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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 534, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 731, offered by Representative Ann Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1407, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. First Reading of these Senate Bills."

Speaker Harris: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Robert McCottrell who is with New Dimension Church in Chicago. Reverend Robert McCottrell is the guest of Representative Zalewski. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend McCottrell."

Reverend McCottrell: "Thank you. Shall we pray. Dear God, we come this morning, first of all, to say thank you. Thank you for a day that we've never seen before since the beginning of time, and you've allowed us to just be here on today. Dear Lord, we just thank you now for each Representative that is in this place of this Body, Father, that their minds will be clear to take care of the business of the State of Illinois with you in mind. And then we come before you to welcome you to this meeting. We give you respect and acknowledge that you are the creator and provider. It is you who is omniscient. You are everywhere, Lord. It is you who are omnipresent, omnipotent, and you have all power. It is you who are omniscient and you know everything. God, as we begin this

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meeting this morning, we ask that you would guide our thoughts and our actions so that we may have a successful meeting. Help us to accomplish our goals while displaying our characters. We pray these things in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen."

Speaker Harris: "We shall be led in the prayer today by Representative... I'm sorry... the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Willis."

Willis - 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 Harris: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Manley is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Ammons, Jones, and Yingling are excused today."

Speaker Harris: "And Representative Butler is recognized for absences on the Republican side."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are no excused absences on the Republican side."

Speaker Harris: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 114 Members present, a quorum is in the chamber and we are ready to conduct business. On page 23 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 59, offered by Representative Mason. Mr. Clerk. I'm sorry, I'm told I have the wrong page number here. On page 22 of the Calendar, under the Order of

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Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 59, offered by Representative Mason. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 59. Be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate a section of Interstate 94 from mile marker 16.5 to mile marker 17 as Trooper Gerald W. Ellis Memorial Highway."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mason is recognized."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In recognition of House Joint Resolution 59, I rise, today, to honor 36-year-old State Trooper Gerald 'Jerry' Ellis. A resident of my district who was killed by a wrong-way driver in Green Oaks, Illinois on March 30, 2019. Trooper Ellis was traveling home to his beautiful wife Stacy and two children when his squad car was struck by a vehicle traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes. Eyewitnesses say that he selflessly put himself in harm's way to save the lives of drivers of other vehicles. He is a true hero. Trooper Ellis grew up in Macomb, Illinois and graduated from Western Illinois University where he met the love of his life, Stacy. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and had served with the Illinois State Police District 15 in Downers Grove for 11 years. He was a Bears fan and a Cubs fan, a loyal and dedicated husband to Stacy Ann Voight Ellis, his wife of 9 years, and a hero to his daughters Kaylee Anne and Zoe Elizabeth. He is also survived by his parents Debra Ann Nicholson and Terry Ellis, his brother Keith Ellis, and his in-laws Rick and Julie Voight. He was a good friend. He was known for his kindness, sense of humor, and deep love for his

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family. This Resolution designates the section of road on I-94 from mile marker 16.5 to mile marker 17 as the 'Trooper Gerald W. Ellis Memorial Highway' and a sign to be placed to designate that name. I ask for a moment of silence to honor Trooper Ellis and ask for the Members of this Body to sign onto this Resolution as well."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, join Representative Mason in honoring Trooper Ellis for his service and dedication to the State of Illinois. To his family, thank you for sharing your son, your brother, your husband, your father with all of us, and God bless you."

Speaker Harris: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Mason has moved for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 59. All those in favor shall vote '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 this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 14 of the Calendar, under the Order of Second Reading, appears Senate Bill 2038, Representative Butler. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2038, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Butler."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Butler on the Amendment."

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Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I appreciate the Majority's indulgence on this... on this piece of legislation. Amendment 2 simply adds a couple Members to the task force, as well as adding a question about the Move Over Law to the SOS pool. And I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Butler moves the adoption of Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2038. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Butler."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Butler on the Amendment."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 3 adds a member to the task force from a bonafide labor organization."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Butler has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2038. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Third Reading. I'm sorry, any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2038, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If we could continue off of that last Resolution and maybe have the Body's attention for just a little bit. While we have members of law enforcement up in the gallery, the Bill that we're presenting does two

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important things. I'm really only going to talk about the first part. I think the second part is certainly more important. We've obviously been dealing with the issues of deaths of our troopers and law enforcement people. And this Bill originally was simply a small Bill to address something called the zipper merge. For those of you that have been driving up and down I-55 recently... for those of you who have been driving up..."

Speaker Harris: "Excuse me, Representative. Members, could you please be in your chairs? If there are conversations, could you take them to one of the rooms in the rear? Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "The original intent of this Bill and only... the only intent of the Bill originally was just to address teaching the zipper merge which, if you drive up and down I-55, it's a safer way to merge for our construction workers. And we're dealing with Scott's Law and we've had the loss of both people in law enforcement and construction workers this year. This small part was to deal with that. But I want to commend... you know, I wish the public could see how we come together and work on Bills that are... maybe don't get as many headlines as some of the other things that we're talking about here 'cause there's a lot of people that deserve credit. I know Representative Evans brought a Bill, I believe yesterday, that was important on addressing the Scott's Law issue. But, you know, there is the phrase I like, how much we can get done if nobody cares who gets credit. I really have to point out Representative Butler on this Bill. Even before some of the tragic deaths that we had, he was addressing this Bill

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and had a Bill that he was the Chief-Sponsor on, not the cosponsor. He was addressing this issue. He had the foresight to understand that safety of our law enforcement officials is important. So he was the one that carried the Amendment. Probably would actually be proper if this Bill was switched instead of Batinick-Butler, it started off Butler-Batinick. But I'm going to go ahead and let Representative Butler talk about the second half of the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And again, I appreciate the Majority's indulgence to let us have this legislation while we have members of Illinois State Police here. What this Bill does, it follows up on Representative Evan's Bill from yesterday. It does two main things. One, it adds a question to the pool of questions for Secretary of State to educate the public about our move over laws, about Scott's Law, to better educate the public. The second thing it does, it establishes a task force. And I know we establish a lot of task forces around here but this is a quick moving task force that will report back by the end of the year from industry, from law enforcement, from government, from private entities about what we can better do to educate the public about the move over laws and how we can avoid the tragic deaths that we've seen here in Illinois. You know, I think the goal of this task force would be to never have our Illinois State Troopers here again to have to name a road for a trooper that has been killed by a move over accident. And I know... I know that's really one of the goals that we want to do. And I appreciate the director being here today, and I appreciate

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all the folks from ISP for being here. We have been working on this for a while. And again, like I said yesterday, I appreciate Representative Hoffman for really leading a bipartisan effort on this. I want to thank Representative Evans, I thank Representative Batinick, and everybody... Cabello... who's been involved with this. This is a really important task force that I think is going to do some good things. And I would certainly urge an 'aye' vote on this."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no discussion, the Motion is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2038 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 vote of 114 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 2038, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative West, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

West: "A point of personal privilege, Sir."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

West: "Thank you, Sir. Five months ago, a month before being sworn in to join you all here in the General Assembly, I had the honor of marrying the love of my life who is way out of my league. She came to visit me on today. And so, I'm asking my General Assembly family to give my wife, Leslie West, a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Carroll, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

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Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Carroll: "I'd like to introduce my Page for a day, Stephen Vasiljevic. I got that right, thank you. He is from Northbrook. He's a student at Glenbrook North High School. And he is down here with his family for the weekend. So please give him a warm Springfield welcome and let him know how he can help. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Swanson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce my Page for a day, today with me. His name is Joshua Struble and he's 10 years old and he's from Mercer County. He's homeschooled with the Alpha Omega Academy. He's in the sixth grade. His activities in school include wrestling, art, and guitar. He's in his 4-H and local church, and very active in those organizations and with his church ministry. And his special recognition is he's a wrestling sectional qualifier. He's here today with his folks, Aaron and Melissa Struble, and his brother and sister, Luke and Abby Struble. So, I'd like for all of us to give him a warm welcome here today."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Wilhour, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Harris: "Please proceed."

Wilhour: "Thank you. I'm blessed to have with me, today, my beautiful wife Amber and my three boys, Nolan, Jonah, and

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Raylan. So, I'm happy to have them up here today. And if we could give them a big Springfield welcome, I'd appreciate it."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Morrison, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Morrison: "I would like to introduce my Page for a day, Sammy Gomez. He is a student at Harvest Christian Academy in Elgin. He is a senior, so will be graduating soon or did he... he just graduated, so congratulations to Sammy. He is a very, very active volunteer in his community. He volunteers at the Gail Borden Library in Elgin, also with the High Five Camp, he is a volunteer at Centro De Informacion. And he also tells me that he is interested in running for mayor some day of the City of Chicago. So anyway, would you please give Sammy a warm Springfield welcome?"

Speaker Harris: "Representative Severin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Harris: "State your point."

Severin: "This is Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental health conditions like depression and anxiety are more common than diabetes or cancer, yet we still don't treat them like we do for other medical conditions. There are more than 2.5 million people in our state affected by mental illness. Suicide is all too... too common for our young people. Addiction is on the rise, often to self-managed and underlying, but untreated,

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mental health condition. As lawmakers, we need to make mental health a priority. We can no longer accept treating these conditions as a stepchild to other illnesses. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative McDermed, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

McDermed: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

McDermed: "Thank you. I would like to draw the Body's attention to Revenue Committee this morning. I made a vow at the beginning of this Session that I was no longer going to be bullied. I was bullied this morning in Revenue Committee. We were discussing the rates that would apply under the new Constitutional Amendment. This is part of the most important measure that we, as a Body, are going to consider this year. We, as a caucus, we're not told.. our staff was not told that this was going to be heard this morning. For reasons that no one is able to explain, this measure was not open for witness slips. So there were no witness slips filed for this particular Bill this morning. To compound the bullying, when I was questioning witnesses, I was cut off because there were more people that were needing to be heard. Guess what? There were, in fact, no more people ready to be heard. What does this say about your confidence in this policy, in this measure, when the only way that you can get it through to the floor of this House is by engaging in tricks, legislative tricks, and shout down people on the other side? It doesn't speak well of it. You're better than that. Stop the bullying."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Zalewski, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Harris: "State your point."

Zalewski: "First of all, I genuinely feel like that last speaker was directed to me. I was the Chair of the Revenue and Finance Committee this morning. If the Representative was... if she felt... if she felt that way... if she felt bullied, I apologize. It wasn't in the intent of myself to do anything like that. That being said, there are some things in the record that need to be cleaned up about what occurred. There was no problem with the posting this morning. The rules allow for a posting to extend throughout the week, and the Revenue and Finance Committee never adjourned. So, the committee posting was allowed to stand throughout the week. The second thing I would simply say is this, during the... during the questioning of the witnesses, the spokesperson of the committee came to me and asked because the internet... the IGLA website did not have Senate Bill 687 posted, if opponents could be heard if they didn't know that the Bill was going to be heard. I granted that request, along with the vice chair of the committee from Chicago. So, there was an opportunity to be heard. We, in the Revenue and Finance Committee, are getting into a bad habit of... of continuously repeating questions and being confrontational with witnesses when in reality, I think, a point can be made in a respectful and substantive way. And... in reality, we had a 10 a.m. Session time. My view was each Member of each party had been given sufficient opportunity to be heard, their questions answered, and we needed to proceed to a vote. So, I truly and humbly apologize if anyone felt like their voice wasn't heard in the Revenue

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Committee, but I think it's not fair to suggest that in any way the process was flawed this morning or in any way voices were stifled and people weren't heard in an appropriate and respectful way. So, I think it's important for us to make our record. This is a very, very emotional time for everybody and we are all doing our level-best to stay level-headed. So in that respect, I'd like to take the temperature down, apologize if Members felt that they weren't heard this morning, but there were a lot of things said in that statement that I think don't rise to the level of accuracy and I felt like a record should be made. So with that, thank you, Mr. Speaker, for hearing me out."

Speaker Harris: "Leader Durkin is recognized."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I appreciate the comments from Representative Zalewski and also from Representative McDermed. And I just want to remind people that at this time of year, the emotions run very high, things move very quickly, but one thing we can never let go of is that what's more important than the policy is process in this chamber. And I'm glad that Representative Zalewski has made that clear that we are going to respect process. We should not be ambushed. We should not be given things at the last minute. We have the right to be able to have our witnesses heard. We should be able to ask questions. And we will do that as long as our caucuses are allowed to work in a meaningful, thoughtful manner in which we are not rushing to judgement too quickly or cutting off debate. And just for the new Members, just understand this, emotions will run very high, but let's not lose sight of why we're here. And remember that process is

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just as important, or even more important, than the policies that we're going to pass out of this chamber over the next week and a half. So all of us, let's just cool off a little bit. Let's soak our heads, and let's get back to the business of governing in a thoughtful, respectful, bipartisan manner. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Mr. Welter, thank you for your patience. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Welter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of this Body, I have with me here, today, my Page for the day, Ben Biros. He's from Mazon. He's 12 years old and is just finishing up with the sixth grade at ICS School in Morris. He likes to play basketball. His favorite team is the Chicago Bulls. He's a Chicago Sox fan, so I... I'm a Cubs fan, but I'll give that one to him. Actually, Representative Welch, just wanted to let you know that Ben here wants to be a meteorologist and a weatherman and focus on weather preparedness. So, I wish him luck in that endeavor as he continues to have interest in that. He's joined here in the chamber... gallery by his mother, Sarah, and his brother, Sam. He also has great involvement with the local 4-H. If you could, please give Ben and his family a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hurley, for what reason do you rise?"

Hurley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if everybody knows, but I am from Mount Greenwood, so my emotions run high because the seventh grade from Mount Greenwood School is here up in

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the audience. So, if we could say hello to them I would appreciate it. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Welcome, Mount Greenwood students, to your Capitol. Representative Bennett, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Bennett: "Thank you. I have with me today, a Page for the day. Her name is Leslie Babbs. She's a recent graduate of Pontiac Township High School. She is going to continue her education in Illinois. She's going to go to Joliet Junior College in agriculture. She loves FFA, running track. And I bet you are faster than me. That's fantastic. Her mom is with us today, Kim, up in the gallery. So if you would please, also give them another warm Springfield welcome, please. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we are proceeding to the Order of Senate Bills on Third Reading. These Bills are on the Order of Short Debate. On page 4 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 61, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 61, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill makes changes to the Animal Welfare Act. It changes the definition of animal shelter. The genesis of this Bill is that we've found that there was a glitch in the system in which now we have an in home-based foster care system where generous individuals open

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their doors to foster animals and we had a fine... a fee structure that would charge these organizations per the house. So, all we're doing is adjusting the fee structure with regards to these homes and assisting the Department of Ag with adjusting their fee schedule."

Speaker Harris: "Is there any discussion? Representative Batinick."

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

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Batinick: "Representative, could you go into the fees a little bit? I'm reading that it eliminates foster care fees but it increases license fees for shelters and animal control. Are we setting those in statute or are we giving... you know, is that going to the agency to decide?"

Kifowit: "That was requested by the Department of Ag. Their fees have not been raised since 1971. So, that was their request that we would put that into our statute."

Batinick: "Okay. So the shelter fees go up, but other fees are eliminated?"

Kifowit: "What it is, is it's a readjusting of what the fees are. So, unfortunately, in our statute when we looked at fostering homes and shelters, it was during a time when they were, for lack of a better word, in one building. But now we have multiple buildings, in essence, which would be these individuals homes that they open up to the... to the foster dogs. And what was happening is each organization, say the Humane Society, would be charged for each home and that Bill could be in the thousands. So we're adjusting that."

Batinick: "Okay. So some go up, some go down, essentially?"

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Kifowit: "Correct. Yeah. We're adjusting."

Batinick: "All right. Thank you for the clarification."

Kifowit: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Kifowit to close."

Kifowit: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The Motion is, 'Shall Senate Bill 61 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Chesney, Hammond, Mazzochi, Unes. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 110 voting 'yes', 4 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 61, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 4 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 90, Representative Didech. Please, read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 90, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Harris: "I'm seeing that there is a Amendment still in Rules, Representative. We'll take this Bill out of the record and come back to you. On page 4 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 100, Representative Kifowit. Kifowit, 100. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 100, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Do you wish to adopt Floor Amendment #3?"

Kifowit: "Yes."

Speaker Harris: "Could you please describe it briefly?"

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Kifowit: "Floor Amendment #3 is a technical change. We discussed this before. There are multiple references to the term 'district' that are meaning two fundamentally different..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, my mistake. This Amendment has already been adopted."

Kifowit: "That's what I thought."

Speaker Harris: "On the Bill."

Kifowit: "Senate Bill 100, we've seen this before. We took feedback with regards to trying to have equal representation in the Fox Metro Board, so we do provide language for districts so that individuals from various districts can serve on the board. It's simply changing an appointed board to an elected board."

Speaker Harris: "Is there any discussion? Representative Wheeler."

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

Speaker Harris: "Indicates she'll yield."

Wheeler: "Thank you. Representative, this is a Bill... a version of this Bill we heard, I think last year, and never quite finished out. You and I had conversations after that regarding districts. Can you tell me how the district process that you have in place in this Bill would work?"

Kifowit: "It's similar to municipalities in that after every census year the district would draw equal population districts of five. So, they would draw the districts to make sure that the population is equal within their boundaries and the number of districts will be five."

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Wheeler: "So, as far as the timing is concerned, we have a census coming next year in 2020, so this would take effect after that is my understanding. Is that correct?"

Kifowit: "Correct."

Wheeler: "So... and there's... how many districts are going to be in this new situation?"

Kifowit: "I'm sorry, I couldn't hear you."

Wheeler: "I'm sorry. How many districts are in the proposed legislation?"

Kifowit: "One elected district to each trustee district, which would be five elected members. In addition, Representative, this Amendment allows for vacancy procedures. So if a member does leave prior to this... the effect of this Bill, there is a procedure in place in which all Representatives of the district can weigh in on a replacement."

Wheeler: "Yeah, thank you for that clarification, though. That's an issue that we had concern with before. Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill. This is a Bill that in its previous incarnation I did not support. I did talk to the Sponsor, she made several changes, which I am grateful for. I appreciate the fact that she went the extra step to do those things. With those in place, I feel that my concerns about at-large district program which would not represent necessarily the area in which I live have been addressed. And I will be voting in favor of this measure rather than voting opposed to it as I had in the past. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Kifowit to close."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Chairman. I ask for the support of the Body."

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Speaker Harris: "The Motion is, 'Shall Senate Bill 100 pass? All those in favor vote 'yes'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Gordon-Booth, Lilly, Mazzochi, Meier, Murphy, Unes. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 89 voting 'yes', 24 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 100, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 4 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 102, Representative Rita. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 102, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 102 allows the Secretary of State to authorize digital registration plates for vehicles. It's not a mandate, it's permissive. And we had a good healthy debate in committee. And I'd ask for its passage."

Speaker Harris: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 102 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Hammond. Mazzochi. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 102, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 4 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 111, Representative Willis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 111, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Willis."

Willis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Several years ago, we passed legislation that allowed dentists to bill for the... to insurance for anesthetic being used for dental procedures for individuals with disabilities, specifically those with autism. We had passed the law that went up to age 19 to allow also for their cleanings and any type of thing that they had sensory issues on. This Bill simply goes and extends that to the age of 26. And I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 111 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Conroy. Martwick. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. By a vote of 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 111, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 4 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 131, Representative Spain. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 131, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Spain."

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 131 is a Bill that requires rabies inoculation for cats. It's an initiative of the Illinois State Veterinarians and the Illinois Animal Control Association. There are no opponents to the Bill. I urge its adoption."

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Speaker Harris: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 131 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 110 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present', Senate Bill 131, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 4 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 161, Representative Hoffman. Hoffman. Out of the record. On page 4 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 162, Keicher. Representative... Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 162, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Assembly. This Bill deals with women's health and it speaks loudly to it. Right now, if after a screening mammogram, a physician requests additional diagnostic work to be done that is medically necessary, it isn't always allowed. This occurs after about 10 percent of screening mammograms that reveals some additional information that needs to be sought out. This Bill basically allows the diagnostic work to be done with the diagnosis being ordered by the physician. Let's make it happen for women's health."

Speaker Harris: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 162 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', Senate

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Bill 162, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 4 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 169, Representative Turner. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 169, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the committee... Members of the Body. This Bill amends the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure pertaining to foreclosure actions, stating that if the plaintiff fails to provide notice to a required party, the foreclosure action can be stayed rather than dismissed without prejudice on the motion of the defendant or the court. And the court can lift the stay as soon as the plaintiff provides notice to all required parties. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 169 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Halbrook, Keicher, Miller, Wheeler. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 2 voting 'present', Senate Bill 169 is... having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 5 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 172, Representative Ortiz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 172, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ortiz."

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Ortiz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Body. Senate Bill 172 is an initiative that was brought to me by the University of Illinois. The Bill would lessen the current requirements for demonstrating Illinois residency for a potential student trustee to the Board of Trustees at the University of Illinois. Under current law, a student seeking election as a student trustee must prove Illinois residency with all of the following items: proof of an Illinois domicile for the previous six months, valid Illinois driver's license, and valid Illinois voter registration. Senate Bill 172 would make it so that the student must continue to provide proof of Illinois domicile for the previous six months, but only one of the following: valid Illinois driver's license or Illinois identification card or valid Illinois voter registration. I am happy to answer any questions and would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Is there any discussion? Representative Skillicorn."

Skillicorn: "First, I'd like to move for Standard Debate."

Speaker Harris: "This shall be moved to the Order of Standard Debate."

Skillicorn: "Thank you very much. Will the Representative yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Skillicorn: "Thank you very much for bringing the Bill. I know you list off the three specific changes, would you mind just... the chamber was kind of loud, would you mind listing off those three changes again?"

Ortiz: "I'm sorry, can you repeat the question?"

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Skillicorn: "Yeah. So, I know in your opening you listed off the three specific changes this Bill allows in the requirement for being a university trustee. Because the chamber was a little loud, would you mind repeating those three changes?"

Ortiz: "Absolutely. So, the changes... Senate Bill 172 would make it so that the student must continue to provide proof of Illinois domicile for the previous six months, but only one of the following: valid Illinois driver's license or valid Illinois identification card or valid Illinois voter registration."

Skillicorn: "So, it would be basically two instead of three. The driver's license or ID card, or... and then also voter registration. It would be a choice, right?"

Ortiz: "Yes, that is correct."

Skillicorn: "So, does that include the driver's license or ID card for a foreign national?"

Ortiz: "TVDLs are the ones that are issued to that specific group."

Skillicorn: "Okay. So people who are not citizens of the United States are offered that, so this would be and 'or'. So you can receive an identification card that is... there is no requirement to be a citizen of the United States or Illinois voter registration. So someone who is not registered to vote and theoretically not eligible to vote in Illinois, would be now allowed to be a trustee?"

Ortiz: "Can you repeat the first part?"

Skillicorn: "Yeah. So, it's an 'or' question, so it's either the driver's license or ID, and someone that in Illinois can get a driver's license or ID and still, you know, be a foreign

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national or, you know, not be a citizen of the United States. That would be okay for the requirement to be the trustee, right?"

Ortiz: "Yes."

Skillicorn: "Okay. To the Bill. Clearly, the situation... this is probably going to be opening the door for giving voting rights to people who are not citizens or residents of the United States and I think that's something we should be concerned about. These students have all powers to vote on issues at the university, except for faculty. So... and that makes quite a bit of sense. You wouldn't want a student voting on their economics professor or something. But this includes bond issuances, this includes who's going to be president of the university, this includes spending. So, literally, you will have people that are not citizens of the United States, not citizens of Illinois, yet they'll be able to vote on spending millions of dollars and they're not able to vote in an election. I think that's significant. And this is just the door way to opening up to having illegal immigrants voting in Illinois elections. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Caulkins, do you stand in support or opposition?"

Caulkins: "Opposition."

Speaker Harris: "Please proceed."

Caulkins: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Caulkins: "Thank you. Representative, do you know what a trustee does?"

Ortiz: "Yes."

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Caulkins: "What are the roles or what are the duties? I served for three years as a trustee at Eastern Illinois University. So, can you explain to the Body what a trustees... what their job duties... what their descriptions?"

Ortiz: "The University of Illinois Board of Trustee consist of thirteen members, eleven who have official votes. Nine are appointed by the Governor for terms of six years. And three student trustees. One from each location; Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, and Springfield are elected by referenda at their university for one year terms."

Caulkins: "No, I understand how they get there. But do you know what their duties are once they are a trustee?"

Ortiz: "They are effectively the board of directors for the university."

Caulkins: "And they have control over tenure? Is that correct?"

Ortiz: "I believe that is correct."

Caulkins: "And they approve hiring and firing of the president?"

Ortiz: "Yes."

Caulkins: "And they also oversee budgets?"

Ortiz: "Yes, that is correct."

Caulkins: "And those budgets are taxpayer funds? The salaries are taxpayer funds?"

Ortiz: "Yes, that is correct."

Caulkins: "And what you're proposing... is this just for the University of Illinois?"

Ortiz: "Yes, that is correct."

Caulkins: "So, this does not apply to any other state institution?"

Ortiz: "No..."

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Caulkins: "Why not?"

Ortiz: "...just the University of Illinois."

Caulkins: "Why not?"

Ortiz: "The reason why is because this is an initiative from the University of Illinois that was brought to me."

Caulkins: "The process... my concern is that we are going to allow someone that is not a citizen of this state, of this country, to vote on how our taxpayer funds are allocated, how we pay professors, how... what salaries they are, how we... what we pay administrators, how we run our university systems, which is all our taxpayer money. Do we have anyone allowed to serve here in this institution who is not a citizen?"

Ortiz: "Can you please repeat your question, because it was kind of a long... long statement/question."

Caulkins: "Do... are noncitizens allowed to come and be a Member of this Body and vote?"

Ortiz: "That is not relevant to this Bill."

Caulkins: "No, it is. Because we're sending money... we're appropriating money from here to the universities and they are then appropriating the money at that level. Allowing someone who is not a citizen to appropriate money from this Body, from the taxpayers, is not a good idea."

Ortiz: "So, Representative, do... does the university collect student fees from the students who are paying their tuition fees at the university?"

Caulkins: "Certainly, we do. We certainly do. We collect from all of them. We have students from all over the world that come and they pay their fair share in order to enjoy an education that the taxpayers of Illinois provide."

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Ortiz: "So, are these students good enough to pay, but not good enough to have a voice?"

Caulkins: "Not a voting voice. That's okay. No..."

Ortiz: "So..."

Caulkins: "To the Bill."

Ortiz: "...this... the Bill would just allow..."

Caulkins: "Mr. Speaker."

Ortiz: "...more students to be elected to the student Board of Trustees and it just also encourages a diverse representation on the University Of Illinois Board Of Trustees. So, the University of Illinois is taking an initiative to promote diversity. So, I applaud the University of Illinois for bringing this Bill my way. And I believe other universities should start taking the same route and bringing more diverse representation to their body."

Caulkins: "To the Bill. This is a bad Bill. This opens up the door to allow noncitizens to spend and appropriate the money that we send to universities. It allows a noncitizen to hire and fire a university president, to determine who gets tenure. It allows them to set fees. This is not the way we should be conducting business, and I would urge a 'no' vote."

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

Wheeler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Dan Brady is excused for the rest of today."

Speaker Harris: "The record shall so reflect. Representative Villanueva, do you rise in support or opposition?"

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Villanueva: "In support. In support, Mr. Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He yields."

Villanueva: "Representative, are we talking about students that are paying tuition, that are going to the University of Illinois, that are actual students at the University of Illinois?"

Ortiz: "Yes, that is correct."

Villanueva: "So, we're talking about students that contribute to the campus that, you know, are... that are taking course hours at the University of Illinois?"

Ortiz: "Yes."

Villanueva: "That pay fees at the University of Illinois?"

Ortiz: "Yes."

Villanueva: "To the Bill. I find it extremely offensive what our colleagues across the aisle are trying to say with coded language. Because let's be very clear, when this Body was created in 1818... is that the year that we created the government of the State of Illinois? I, as a woman of color, did not have a right to vote, did not have a right to be in this chamber. Every moment that I walk into this chamber and sit in this seat is a reflection of the change of legislation to allow people the right to have their voices heard. So, what we're talking about here is students that are contributing to the campus. I, being a University of Illinois alumni, who have helped various students become student trustees, I know the process. Why? Because all students on the campus, regardless of status, whether they're undocumented, legal, permanent residents, or citizens are

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allowed to vote for student trustees. What we're talking about is campus... a campus that is trying to ensure that we have diversity and diverse voices representing the student body. So I find it offensive that coded language is being used to say certain people don't have a right to have their voices heard when they're contributing to the University of Illinois campus. This is a good Bill. Why? Because we're allowing young people who are making major contribution and strides in their education to be able to have an opportunity. An opportunity, 'cause this doesn't guarantee them to become student trustees, because like all of us here, they have to be elected... an opportunity to become a trustee and participate in the civic process. This is a good Bill. I urge everyone to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Chesney, do you rise in support or opposition?"

Chesney: "Opposition."

Speaker Harris: "Please proceed."

Chesney: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Chesney: "Representative, I just want to unpack this a little bit and make sure that I understand this correctly. Currently, the way it's structured, there's three student trustees that would be... you know, would be qualified to have voting rights for university. Is that correct? That would be selected by the students. Is that correct?"

Ortiz: "Yes, that is correct."

Chesney: "And these students have the ability to vote on bonding issues that would and could potentially increase the

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indebtedness of a university for a time that extends beyond their tenure as a student, correct?"

Ortiz: "They do have a vote to possibly do that."

Chesney: "In addition to all of this, they also have policies that they would be able to set for the university, correct? Policies that are very wide ranging throughout the world of academia. Is that correct?"

Ortiz: "Yes."

Chesney: "And these particular students that would be elected have historically always been asked to have a few things and one of them was to be a resident in the State of Illinois for six months. In addition to that, simply was a registered voter, correct?"

Ortiz: "Yes, that is correct."

Chesney: "And you're removing the ability for that person to be a registered voter. So for somebody that is traveling from outside this country, you can pick your region, they would have voting rights, correct?"

Ortiz: "So, Representative..."

Chesney: "Correct? So, somebody from Europe can come over here, go to college, and they would have a voting right if elected by this body, correct? They would have the right to... they would have a right to tie us to bonds, they would have a right to engage in tenure discussions, they would have the right to engage in general policy. Is that correct?"

Ortiz: "That is correct."

Chesney: "Is there any country you're aware of where I can go to college in a different country and have voting rights?"

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Ortiz: "No, I'm from Illinois and also attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, so..."

Chesney: "So, there's no college in the world that you're aware of where I can travel to and be elected by a body and have voting rights to bond out a college for additional debt and perpetuity to a defined years, there's no other example you can give to?"

Ortiz: "That was not something I was considering when I was working on this Bill, Representative."

Chesney: "Is there any other state that has adopted these types of policies?"

Ortiz: "Not that I'm aware of, Representative."

Chesney: "So, you're not aware of any country or any state that allows a noncitizen to have voting rights on our institutions?"

Ortiz: "Not that I am aware of, Representative."

Chesney: "And in your view, that is good policy?"

Ortiz: "I believe that Illinois should be a leader in diversity."

Chesney: "A leader in diversity or a leader... or a leader in diversity or a leader in noncitizens abilities to vote?"

Ortiz: "I believe in diversity, like I said before."

Chesney: "Is there anything in this Bill that addresses diversity or is this Bill specific to the ability for a noncitizen having voting rights if dually elected by the students?"

Ortiz: "So, just to be clear, there is like no language in the Bill that specifically states that an undocumented person may run for this position, just so you know."

Chesney: "I've never once mentioned undocumented, Sir. I'm just talking noncitizen."

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Ortiz: "Okay."

Chesney: "Your Party wants to talk about undocumented. I'm talking noncitizen. The entire world... in your words, Representative, in the entire world, not one country you're aware of has adopted such policies, not one state has adopted such policies. And you want to set a policy for our educational institution for noncitizens. Your party is mentioning nondocumented. I haven't mentioned it once and nobody on my side of the aisle has mentioned it once, so answer the question, please."

Ortiz: "So do you believe we should not give opportunities for some of those students that are asylum seekers or refugees?"

Chesney: "To the Bill. I think this is yet another attempt by our Democratic colleagues to extend voting rights to noncitizens throughout the world. There has not been one example that the Representative can point to that there has been any best practice. This is terrible practice. The ability to bond out our institutions, the ability to set policy, the ability to adopt tenure. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hernandez, do you rise in support or opposition?"

Hernandez, L.: "I'm for it."

Speaker Harris: "Please proceed."

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you, Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Hernandez, L.: "Representative, can you please tell me how the student trustee gets elected or should I say does the student trustee get elected or does the student trustee get... does he get appointed, he or she?"

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Ortiz: "The student gets elected."

Hernandez, L.: "And can you tell me who the student gets elected by?"

Ortiz: "Their peers, the student body."

Hernandez, L.: "Oh so, the peers. Are we talking about the students from the university, are those who elect the student trustee?"

Ortiz: "That is correct."

Hernandez, L.: "So, would you say that we're doing this by a democratic process?"

Ortiz: "Yes, it is a democratic process."

Hernandez, L.: "And so, when.. would you agree that when you elect an individual it's because you feel that this is the best candidate to lead or to represent the voice or your voice, in this situation, the student's voice?"

Ortiz: "Yes, that is the intention of that the student's voice. This is an election."

Hernandez, L.: "To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, I think that says it all. These are students that have been given the opportunity to attend the university. This is a Bill that the university wants. This is a Bill from the university. How better way than choosing a student to represent your voice? This is an opportunity for all students. All students in the university to participate in the process of governance. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "This Bill having been on the Order of Standard Debate, there have been three speakers in favor, three speakers in opposition. Representative Ortiz to close."

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Ortiz: "To the Bill. Again, Senate Bill 172 was an initiative that was brought to me by the University of Illinois. And just want to applaud the University of Illinois for being a leader in encouraging a diverse representation to their body. And I hope my colleagues can join me in making sure that our state... State of Illinois is giving that voice to our students who are paying tuition, fees at these universities and are... have been elected to this position. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 172 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Demmer. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 68 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 172, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Members, we'll now go to the Order of Bills on Second Reading. On the bottom of page 12 appears Senate Bill 1852, Leader Durkin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1852, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Durkin."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would ask that this General Assembly adopt Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1852, which deals with the issue of ethylene oxide in, particularly, a facility in Willowbrook, Illinois called Sterigenics. For purposes of debate, I would be more than happy to go right to

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Third Reading if it's fine with you and we can get into the substance of the Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Absolutely Leader. The Motion is, 'Shall Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1852 be adopted?' All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Leader... Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1852, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you, again, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1852 is the Matt Haller Act. And I'll talk about Matt in a little bit, but this issue regarding ethylene oxide has been the most important and most, I would say, concerning public health issue that I have encountered in my career in Springfield. And it just happens to be in my district. Willowbrook, Illinois is approximately... it's right off of I-55 and Route 83. A lot of us drive back and forth when we see that town. It's very small. It's about 8 thousand... 8900 residents and it is 2.75 square miles. It's not a large community but it's mainly families, residential, but there's one area in particular, there's a small business park. And within that business park, which is just a few blocks away from residents, is this entity referred to as Sterigenics. It's a sterilizer. They use ethylene oxide to sterilize. Now, the Village of Willowbrook received the mother of all sucker punches last

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year when the U.S. EPA dropped a letter off to them and said that following some testing, it said that following, 'That if modeled and measured data represent typical ethylene oxide concentrations in ambient air, an elevated cancer risk exists for residents and offsite workers in the Willowbrook community, a 2.75 square mile community where residents are literally on top of this facility. It has caused panic of epic proportions. And as I listen to people come into my office but also speak at public hearings, the amount of illness, sickness, cancers, tumors is of a nature that I've never experienced and seen in my life. We all know that sometimes people do get sick but the fact is the concentration of people who have become extremely ill in that region is something that is alarming. And that was verified by the Illinois Department of Public Health within the last few months when they produced a cancer cluster study report that talked about the increase of illnesses, in particularly, cancers including not only with women, but also pediatric cancer. So, at the end of the day, through the process of elimination, we can actually focus on one cause of that, in my belief, and that is the emissions and the operations that have existed at Sterigenics and also its predecessor, Griffith Lab, for many years has caused great illness and sickness to people in that region. I'm not here to litigate the matter, that'll be done at some point down the future. But it's my job to be able to connect the dots and talk of common sense. So we have an opportunity here, and I believe under our inherent police power authority, to make sure that we have the best interest of our citizens in mind when it

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comes to the health, safety, and welfare of them. The citizens of Willowbrook, Darien, Burr Ridge, and all regions are concerned, they're scared, they're frightened, as they should be. They can't sell their homes. They're afraid to let their children out. We have to do more to make sure that we give comfort to people not only in that area but also throughout the State of Illinois. They've demanded a response and that's what we're doing today. But let me tell you also a little bit why I've referred to this and I've never done this before, but I have called this the Matt Haller Act. Matt Haller lives in unincorporated Willowbrook, approximately half a mile away from... he lived a half mile away from the Sterigenics facility. Matt is a... he was a very vibrant 42-year-old guy from the neighborhood. Beautiful wife, young son. Within 14 months he contracted a very rare form of stomach cancer, Stage IV cancer. He came to visit me in January. He was extremely ill but he felt it was important for him to tell his story to me and my staff. Matt had been ravaged at that time. He knew that his time on this earth was short but it was important for him for us to know his story. But he also wanted to make sure that his death would not be in vain and that his life would have had purpose. And this morning in committee, I was fortunate enough to have his brother Wally Haller and his two best friends, Tim and Lindsay Geonopolis, testify in committee and they're here today. Gentlemen, thank you for coming here today. And they spoke about Matt and how important Matt's life was. Not so much about everything that he did, but what he stood for. He told me when we were in our office that he wants to make sure, yes, that there is going to be

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meaning in his life but he does not want this to happen to another family of what has happened to him. So, today, I present Senate Bill 1852 which has been the product of a lot of hard work. And we have been able to do this based on good evidence, solid evidence, facts in which we have been able to get from our federal and state regulators but also the Illinois Department of Public Health to produce the strongest Bill in the United States regulating this very dangerous and lethal product called ethylene oxide. So, I also want to thank the men and women of this chamber who have helped out, in particular, Representative Deanne Mazzochi who worked with me side by side over the past 6 months on developing this Bill and putting it in a place which is fair and responsible. But I want to make it very clear that as a resident and a father of that region, I do not want Sterigenics to open their doors again. They're currently under a seal order from the U.S. EPA. The matter is being litigated. But this is what we do. We want to make sure that bad actors in our communities, who are polluting our communities, should not have the opportunity to open their doors again because they have not been able to establish the good faith that we need from our businesses that operate with a very dangerous product. So, with that being said, I will just briefly go through the Bill. This Bill is going to require that sterilizers, it effects only sterilizers in Illinois, that they capture 100 percent of the emissions and a reduction of 99.9 percent or .2 parts per million before release of EO into the atmosphere. There is going to be regular testing through the IEPA and also through independent labs in which... independent third parties

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who can do the approval which will have to be approved by the IEPA. The IEPA has the ability to shut down a facility if it doesn't meet standards. Also, we have information, a provision in this, which I think Representative Mazzochi would like to talk about, which is alternative technology transparency, which is extremely important when there is an entity such as Sterigenics may have technology that would be a great alternative. But if they purchased it somewhere, we want to know whether or not they are sitting on it and not allowing it be used in the public arena. We also have something very important that needs in the future. Any other... when there is a clean air permit that is applied for a sterilizer in a county over 50 thousand individuals, that facility cannot be placed within 10 miles of schools or park. But if a county is under 50 thousand they cannot be placed within 15 miles of schools or park. The other important part of this is what we refer to as the 'Bad Actor Prohibition', which states that it will prohibit the use of EO by a facility, a sterilizer, that has been subject to a seal order such as Sterigenics. There may be other times down the road with other sterilizers who have a seal order but they cannot open their doors unless the IEPA certifies that the facility uses technology that produces the greatest reduction in emissions and, not or, and, the vendors must provide.. of that facility, must provide a certification that each product or package must be sterilized by EO, there's no better alternative. Again, if this entity, Sterigenics, is for somehow has this ability to have this seal order lifted, the threshold that they will have to go through is extremely,

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extremely high. I can't say that they need to be shut down, but I do not want their doors open again. And I believe this is the strongest language and it's the right language for us to be able to do under our inherent police power authority to make sure that the men and women and the families in their region will never have to consume or breathe bad air coming out of that facility. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I'm willing to entertain any questions."

Speaker Harris: "Is there discussion? Representative Mazzochi."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank Leader Durkin for the tremendous effort that he has also put into this process. This is the culmination of over nine months of work to try to get to a point where we can make sure that we are, in fact, dealing with the bad actors. Dangerous chemicals necessarily mean that we have to have manufacturers behaving responsibly and they can't be leaping through loopholes. This Bill closes those loopholes and, in fact, it's going to ensure that Illinois has the most stringent standards for the management and handling of ethylene oxide nationwide. Because we're worried about the bad actors, many of the provisions in this Bill are designed to target all of the ways that the bad actors have figured out ways to get around responsible handling of ethylene oxide. For example, we are making sure that testing is being done when they are at maximum capacity, that they are testing all parts of the facility, the stacks, the vac vents, everywhere that you can get external exposure, not just one narrow location. We're making sure that some of the promises that they make actually have some punch. We're allowing Illinois EPA to be more proactive in actually making

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sure that they are getting the test results they need to ensure that facilities are safe. We're giving more local control to authorities so that they can have additional insight. And we're also making sure there's no more cherry picking test results, no more hiding data, and no more ensuring that there's going to be less harmful technology getting buried and not brought to the forefront. And we're also making sure that the suppliers are also going to play a role in that. No more being ostriches, sticking their heads in the sand, pretending like they don't know what this is or that they can't find out some other way to do a better work around that's going to make our people more safe. So, because of that, I very strongly support this Bill. It is a good Bill, and I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Stava-Murray."

Stava-Murray: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "I believe he will yield."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you. To the Bill. I want to thank those who have worked on this Bill. This affects me very personally as my father, my brother, and my husband all work across the street from one of these facilities. And so they have been breathing in the chemicals and all of that. And there's also many friends and family members of those of the people of my district who have also been in that area. One of my constituents actually grew up in that area and had a thyroid tumor removed earlier this year from the exposure itself. So, lots of people have been impacted and it's heartbreaking to hear all of the stories and it simply must end. And these bad actors need to not be allowed to do what they've been doing.

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So thank you very much. And I urge strong support of this Bill."

Speaker Harris: "There being no further discussion, Leader Durkin to close."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I want to thank all of who have had an interest in this legislation. This has been a very good exercise and a great process in which we took our recommendations from citizens, from advocates, from everybody within the State of Illinois to produce a product that I believe is fair and responsible. One that puts the citizens of, not only my region, but puts the citizens of Illinois in front of the corporate interest of Sterigenics and their operations. This process, as I said earlier, was deliberative. We did it based on results which came back from our federal and state regulators, but also other people within the health industry who gave us the assurance that what we are doing is the right thing. And I can't be more proud of how this has played out, but also, it's a very emotional issue. And I also particularly just want to finish by thanking Wally Haller and also Tim and Lindsay Geonopolis for sharing their story about Matt Haller today. And I said earlier, today's vote, which I believe will be successful, will be a true tribute to a very strong man who left this earth wanting to make sure that life will be better for not only his family, his son, his wife, but for every man, woman, child, and grandfather, and grandparent, aunt, and uncle who live in that region and also live in that region. So, thank you everyone for your participation. And also, Representative Mazzochi, your work has been absolutely spectacular and I

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can't be more thankful for your participation in this. Thank you, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1852 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Bailey, Caulkins, Halbrook, Miller, Wilhour. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', Senate Bill 1852, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Clerk is in receipt of a Motion in Writing to table House Joint Resolution 79. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is tabled. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Currie... Representative Harris, Chairperson for the committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken May 24, 2019: recommends be adopted, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 for House Bill 2215 and Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 for House Bill 2528."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Stava-Murray, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Stava-Murray: "Thank you. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Harris: "State your point."

Stava-Murray: "You know, I... we heard from across the aisle earlier on not wanting techniques of bullying. So, I was just informed from the other side of the aisle that I can't be put on the Sterigenics Bill because of a completely unrelated Bill and thing that's going on. So I'd just like to point that out

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that techniques are used by your side of the aisle that are bullying and not right also."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Upon adjournment the Republicans will caucus in Room 118."

Speaker Harris: "Thank you. The Clerk is in receipt of Motions in Writing to waive the posting requirements for several Bills. If there is leave, we will take these Motions together in one Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Leader Manley on the Motion."

Manley: "Speaker, I move that the posting requirements be waived so that the following Bills can be heard this week in committee. To House Executive Committee, Senate Bill 1719. To House Human Services Committee, HR410. To House Labor & Commerce Committee, Senate Bill 534, Senate Bill 1407. To the House Revenue & Finance Committee, Senate Bill 39, Senate Bill 1257. That's it. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Leader Manley has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the posting requirements are waived. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 409, offered by Representative Ramirez. House Resolution 411, offered by Leader Durkin. House Resolution 412, offered by Representative Bryant. House Resolution 413, offered by Representative Bristow. House Resolution 414, offered by

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Representative West. And House Resolution 415, offered by Speaker Madigan."

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

Keicher: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Keicher: "I'd like to introduce the Assembly to Joshua Badal. He is a 13-year-old seventh grader from Hinckley joining us today on the floor. And I just want everybody to give him a nice warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Harris: "And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Manley moves that the House stand adjourned until Sunday, May 26, at the hour of 4 p.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2019: recommends be adopted is Motion to Concur to Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2076; Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1852; Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2027. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2019: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 75, House Joint Resolution 78, Senate Joint Resolution 24.

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Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 687; recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 250; Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2943; Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1456. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2019: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 124; House Joint Resolution 74; House Resolution 397; Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 104; Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 12... correction, Senate Bill 2120. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2019: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 391. Representative Thapedi, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2019: recommends be adopted is Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3671; and Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment with #1 and #2 to House Bill 3677; Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1507. Representative Ammons, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2019: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 371. Representative Thapedi, Chairperson from the Committee on International Trade & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2019: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 385. Representative Moeller, Chairperson

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from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2019: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 386. Representative Hurley, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2019: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 3840; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 895; Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 2146; Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 2766; House Resolution 390; Senate Joint Resolution 16; Senate Joint Resolution 35. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2019: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments #1 and #2 to House Bill 834; Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2830; Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3405; Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 147; Floor Amendments #2 and #3 to Senate Bill 654; Floor Amendments #2 and #3 to Senate Bill 658. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 410, offered by Representative Gabel; and House Joint Resolution... House Resolution 410 is referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3844, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 36, offered by Representative Mussman, is referred to the Rules Committee. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 687, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. This Bill will be held on the Order of

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Second Reading. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3840, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. This will be held on the Order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."