to participate in treatment with their Illinois psychologist while they are out of state. There's no known opponents."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1853?' 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 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1853. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 201, Representative Wallace. Out of the record. Representative Keith Wheeler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Bellock and Sosnowski are excused."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. On page 2 of the Calendar, under House Bills on Second Reading, we have House Bill 1445, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1445, a Bill for an Act concerning health. This Bill was read a second time previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Davis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davis on Floor Amendment #1."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill... Floor Amendment #1 represents the substance of the Bill relative to

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counseling service that can be provided. This is an initiative of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission. And what the Amendment simply does is changes the number of sessions that an individual receiving counseling can be given which goes from 5 to 12. And a session not lasting any more than the change was from 45 minutes to 60 minutes. Be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes. We debated this, I remember, in committee. I'm still a strong believer that a parent... a guardian has the right to know, whether that child's disabled or not, they have the right to know that they're seeing somebody. One of the reasonings you used in committee was maybe that child had been sexually abused. Well, doesn't that guardian have the right to know that?"

Davis: "Representative, that already exists. This Bill doesn't change that. It simply is changing the number of sessions that are accessible to the individual and the amount of time the session can last. Everything you just said already exists and this doesn't change that."

Meier: "It changes the amount of time they can continue to see this before they're notified."

Davis: "Changes the sessions from 5 to 12 and we..."

Meier: "Yes."

Davis: "...And the folks that..."

Meier: "Shouldn't that parent know that? Wouldn't you want to know that about your child?"

Davis: "Well, right now they get 5 sessions and I presumably I don't know if that parent needs to be notified then. Again,

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we're not... we're only changing the number of sessions that we can... that can be made available to the individual. We... you're right. We debated this in committee. We're not changing anything but the number of sessions that can be made available to the individual. If they need additional counseling in 5 sessions were the current amount, then they would have an opportunity to have any more sessions. This just changes it to 12."

Meier: "Maybe notify the parent and let the parent know. That's all I'm saying. This is a bad Bill when you take the rights of parents away."

Davis: "You know, Representative, I know that the Murray Parents Association apparently has some real interesting hold on you and that's who you're bringing into this conversation. Again, even after the Bill, Representative, I still have not heard from those individuals. I still haven't."

Meier: "Mr. Davis, I know that they have contacted your office and talked with your staff. So don't tell me that you have not heard from them. Maybe you would have not returned that call. I received calls from people all over the State of Illinois because I go up and I fight for people who have mental illness who don't get help from these agencies where they think they can get. It's not Murray Parents I fight for. I fight for everybody across the state. Maybe I've helped people in your district already. I get calls from all over. And I'm saying these parents... these guardians have a right to know. If they're going to be part of the solution, they have the right to know. And I totally take offense that you tell me your... you have not been contacted by the Murray Parents."

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Davis: "Well, you believe what you want to believe, Sir. And I know whether or not they've reached out to me 'cause if they had called I would've called them back because they would've been in a disagreement with this. So there was no need for me to not call them back. I know where they stand."

Meier: "Well, you need to talk to your staff then because they have made those contacts."

Davis: "Then I will, Sir."

Meier: "I encourage everybody to vote 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Finnie."

Phelps Finnie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So as a parent I can understand the concerns of Representative Meier that he brings up. I get that. But I'll tell you as a nurse practitioner in a school-based health center, this is one of the issues that I was most passionate about when I came here. In fact it was one of the Bills that I hope to champion when I got here and then I was so glad to find out that this Bill had already been championed. This is not an issue for parents who are really engaged and have all the abilities and capabilities, whatever you want to call it, to provide for their children and do everything they need to do. Unfortunately, many of us live in areas that have parents that... not trying to be negative or hateful, they're either unable or unwilling to do what they need to do for their children. This is extremely important. We... in my office we have a counselor and we know this child is having horrible behavior problems whether it's mental illness, whatever it may be, we're trying to get to the bottom of it. They need to be seen. But you can't get the parents to come in sometimes

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to be able to continue those visits. You can call, the number's been disconnected. You can call, you finally get a hold of someone, they may or may not answer you back. These kids need these services. It's... you talk about school shootings. We want to talk about school shootings, this is a major issue. These kids need help. And we need to provide these services. This is an excellent Bill. Thank you for bringing it. And we need to pass this, please."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Davidsmeyer: "You know, I understand that the previous speaker she was referring to schools and things of that sort we're talking about people with disabilities, right? We're talking about... currently law says that you can do 5 sessions before you notify the parents."

Davis: "Right."

Davidsmeyer: "Now you're saying they can do 12 sessions without notifying their guardian?"

Davis: "Would you like me to read something else in the Bill?"

Davidsmeyer: "I would love it. Yes. Please."

Davis: "Says the adult's guardian, like you indicted, shall not be informed without the consent of the adult of such counseling or psychotherapy unless the counselor or the therapist believes such disclosure is necessary. So, to the fact that we're talking about them not being informed, there is a mechanism and that's already in law."

Davidsmeyer: "You're leaving it up to the therapists."

Davis: "Already in law."

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Davidsmeyer: "You're leaving it up to the therapists or the person that's speaking with them."

Davis: "But that was already in law. I'm not changing that. That's not what I'm changing."

Davidsmeyer: "But you're saying they can go longer without talking to their parent or guardian. That's the person that's there to protect them."

Davis: "But if the person needs additional help that... excuse me... that counselor or psychotherapist may need a little more time to continue to flush out the challenges of that individual. This gives them the opportunity to do that. And then if they feel, that's already in law, that the parent need to be notified they currently can do that."

Davidsmeyer: "They can but they don't have to. I'm saying as a parent..."

Davis: "But that's what the... but that's the way it was."

Davidsmeyer: "...as a parent if my kid is in with a therapist or something, I want to know. I would like to know. As a parent and guardian I would like to know if my kid's having issues or they're having problems."

Davis: "This... this doesn't prevent notification of the parent or guardian. It doesn't."

Davidsmeyer: "It allows them to not do it. It doesn't require them to tell them."

Davis: "No. No. No. Remember..."

Davidsmeyer: "It allows them to not do for 12."

Davis: "If you're saying... if you're saying it allows them to not do it, that's the current law. So you have a problem with the current law."

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Daidsmeyer: "No. No. No."

Davis: "I'm reading it. Here it is."

Daidsmeyer: "Listen."

Davis: "Right here."

Daidsmeyer: "One second. Let me... it allows them currently to do it for 5 sessions. You're saying now they can do it for 12 sessions without notifying a parent."

Davis: "Up to 12 sessions, yes."

Daidsmeyer: "That's my point."

Davis: "That's what the language... up to 12 sessions. And if the counselor..."

Daidsmeyer: "You're extending the length of the time that they can go without notifying a guardian or a parent."

Davis: "If the counselor or psychotherapist..."

Daidsmeyer: "And I think that's bad for somebody who is disabled. I mean, some of these kids may be... may have a, you know, they may be a 2-year old. Right?"

Davis: "But Representative..."

Daidsmeyer: "They may be a 25-year-old person with a 2-year-old mentality."

Davis: "If they believe that after 5 sessions they need to notify the parent, then they can do that. I mean, again..."

Daidsmeyer: "But they don't have to."

Davis: "But that was already in law that they didn't have to. That was already there that they didn't have to."

Daidsmeyer: "I know. I'm saying you're extending the time in which they don't have to talk to the parents."

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Davis: "But you're making it sound like I'm adding language that says that they don't have to be notified and that's not true. That's not true. Language is right here. It's not true."

Dauidsmeyer: "No. I'm saying... here listen. All right. Five sessions, right? After 5 sessions under current law, you have to notify. At this point you are changing the law to say the next 7 sessions you don't have to notify."

Davis: "That's not..."

Dauidsmeyer: "So you are changing the law for the next 7 sessions."

Davis: "Let me... let me read a little bit more. If the counselor or therapist intent... well..."

Dauidsmeyer: "Does anybody else understand this?"

Davis: "...the guardians not be informed of such counseling, psychotherapy unless the counselor or therapists believes disclosure is necessary. If the counselor or therapist intends to disclose a fact of the counseling or psychotherapy, the adult shall be... shall also be informed."

Dauidsmeyer: "I... and you read..."

Davis: "However, until the consent of the adult's guardian has been obtained counseling or psychotherapy provided to an adult under guardianship shall be limited to, you're right, 12 sessions. But again, you're making it sound like I'm saying that they don't have to be notified."

Dauidsmeyer: "No. No. No. I am not saying..."

Davis: "We are extending, but even after 5 sessions they can be notified."

Dauidsmeyer: "So during the 5 sessions..."

Davis: "After 1 session... after 1 session."

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Dauidsmeyer: "I'm going to go to the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I don't mean any harm to the speaker and I'm not... but my point is after 5 sessions, you should notify the parent. You're extending it to 12 and you're extending the sessions from 45-minute session to 60-minute sessions. You're talking about disabled people who have a guardian who's there for their wellbeing. So I think we have to think about this. I don't think that government or therapists should be able to make a decision for the guardian for the child when that guardian or parent is there. And I understand what my friend Representative Meier is going after because he's been fighting for these individuals for a long time. I had the Jacksonville Developmental Center in Jacksonville and we have a number of CILAS and facilities in the City of Jacksonville that we have that I actually visit every year for Christmas and these people have to... their guardians have to be notified of what's going on in their life. They have to be notified. I urge a 'no' vote. I understand what you're trying to do, but I think that the current law allows you to do it without parental or guardian notification and I think that's wrong. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just going to go straight to the Bill because I'm pretty sure this is very similar to Bills that I have worked on in the past; Representative Willis has worked on in the past; Representative Davis now has. And I actually used to be one of the people who was providing that therapy. It takes a while to build therapeutic rapport with a patient or client. The first session or two is the

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assessment of what's going on. And an individual may be presenting to your therapy room with years of issues and you have 45 to 60 minutes to figure out what your approach should be to providing and writing a treatment plan and a course of action for that person. And then you need to start to put that plan into action. And sometimes it is the parent or the guardian that they are actually needing the therapy... like that relationship is what is causing the need for therapy. So for us to assume that everyone is a benevolent parent, is doing this great job which last week when we were talking about school lunches everybody was irresponsible and not doing a great job but now this week they can make clinical decision about their child's mental health. That's not always the cases. So we need to recognize the fact that right now the law is already very clear that anyone over 12 can seek health care on their own and that includes mental health care. And what we're saying now is that five sessions really is not enough for any true therapeutic outcome to take place. And so that person can just drop off and their sessions end in five sessions and now they're not able to continue to work through their treatment plan. So I would encourage everyone here to take Representative Phelps Finnie and I at our word, individuals who've provided such clinical counseling, and understand that, yes, we are all aware of a number of issues, but we're generalists here and some of us have expertise in some areas and some don't. I don't know accounting. I'm not a lawyer. I trust those of you here who understand those things. And I hope that you will trust that this is

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therapeutically appropriate and actually will have better therapeutic outcomes. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Carroll on Floor Amendment #1."

Carroll: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to go the Bill.

I, like my other Representatives, actually work in the field of mental. And I will tell you making an assumption of how mental health works is a very dangerous and slippery slope. And I'm getting sick and tired of people using mental health as an excuse for things and then not wanting to help it. So when you tell me when I see a client and I work with somebody and they say well how many sessions is this going to take I say I don't know the answer to that 'cause I don't know the complexity of your needs and I don't know what area we're going in. So I am really getting sick and tired of assumptions about mental health. Treating mental health is not an exact science. It requires people to be flexible and understanding. This Bill allows for that. And it's a starting point for that and it gives us more of an option for people who have mental health needs. And I will tell you something else, when I help a client that is of a younger age than 18, I make the parents know very well the best thing I can do for your child's treatment is to have you to stay the hell out of it 'cause that's how you help a client. If you keep involving the parents in it, that's going to make the process more dangerous as well. So I applaud the Bill's Sponsor. This is something that's necessary for us to do for people that are having mental health challenges. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Demmer."

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

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. Representative Meier, your name was used in debate."

Meier: "I'm holding in my hand an email back from Elizabeth Kelly Friday, May 18, 2018. Hi Rita, I received your email and will get it to Rep Davis. You have a wonderful weekend too. And she wasn't the only one who contacted your office. So you're telling me I was lying about it that they didn't call or contact you?"

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1445. 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. But notes have been requested, not filed at this time."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please hold this Bill on the Order of Second Reading. On page 3 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 5769, Representative Conroy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5769, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Conroy."

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

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 is basically a gut and replace. And what it does is... this Bill is to create a uniform prior authorization form. So we have two working

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groups. One for private insurance and one for MCOs. And what they will do is they will work to get a computerized form so that patients will be able to get faster care, faster access to care. And in the second Amendment we took out the Speaker of the House and the Senate President in terms of appointments and instead put in the Department of Insurance and DHFS instead. And that's basically Amendment 2."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5769. 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: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Conroy."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Conroy on Floor Amendment #3."

Conroy: "Floor Amendment #3 simply adds pharmacists to the two working groups. And in doing this, we now have a completely agreed Bill that has been worked through with private insurers, MCOs, pharmacists, and the Med Society."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 5769. 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. But a fiscal note has been requested, not filed at this time."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please hold this Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 5877, Representative Wallace. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5877, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time previous

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 5877. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5877, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you. I rise to present House Bill 5877. And in typical fashion, what I typically do is never take the easy way out. So I'm going to present a kind of difficult Bill, but I'm hoping that people will support this as it is my last Bill and I do want to work on this throughout the summer. This Bill would create a racial impact note which would allow for individuals ahead of policy to request a note if we believe that there may be a desperate impact on that.. of that particular policy on racial or ethnic minorities. It also then requires for Legislators, lobbyists, and staff to be trained to recognize and understand racial bias, and discrimination, and harassment. Hopefully not to do it. And also hopefully to propose better legislation whereby that racial impact note would be hopefully not a note that's going to necessary. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "This Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. Representative Breen, you're recognized for two minutes."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Breen: "Thank you. And Representative, the.. so you would allow us to have a racial impact note. Is that something so I get to

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circle another box on the note thing so it'll delay the legislative process further or what?"

Wallace: "No. It is something so that we don't continue to make policies that negatively impact communities like my own."

Breen: "And how would one request such a note?"

Wallace: "In the same manner that we request the notes that currently exist."

Breen: "And then, what would be the specific state... the specific finding within the note?"

Wallace: "It would be dependent upon what's germane to the actual Bill topic. So if it's something around let's say criminal justice and maybe it is ICJA or DOC or some other criminal justice entity that would answer that note. If it is about health then maybe it is Department of Public Health that would answer that note. This again is to get at the fact that you can look at almost any index and you will see that there are negative... more negative and disproportionately negative outcomes that impact racial and ethnic minorities. So this is a way to make sure that we are proposing good public policy as to not magnify those negative outcomes."

Breen: "Will there be any additional costs with the agencies attempting to comply with the note?"

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

Breen: "Thank you, Representative. I think the Members of the Body have heard the full impact of the Racial Impact Note Act. I know there's some other provisions in here as well mandating racial bias, discrimination, harassment training, having each government jurisdiction do all that training,

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having an Inspector General oversight, et cetera. So I know there's a lot in here. Thank..."

Speaker Turner: "Please make your final remarks."

Breen: "That was it."

Speaker Turner: "Members, this Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. We have heard from one proponent and one opponent. Representative Wallace to close."

Wallace: "Thank you. As I stated, this is my last Bill. I have worked in the past around these issues. I'm looking through the lens of critical race theory and a number of other theories to make sure that I am proposing policies that are helpful and I would love for that to be something that this General Assembly would do moving forward. I do, again, hope to continue to work on this as it will have to go to the Senate. There are areas of opportunity to change or tweak and I would hope that maybe some of my colleagues will join me in that effort. But I do encourage an 'aye' vote especially within the context of all that we've discussed today around bullying, abuse of power, power and oppression, what privilege looks like. I appreciate your indulgence and I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5877 pass?' 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 97 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 5877, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page

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8 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3445, Representative Zalewski. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3445, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Zalewski, has been approved for consideration."

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

Zalewski: "Floor Amendment #2 is a technical Amendment that puts the deposits in the Fund for Advancement of Education. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 3445. 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 furthers Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill for a third time."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3445, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "This is a technical Bill for the Department of Revenue. It's their initiative. It makes a number of technical changes in the Revenue Code. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3445 pass?' 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 99 voting 'in favor', 0 voting

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'no', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 3445, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 24 of the Calendar, under Motions in Writing, we have Senate Bill 3387, Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the Motion to reconsider which we had discussed earlier on Representative Rita's Bill related to an omnibus cleanup on the gaming board along with a few other items. And the Representative and I had discussed the matter. We took a vote on the issue and we had an inadvertent... well, call it just the Body was not necessarily apprised of the full terms of the Bill. And it was certainly an inadvertent error. And I just wanted to ensure that the Body has the full information. And I believe I have the support of the Representative on the Motion to reconsider. So if we can have that very brief debate and allow the Body to vote with the full information of the Bill. So I would appreciate an 'aye' vote on the Motion."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves that we reconsider the vote on Senate Bill 3387. 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 99 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the Motion is adopted. Senate Bill 3387, Representative Rita. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3387, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be real brief. It does a number of things and some clean-up language for the Illinois

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Gaming Board. It imposes some fees that were not in line, \$100 application fee. It increases the video gaming fee from \$50 to \$100. It also puts a veteran's preference on ownership, in hiring plans for riverboat casinos. It also puts in some language for simulcast from first eight weeks is blacked out for Fairmont Park so that they could receive their purse money on the simulcast racing."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Just wanted to thank Representative Rita for explaining the full Bill. And again there is a fee increase here from 50 to 100 dollars on the video gaming terminal repair. As well there are new fees of \$100 on the host location licensed applications. So wanted to apprise the Body of that. However, I read the Bill after in full and considered it and I was glad to join as chief cosponsor, so I will be supporting it."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3387 pass?' 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 98 voting 'in favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 3387, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Members, we are getting ready to adjourn, but before we do so we will having closing remarks from the Leaders. Leader Durkin is recognized."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the time of season that we will stand up and we'll make positive remarks about the process and talk about staff. I'm glad to do it this year

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because we haven't done it in a few years. So there's some good things to talk about. Before I make some observations, I'd be remiss if I didn't talk about the wonderful men and women, some young, some old, who are our staff who work longer hours than we could ever imagine, not exactly the best work conditions, not exactly overpaid but they're dedicated to our Caucus that means they're dedicated to this cause. I want to thank every one of them whether it from our policy staff, our press staff, the people who work in the mailroom. But just as importantly, I want to thank the Democrat staff for all that you do to cooperate with my Members, my staff on a regular basis. And that's how we get things done. As I said earlier, we haven't had... I haven't had this opportunity to make a comment at the end of Session. There wasn't a lot of good things to talk about. But I walk out of here tonight feeling that there is a place for both Parties to come together, to work out the most important issues of the day. There was a time back earlier in the Session where I didn't think we'd ever get to this place, but I feel good about it. And Mr. Speaker, my request of you is that I ask you to engage us more. Bring us into the fold more on the important issues. I have stated from day one that I will work with the Democrat Majority on any issue and I will work with them to make sure that their priorities are respected and realized on the condition that you return the same to myself and also to my Caucus. We just did this and that was a culmination of extremely hard work and something that many of us thought we would never be able to accomplish and that would be to work on a negotiated, bipartisan, balanced budget. We actually got

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it done. I'm amazed that we got there, but we did it because both sides decided we were going to put politics aside and we had a job to do. Something which we haven't done in a considerable amount of time. So let's do more of it. We deserve it. All of us deserve it. But more importantly our constituents deserve it. We have a framework for us to move forward on any issue that's why we're here. Most of us are fairly reasonable to get along with. We don't bite most of the time. But again you know we spend more time here than we do with our families and we need to make the best of it. That means not only we improving the quality of the work we do in this chamber, but what we produce for the people of Illinois. It's within reach. We need to do it. I hope that we can continue on with that. So with that being said for everybody who works in this chamber I'm honored to be in this position. I am truly honored and I'm a very lucky person to be here. But we're as good as the men and women who work for us. And while I know that you feel very strong about your Chief of Staff, my Chief of Staff Andrew Freiheit is the best Chief of Staff in the building. You're more than welcome to make your own opinions, Mr. Speaker, on your Chief of Staff, but I'll just say from Andrew all the way down I couldn't have better men and women working for us on a daily basis. So all of us thank you for this... for allowing me this opportunity but thank you for working so hard and remaining focused on what's important. Thank you all. We can actually enjoy a brief amount of the summer for the first time in about three years. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Speaker Madigan is recognized."

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Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, my thanks to Representative Durkin, thanks to every Member of the House, thank you to every staffer. Mr. Durkin's correct. We have had success in coming to work, coming together, identifying certain issues where we can negotiate through differences, come to an agreement. Obviously one of those areas is the budget making. So this is a group that went for two and a half years without successfully doing budget making. This year we did it. We did it on a bipartisan basis. There should be appreciation and gratitude to all of those who were involved in the budget making. On our side our budget negotiating team. On the Republican side, Mr. Demmer and others that have worked with him but in particular Mr. Durkin because at the end of the day it was negotiations among myself, Mr. Durkin, Mr. Brady, and President Cullerton that got us to the point where we could agree on a budget plan for the next 12 months. So for all of that I say thank you very, very much. And I know you're anxious to listen to me go on for two or three hours, but I'm not going to do that. I wish you all a very restful, enjoyable summer. We'll see you sometime after the General Election. Have a great night. Have a great summer. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Members, Veto Session information is being distributed. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House adjourn until Tuesday, November 13, 12 noon. Tuesday, November 13, 12 noon. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House is adjourned."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. A Member statement offered by Representative Bennett on Senate Joint Resolution #9."

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is Senate Joint Resolution #9. And I'd like to share that with the Body at this time.

WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respect to the truly great individuals who have served our country and, in so doing, have gone above and beyond the call of duty in truly heroic acts; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Phillip Pannier was born on December 5, 1987 in Peoria; his parents were Donald and Robyn Amigoni Pannier; and

WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier graduated in 2006 from Roanoke-Benson High School, where he was active in band, FFA, football, and soccer; and

WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier began his military career with basic training at Fort Benning, in the State of Georgia; he achieved his rank of private first class, serving his home post at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier was killed in action on January 8, 2008, while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; he was posthumously promoted to the rank of specialist; and

WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Benson; and

WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier enjoyed being outdoors on the farm; he was also active with the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club and was an avid deer hunter; and

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WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents, and his brother, Dale Opie Pannier; and

WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier was survived by his parents; his brothers, Dan (Karin) Pannier and Benjamin Pannier; his sister-in-law, Tanya; his nieces and nephews, Kaitlyn, Karly, Kiefer, Jessica, Colton, and Dalana; and his fiancée, Jennifer Held; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of Illinois Route 116 from Roanoke to Metamora as the SPC Phillip J. Pannier Memorial Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name of the SPC Phillip J. Pannier Memorial Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Village of Metamora, the Village of Roanoke, and the family of Specialist Phillip Pannier. Thank you."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Skillicorn is recognized for a Member statement regarding House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #45."

Skillicorn: "Illinois families need relief from their government. As another Session draws to a close, Illinois families are still devastated after a permanent 32 percent income tax hike

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last summer. Instead of repealing that tax hike, the Majority Party has pushed a new scheme for even higher taxes in the form of a progressive income tax. Day after day Bills are passed penalizing businesses, new manufacturing mandates, and creating onerous regulations dictated from atop the Capitol mount causing moving vans to start their engines faster than the Indy 500. Real reform with real relief must be forthcoming before even more Illinoisans become Hoosiers, Wisconsinites, or Minnesotans. Here are just a few Bills that I've introduced to do so. Illinois has the highest property taxes in the nation driving families out of their homes. Recently in the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago has proposed a massive property tax hike to pay for the bloated unfunded pensions to further punish working families. How about solving the pension crisis with a 401(k) style retirement accounts for public employees with my Bill HB4060? How about eliminating pensions for politicians with my Bill HB363? Let's do something about real property taxes, Ladies and Gentlemen. My Constitutional Amendment HJRCA45 would create a 1 percent tax on property taxes just like they do in the State of Indiana. So for those who gasp at the thought, the State of Indiana still has schools, still has roads, still functions just fine. Low property taxes work. There are some estimates that government spending has increased with as much as 25 times faster than personal income over the past decade. Government spending needs a speed break. My spending cap Amendment HJRCA38 would tie spending growth to the growth of the Illinois economy. People also have a right to earn a living and a right for worker choice with my Bills HB3319 and HB672.

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For those who spent a life time of savings saving for their retirement it's now inexcusable to tax their life savings. Illinois needs to pass HJRCA44 to permanently protect the retirement income from taxation. And finally HB475 would implement term limits for the General Assembly. It's painfully obvious that no one should be able to spend a decade after decade after decade gathering power and ruling unchallenged over a state like Illinois, ruling over 12 million people. Thank you very much. Let's get this done."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Riley, Chairperson Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2018: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 643, Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2367. Representative Turner, Chairperson from the Committee Judiciary-Criminal reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2018: recommends be adopted is Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3648. Representative Welch, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2018: recommends be adopted is Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4781, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 5020. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2018: recommends be adopted is Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 4507. Representative Welch, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2018: do pass

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as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 2356. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 1158, offered by Representative Jones and House Joint Resolution 138, offered by Representative Jimenez are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."