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Speaker Andrade: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Major Chase Wilhelm, who is the Deputy Command Chaplin of the United States Special Operations Command, Army Reserve Element. Major Wilhelm is the guest of Representative Kifowit. 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."

Major Wilhelm: "I invite us all to bow our heads and join our hearts for a moment of prayer or reflection. Oh mighty God of all our days, how we thank you for this day, for this hour, for this opportunity to pause and to remember, and to offer our humble gratitude and deepest respects to the men and women of our nation and this state who have given the last full measure of service and commitment to our beloved country. May the fullness of their lives not be forgotten. May we forever hold close their families and loved ones who know all too well this price of service. May we work together in reverence and respect to honor their lives. May we commit to ensuring that their names shall echo for eternity, not just on plaques or walls, but in our hearts and through our actions as well for the life and the sacrifice of these men and women, for their commitment to service before self, for all those willing to serve across our state and our nation, but especially for those who have paid the ultimate price. And for the families that support those in service, we, here this morning, pause. We, here this morning, give our thanks. May we forever honor them in all our days. May their memory be a blessing. And may we, together, say amen."

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Speaker Andrade: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Swanson."

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

Manley: "Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representatives Gong-Gershowitz, Moeller, and Mayfield today."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Batinick: "Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representative Seth Lewis."

Speaker Andrade: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 114 present, answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Would the Members please stand for the presentation of colors by the Illinois National Guard? Mr. Clerk, please read House Resolution 364."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 364.

WHEREAS, In accordance with the established Memorial Day tradition of the Illinois House of Representatives, it is fitting that we honor our brothers and sisters who have given their lives in service to our country as the guardians of our long-held freedoms; and

WHEREAS, To honor those brave souls who were sacrificed long ago or to pay tribute to those brave men and women of today

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who have continued that fight for freedom, no better words have been written than the Gettysburg Address; let us now recite those words so humbly said by our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in the larger sense, we can not dedicate - we can not consecrate - we cannot hallow - this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from those honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."; and

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WHEREAS, Those words from long ago still speak to the sacrifice of the brave men and women whom we now honor; it is all together fitting and appropriate that we, with heavy hearts, again accept the honor of reading the Roll Call of those American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines from the State of Illinois who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the preceding years since the previous tribute; therefore, be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the families of the fallen heroes honored on May 29, 2021."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Kifowit is recognized."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask that all Members of the General Assembly be added to this Resolution."

Speaker Andrade: "All Members shall be added. Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of House Resolution 364. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Leader Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Corporal Daniel Baker, United States Marines, died December 6, 2018, Tremont."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Friess is recognized."

Friess: "Sergeant Holli R. Bolinski, United States Army, died March 5, 2019, Pinckneyville, Illinois."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Kifowit is recognized."

Kifowit: "Specialist Michael Isaiah Nance, United States Army, died July 29, 2019, in the Chicago area."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Meyers-Martin is recognized."

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Meyers-Martin: "Specialist Henry J. Mayfield, Jr., United States Army, killed in action January 5, 2020, Hazel Crest, Illinois."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Barbara Hernandez is recognized."

Hernandez, B.: "Private First Class Miguel A. Villalon, United States Army, killed in action January 11, 2020. Joliet, Illinois."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative DeLuca is recognized."

DeLuca: "Sergeant Trevor Goldyn, United States Marines, died August 11, 2020, Frankfort."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Bennett is recognized."

Bennett: "Sergeant Jeremy Cain Sherman, United States Army, died November 12, 2020, Watseka, Illinois."

Taps

Speaker Andrade: "Thank you, Members. Representative Swanson is recognized."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you to the great men and women in uniform today who provided the very touching service, and to all those who read the names of the fallen heroes over the past year and half, two years. As a veteran myself, having attended a couple services for military members in a combat situation, Taps always gets to me. And to hear it here today just brings back a lot of emotions to my time in Iraq when I watched, at two separate occasions, firing squads and Taps being played for dear friends who I lost. And it's... it's just hard times. What I'd like to point out is what I put on some of your desks today. Representative Butler and I are going to cordially invite you to a Memorial Day

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tribute at the Oak Ridge Cemetery on Monday, May 31, at 7:30 a.m. Now, I hear 7:30 a.m., oh my gosh. Well, let me tell you, the ones who this memorial is for, 7:30 a.m. was the middle of the day for most in combat. The program's going to be a simple program. I've asked Assistant Doorkeeper Wayne Padgett to come out and provide a short message, prayer. And then my thoughts are, we will walk to the World War I, World War II, Korean Memorial, Purple Heart Memorial, and each of you who are in attendance, if you have a story to share about a loved one who might have served during those periods of war, that you can share that with us. And then we'll also lay a rose at each one of those monuments as we pass. Something very simple, but for the past several years that's where I've spent my Memorial Day, and I just thought it'd be nice to invite the rest of you to spend that time there also. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Butler... Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Butler: "Thank you. And I thank you, Representative Swanson, for organizing this on Memorial Day. And I would certainly welcome everyone to Oak Ridge Cemetery to the war memorials area. It's a beautiful area in my neighborhood. It's a state historic... state historic sites as well. So, I would encourage you to come out. Easiest way to get there is Walnut Street/J David Jones Parkway/Route 29, west side of... west side of Oak Ridge Cemetery. There's an entrance right there, right by the memorial. That's the easiest way to get there. Or you can go

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off of man... Monument Avenue and wind your way around Lincoln's Tomb if you want to do that as well. So, if you need more specific directions, I'm happy to give them to you. So, hopefully everybody can show up there on Monday morning. Thank you, Representative Swanson, for organizing this."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Bourne... Bourne is recognized."

Bourne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Bourne: "Thank you. I would just like to welcome a constituent and his lovely fiancée, Lindsay, to the House Floor. Chase and I know each other for reasons outside of this floor, but I really want to say thank you for your service. Thank you for being here on a Saturday. And thank you for your service and your role at the Department of Corrections. So, welcome to the House."

Speaker Andrade: "Proceed to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading. House Bill 1091, Representative Hirschauer. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1091, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1091, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Hirschauer is recognized."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, fellow Members. Today I rise to present House Bill 1091. This Bill contains requirements

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that will make our FOID card system more efficient and effective. It is also a crucially important step that we, as Legislators, can take today to prevent mass tragedies and everyday gun violence and keep fire arms out of the hands of dangerous people. I'm happy to report that there are some key changes in this Bill from the Bill that many of you voted on in 2019 that truly fixed the FOID for law-abiding gun owners and will bring much needed efficiencies to an overloaded system. This language is consistent with recommendations from ISP that will help them address the FOID card application backlog. If your offices are anything like mine, I am sure that you are fielding complaints weekly, if not daily, about the FOID card backlog. The following changes are designed to fix the system and will help solve problems for our constituents. HB1091 creates the option of an electronic FOID card, allowing folks to have a copy on their phones and available at all times. It allows for automatic renewals of your FOID when your CCL is renewed. It allows for renewals of CCL and FOID cards in the same calendar year, gives authority to ISP to issue one card for FOID and CCL. It allows for automatic renewal of your FOID card when you buy a gun and go through the background check process using the Firearms Transfer Inquiry Program. It allows applicants to use fingerprints already on file with ISP, streamlining this process for hundreds of Illinoisans who already work in professions that mandate fingerprints from a certified vendor. It also provides access to the Secretary of State database for address updates and creates a permanent FOID appeals board that will specifically hear issues with denials

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and revocations. Those are some very positive changes, approved by ISP, that I think we can all agree will fix a broken system and help folks in each and every one of our districts. But equally important to me, and I'm sure to all of you, are the ways in which this Bill will work to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. On February 15, 2019, just a few miles outside of my district, there was a mass shooting at the Henry Pratt Company in Aurora, which killed six people, including the shooter, and injured six more, including five members of law enforcement. The shooter, who had a conviction for felony aggravated assault in Mississippi, was not legally allowed to own a gun in Illinois, but he... he lied on his FOID card application. His felony conviction was not detected until he submitted a fingerprint for his Concealed Carry License. But by that time, it was too late. Law enforcement did not have the resources necessary to revoke his FOID card and firearm. And he kept his gun and used it in a mass shooting, the effects of which are still echoing throughout our community."

Speaker Andrade: "Mr. Clerk, please take the Bill out of the record. Proceed to the House of Bills on Third Reading... Senate Bills on Third Reading. On page 2 of the Calendar, under Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 654, offered by Representative Ortiz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 654, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Ortiz is recognized."

Ortiz: "Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 654 provides daily time for supervised, unstructured, child-directed play for

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all students in K-5. It also requires play time for at least to be 30 minutes on any school day that is five clock hours or longer in length. Play time may be divided into play periods of at least 15 consecutive minutes in length. Provides that for any school day less than five clock hours, play time shall be at least one-tenth, rather than a one-fifth, of a day of attendance. Provides that play must comply with a student's applicable individualized education program or federal Section 504 Plan. School shall not withhold play time as disciplinary or punitive action. Play develops social skills, teaching children how to organize, cooperate, resolve conflict, share, and lead. Play gives children the freedom to be creative and explore. Members, let's please keep in mind all the youngest people in the state when taking this vote. Please... I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Bourne is recognized."

Bourne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought I'd speak less today. I guess not. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Andrade: "He has indicated she... he will. Please proceed."

Bourne: "Thank you. Representative, I know that you have been working on this Bill and have made some changes. So, I have some questions about the Bill, as amended, 'cause I know we've talked a lot about the Bill that was underlying. Is there a requirement in this Bill for a certain number of minutes of unstructured play time?"

Ortiz: "Thirty minutes."

Bourne: "And is there anywhere else in the School Code where we mandate a per... a number of minutes for English, math, any other subject?"

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

Bourne: "Could you tell me who remains opposed to the Bill, as amended?"

Ortiz: "As amended, my understanding is it is the... the school board, the... the association that represents the school boards, and the Large Unit School District Network."

Bourne: "Okay. Thank you. And then, we had a question come up and this is, I think, important to understand. So, you say under your legislation that recess cannot be taken away for punishment purposes, which I think I agree with, right? If you're acting out, you probably need to go run it off. That's what I do with my son. I'm like, we're going outside and running around. But what about students who the teacher sees needs a little bit of extra one-on-one time? We've heard this from many really good educators who say this unstructured play time or recess is my time to prep, but I often give that up so that I can have this one-on-one interaction with a student to supplement their reading or to go over something they may have missed if they were sick. Is that precluded in this legislation?"

Ortiz: "I mean, we're talking about recess. No, it's not."

Bourne: "No. I know we're talking about recess, but if a teacher asks a student to stay in at recess to help them one-on-one so that student... it's not a part of their IEP but they ask a student to stay in during recess. Is that allowed?"

Ortiz: "So, the school is not able to take away recess unless the student is somehow a threat."

Bourne: "Is somehow what? Sorry, I missed that."

Ortiz: "A threat."

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Bourne: "A threat. Okay. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Andrade: "Proceed."

Bourne: "Thank you. This is an unprecedented way of mandating something in our schools to put a number of minutes in the code, per day. Many of you know that school districts have different kinds of schedules, and maybe they're offering 28 minutes right now. If they had to restructure their whole day around this... oh, and by the way, it has to be in 15 minute increments of uninterrupted play. And so, we're talking about they might be having to make significant changes in their school day to accommodate this, even though they're already doing, kind of, what the spirit of the law suggests. They could be giving 5 or 10 minutes times, 3 times a day. That doesn't count. So, it's... it's a new way of mandating minutes instead of the quality or guidelines. I just wonder what this does for our school day. We're not mandating the amount of math. We're not mandating the amount of science. But for unstructured play time, we are adding these restrictions. I will also say that we've heard from some really good educators on this who say that they like to have the flexibility to keep a student in during their recess to help them, or that the student might request that. And the teacher actually gives up their prep time in order to help these students, and they would no longer be able to do that. I totally understand your intention, Representative. We know K-5 students need time to... as the song my son listens to *Shake Their Sillies Out*. But this is not the way to go about it. I'm often frustrated that this Body thinks that it can better understand what individual

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students need more than their educators in their own schools.
And I would encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 29, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1091."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Willis is recognized."

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

Ortiz: "Yes."

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will. Please proceed."

Willis: "Thank you. Representative, what were the guidelines on this Bill originally?"

Ortiz: "The guidelines originally on this Bill were... the Bill was... for 60 minutes, it would... would require for schools, for play time, for at least 60 minutes. And it also was... would be applicable for grade levels K-8. So, it is now reduced to K-5, and it is now 30 minutes."

Willis: "And you worked really hard with those people that brought the concerns to come to this compromise, correct?"

Ortiz: "Yes. I worked with the Illinois Principals Association and the Illinois Association of School Administrators, and also the Illinois Education Association. And they are all now neutral with the Amendment."

Willis: "Thank you very much. And I don't know if you shared, but this was personal to you, correct?"

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Ortiz: "Yes. It's personal to me because I never had recess growing up. Ever. And I don't want to be... any child in our state to go without an opportunity to have recess."

Willis: "Thank you very much for sharing that. To the Bill. There was an article just yesterday about... I happened to see. And I can't tell you... unfortunately, I can't tell you where I saw it from. But it basically said that our youth of today do not get enough outside time. They do not get enough running around time, get those wiggles going and all of that kind of stuff. And it is great that some parents do take that into consideration and make sure their children have play time maybe after school. But so many of our kids don't have that opportunity, and it's difficult. I have a daughter who's a teacher, and it is difficult to fit everything that we put into... in the daily schedule. But I honestly believe that this is something we need to truly look at and recognize that, while many people hate mandates, I think this is one that is actually is going to do good for our students. Not only for their physical health, helping them get some extra exercise, but their mental health too, to just take a breather away from things. Many of us have found on the House Floor, when we're here for long periods of time, to go take a walk. It helps us refocus as we go back. I commend the Sponsor because he recognized the original Bill was a little bit too much to try to put into the day and has worked really hard to bring it down to lower level grades and reduce the amount of time. And because of his hard work to try to find that compromise, while I may personally think it's not the best thing, I do believe that this Bill has the right intent and we need to

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continue to work on this. But it is one that I am more than happy to vote 'yes' for. So, thank you so much, Representative, for all your hard work on this."

Speaker Andrade: "Members, there's many Members wishing to speak. We'll move to a five minute... five-minute timer. Representative LaPointe is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He will. He says he will."

LaPointe: "I just have a few questions on this, and some of them have been brought out already. But can you tell me a little bit more about the... the evidence based behind this Bill and why recess time leads to better outcomes for all our kids around the State of Illinois?"

Ortiz: "Representative LaPointe, thank you so much for that question. So, there's so much research that shows benefits of play. Play develops social skills, teaching children how to organize, cooperate, resolve conflict, share, and lead. It... play provides the freedom to choose what to do and who... and who to interact with. And I've found that other times during school, play can mitigate anxiety, depression, and stress. Regular breaks from structure and... structured instructional time and improved behavior. Some of the cognitive benefits of play are play gives children the freedom to be creative and explore. Break... breaks for play increase attention and on-task behavior and decrease fidgeting during academic time without a decrease in academic performance. Benefits of play time are even greater for children diagnosed with hyperactivity. Some of the physical benefits are children are most physically... children are most physically activity..."

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active during free play, even compared to physical education classes. And children are more active after school on days with recess and movement in school. Physical activity and mental... physical activity has mental and physical health benefits."

LaPointe: "Thank you for that. Another question I have is, you mentioned, yourself, growing up that you didn't have access to recess. Would you say that... is it kids that come from neighborhoods that have higher levels of poverty? Are those our kids that tend not to have access to recess?"

Ortiz: "Sorry, Representative. I don't really know how to answer that question. Could you phrase it differently?"

LaPointe: "I guess what I'm asking is, we're all aware that there is uneven access to resource across the State of Illinois."

Ortiz: "Yes."

LaPointe: "Are there any patterns in terms of kids that are coming from neighborhoods of high levels of poverty? Do those kids have less access to resources than children that grow up in areas with higher income levels?"

Ortiz: "Representative, that is... that... to my understanding, I... I definitely believe that is the case in many of the schools that are in Chicago. I worked at a Chicago public school, a high school, and there are times where I just... I was a security guard when I first started working at a high school. And during the lunch period, one of my tasks was to just tell kids to sit down. You got to be seated for 40 minutes. So, you got to give people a bit more freedom."

LaPointe: "Okay. Thank you for that. I, myself, have worked at a Chicago public school in the Humboldt Park neighborhood. And

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it was a neighborhood where kids could not necessarily go outside on the weekend and have free time play because there was a high risk of gun violence. I am so thankful for you for bringing this Bill forward. I wish it was more than 30 minutes, but it's not. I had a... I got recess when I was growing up, and I have great memories of unstructured times hanging out with my friends outside the school, developing imaginative games. I think this is so important for the cognitive and social-emotional development of our young people in every corner of Illinois. I strongly urge an 'aye' vote. And thank you, Representative Ortiz, for bringing this Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Swanson is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will."

Swanson: "Thank you. Thank you, Representative Ortiz. Couple questions. By adding 30 minutes to the day, are we going to require adding more time to the school day?"

Ortiz: "No, Representative Swanson. There will be no added time to the school day."

Swanson: "So, we heard on the committee from a couple administrators, one who highlighted that just his passing time in his school was 27 minutes per day. And we think about the testing, the state testing, that's required in reading, math, and science. These administrators are going to have to take time out of some class to make up that 30 minutes, or they drop, possibly, music. They drop, possibly, math... or art. Or they drop some other curriculum to make up for that

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30 minutes. And that was a concern of one of the principals.
What's your response to his and her concern?"

Ortiz: "Representative Swanson, the way the Bill is drafted, the school can implement this time in 15-minute segments. So, it doesn't necessarily have to be the full 30 minutes."

Swanson: "Right. So, if I do 15 minutes in the morning, 15 minutes in the afternoon, or however they do it..."

Ortiz: "Yeah."

Swanson: "...that has to come from somewhere. Does it come from that 45 minutes of math that was in the morning, now is down to 35 minutes because I have to put 10 minutes over here? Or is that reading class? I'm just trying to organize in my mind and how I would do this as an administrator to find 30 minutes of class... of recess every day without reducing the test scores that my students also have to take every year. So, just trying to figure that out."

Ortiz: "Well, Representative, it's up to the school's discretion on how it is that they will be implementing the 15 minutes. But it needs to be just in 15-minute segments and at least 30 minutes of the day."

Swanson: "Right. So... so, that doesn't answer my question because we're mandating this time. It's going to be up to the school, but yet we're mandating the time. So, now, they're going to have to take out of their curriculum to accommodate these 30 minutes. I'll move on. I'll move on to my next comment. We also heard one of the principals talk about... I think it was one of the comments that you might have made that there was no cost to this piece of legislation. And we learned that that, most likely, is not true. One administrator said they

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will have to hire a person at \$30 an hour to come in to cover these recess periods every day. And \$30 an hour, over 5 hours a day, \$150 bucks over... I mean, it starts adding up to 15 thousand to 20 thousand dollars pretty quickly with another mandate on our schools. So, I'm just concerned that, once again now, we're going to force a school to have extra costs that now is going to affect our property taxes. So, did you have any thoughts on how they can pay for this extra... extra employee?"

Ortiz: "Well, Representative, ISBE did apply a fiscal note on this, and they found that it wouldn't be necessarily a cost associated to this. But if I could also just quickly respond to... you mentioned there was an administrator, and that administrator was a middle school principal. So, just want you to be aware that this will not be applied to grades 6-8 anymore. So, just K-5."

Swanson: "Right. But the doctor who spoke was a K-5 administrator, and she's the one who brought up the fact about cost. And I understand ISBE would respond. It's no fiscal cost to them."

Ortiz: "Yeah. So..."

Swanson: "But the fiscal... the fiscal cost..."

Speaker Andrade: "Thirty seconds."

Swanson: "...is to the school, not to them."

Ortiz: "So, this counts towards clock hours. And so, you do not increase labor time."

Swanson: "But you increase supervisory time, which is a cost that has to be occurred by that school. So, I will just make my closing comments here. We talk about property taxes, we talk about mandates, and here's a mandate that could potentially

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add property taxes within our districts because schools now have another mandate to have recess. I'm not an anti-recess person, but I think it should be up to the school boards, it should be up to the administration, it should be about local control. And having been a substitute teacher from K-12 classes, I understand kids needs time to... to redirect, but I don't believe that the State of Illinois and this Body should be mandating those 30 minutes a day. So, that's my closing comments. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Davidsmeyer is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will. Please proceed."

Davidsmeyer: "So, I have an 11 year old who just finished fifth grade Friday. So, he's moving on to sixth grade. I want to start by thanking you for making some of the changes that you did make. I understand how important it is for kids to have, kind of, some down time to get... get that energy out. I also have a... a nine year old who's going into fourth grade. So, this will affect him for the next two years. A couple... one of the concerns I have is a lot of times schools will have what we call half days, they're not a true half day, but... but they have... they cut off maybe an hour and a half or two hours at the end of the day. On a day like that, are they still required to provide 30 minutes of... of play time?"

Ortiz: "Thank you, Representative. So, technically, after any school day less than five clock hours, play time shall be at least one-tenth, rather than one-fifth, of the day of attendance."

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Davidsmeyer: "Okay. I... I appreciate the... the thought on that. I generally don't support mandates. So, I probably won't support this. I... I think that we need to look at not just play time, but we also need to look at some lunch time issues as well. Because I think there's a lot of kids that go into lunch, and this may be one of the few meals they get... or one of the only meals they get during the day. And they're given maybe 15 minutes to quickly eat, and then they go out and play afterwards or whatever. I want to make sure we don't cut into something like that. The other thing I just want to announce really quick. My nine year old is playing in a soccer tournament in Pekin, Illinois right now. He just scored his first goal. So..."

Ortiz: "Congratulations, Representative."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah. I... I appreciate what you're trying to do. Like I said, I don't like mandates, but I understand the idea and I would certainly support the... the idea of encouraging more play time. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Weber... Leader Weber is recognized."

Weber: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will. Please proceed."

Weber: "Sorry if I missed the answers to some of these questions, so I just wanted to verify. Is this for public schools alone or is this for all schools?"

Ortiz: "This is just for public schools."

Weber: "Just for public schools. My other question would be, does days where there's gym class, would that eliminate the requirement?"

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Ortiz: "No. You cannot... you cannot substitute the physical education time with recess."

Weber: "All right. And I know I heard one of the other Representatives ask that if a teacher wanted to have a student stay in, that they weren't... were not allowed to do that. There would be a penalty for that? Is that correct?"

Ortiz: "I'm sorry. Can you repeat your question?"

Weber: "A teacher would not be able to have a student stay in for whatever reason from recess. That would not be allowed?"

Ortiz: "Well, Representative, play time could include organized games, and it doesn't necessarily have to... have to be outside, but it is encouraged that they do go outside."

Weber: "Okay. Thank you for that. I guess... I guess my concern is that... so, when I was in school, during recess, our teachers were always available for if you needed assistance on a project or needed help learning something. You had the option to stay in class and not go out to recess. Luckily, we were able to find a school that actually offered the same for our children when they were in grade school, and hopefully for my grandchildren when they're in school. Would this Bill allow for that? If a child who maybe was slower learning would be able to stay in during recess? 'Cause often times there is no other opportunity to get assistance during the school day. Would that be allowed?"

Ortiz: "So, Representative, one of the avenues in which that may occur is specifically for students who have an IEP or a Section 504 plan. And if there is intensive academic interventions that are needed with some of those students, that would... because it's included in the 504 plan or IEP,

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those students would be able to then stay inside to receive that academic support. So, currently with this language, that would be applicable to students with an IEP or 504."

Weber: "So, if a teacher wanted to offer that up to her students that didn't have that classification, a student that needed assistance would not be able to stay in?"

Ortiz: "They are... we are... again, we are encouraging them to go outside, but they are able to stay inside."

Weber: "All right. That does not sound like the answer that I heard before. So, if a student wanted to stay inside with class to have a teacher help him with work during... him or her... during the recess, that would be okay?"

Ortiz: "Recess is for unstructured time."

Weber: "To the Bill. I think this could have some unintended consequences on students who may be needing help on homework. Many teachers, again, like I said, that I have had over years, that my children had, offered during recess that they would be available to be able to help with assignments and help educate them if they needed help. And I don't think this Bill would allow that. I think... I do agree that I've seen many studies that boys, in particular, perform better when they do have recess and get better grades. So, I do agree with that part, but I think that this would have an affect on those students that might need help and that that is available during recess. And so, I'm not sure I will support it. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will. Please proceed."

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Keicher: "Representative Ortiz, thank you for bringing this. I have a very important first question that I want to ask you on this. Will you give any consideration to holding this Bill off until next spring, please?"

Ortiz: "No."

Keicher: "We are coming through the past year and months of seeing our children's academic process suffer to the point where academic experts across this country have talked about the learning deficit that all of our students are facing. As a father of three students, as a parent in our community, this is one of my gravest concerns. We've come through this devastating panic. We've forced these children to adapt. And while I think it is critically important that they have physical activity in their day, and I admire you bringing this, in this time, in this state, I think it is of wrong direction to walk away from academics when our children's future is facing a critical juncture to close the learning deficit that has occurred. I want to read to you a couple comments that I have from superintendents that I've texted this morning. We cannot support this. We're all trying to figure out how to find more time for academic interventions for students in need of remediation. There isn't enough time in the school day for this. Thank you for reaching out. We are strongly opposed to it. It will result in cutting times students need to work on ELA and math. It is one of the worst Bills affecting schools. It will require us to hire additional staff for supervision, or to negotiate a change in working conditions. We already provide 30 minutes every day in this level of class. We accommodate this in the classroom

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currently. It is an important part of our structure that we have. So, my question, Representative Ortiz, does the local school board currently have the power and authority to do this at the local level?"

Ortiz: "Representative, my understanding is they do."

Keicher: "Okay. So, we have a local level that this is able to do. Have any of the organizations pushing this Bill talked with a broad spectrum of school districts within the State of Illinois and have a survey available reflecting those responses?"

Ortiz: "Representative, not that I'm aware of. But this... I do want you to know that this Bill came out of... it was a recommendation that... of a task force that was created about 10 years ago in which the findings provided 30 minutes of school play time would support academic progress for students."

Keicher: "And while I appreciate this, I go back to the two core tenets that this will be wrong time for this coming out of this pandemic. And I want to ask you one more time, Representative. Would you concede to holding this for a year so that we can rescue the academics for our children to ensure that learning deficit is collapsed in a year where we have more failing grades in the State of Illinois than has ever been recorded before?"

Ortiz: "Representative Keicher, I believe we are rescuing academics, and we are rescuing academics with Senate Bill 654. And I would really appreciate an 'aye' vote from you, if you want to help me rescue academics."

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Keicher: I appreciate the dialogue, Representative. I'm encouraging a strong 'no' vote on behalf of our children."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Scherer is recognized."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to the Bill. I was a teacher, as you know, and I imagine you get tired of hearing that. But I taught for 30 years in grades K-5. I also taught educators getting their master's degree, and one the classes I taught was the power of brain-based learning. So, what did I learn from the power of brain-based learning? Was that when you go to recess, that's when you actually learn because then your neurons relax. And I won't into all the scientific with you, but that is when you learn. So, here's the problem. Also when I taught, every waking minute of every day, in the particular schools I was in, it was push, push, push, prepare for the test, prepare for the test, prepare for the test. It got to the point where the teachers wouldn't even eat in the teachers' lounge because your entire lunch was, 'What do you need for the test? Are you ready for the state test? The state test. Look at the scores. We have to be number one.' I was not in a school that had failing grades. I was in school that had the top scores. And every year it was push, push, push. So, my issue is, there's no lowering of the standards on the tests. There's no lengthening of the school day. There's no increasing teacher pay for them to work longer. Somehow, we're just supposed to ask teachers to pull a rabbit out of their hat. I would... I'm appalled that the City of Chicago does not have their students have recess. I've been in buildings where recess was cut out. And I can tell you exactly why it was cut out. It was because the people who sat in these green chairs

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decided that the only way to know if children learned was to make them test, test, test. And so, the schools, the teachers, the principals, the students feel so much pressure from these tests that they don't even feel there's time to go out and play because there's so much anxiety. I had a child in the middle of one of the tests go down to the boy's bathroom and peed in the sink because he was so nervous he didn't even hardly know what he's doing. I had another girl pee her pants in her chair because she was so nervous to have to get up and leave during a test. And guess whose fault that is, folks? It's yours. I would say it's mine, but I've never voted for a test on a student a day in my life. So, for that one, I will not take responsibility. So, again, in conclusion, my concern is, this is an excellent Bill, if we lower our standards on our testing. And if we're going to expect teachers to fit this in to a crammed schedule, we're going to pay teachers what they deserve as we have... are forced to lengthen their school day. So, I would really like to see... Chicago School District, listen up and start giving your students some resources in recess and maybe your scores would go up. But beside the point, you can't keep shoving stuff down teachers' throats and wonder why we have such a teacher shortage. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Crespo is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates he will."

Crespo: "Representative Ortiz, thank you for bringing this. Obviously, this is very important to you. You've worked really hard. And I appreciate your efforts working with the... the

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entities that were against this Bill. As you recall, in committee, we didn't get testimony from some folks. And we had, I believe, he was an administrator or a principal that talked about how they structure the school day and he talked about passing. And I guess that meant they have to quantify and factor how long does it take students to pass from one class to the other, and they quantified it. And my question back then, and I'll ask the question again. According to my analysis, our analysis, it says that the time spent dressing or undressing for outdoor play shall not... shall not count towards the daily time for play. Can you tell this Body how long... can you quantify how long would it take for these students to get ready, undress or dress for recess?"

Ortiz: "Representative Crespo, thank you for that question. I can't necessarily quantify that time. I'm not sure how long it would actually take. But that's a great question."

Crespo: "Would you say 5 to 10 minutes, perhaps? Does that sound reasonable?"

Ortiz: "I would say when it just becomes routine and becomes a little bit less, about five minutes, maybe less."

Crespo: "Okay. So, let's say five minutes for the purposes of discussion here. That would add, if you figure 5 minutes and 2 15-minute increment recesses, that's like another 10 minutes or 15 minutes. Now, you're... we're at 40, 45 minutes. If it takes longer than that, we're close to an hour. Let me ask you this, Representative. During inclement weather, because we are... according to the Bill, it does encourage that this recess take place outdoors, correct?"

Ortiz: "Yes. Correct."

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Crespo: "Yeah. What if it's 20 below 0? I don't think you want the kids outdoors, right?"

Ortiz: "No. Absolutely not."

Crespo: "Right. So, then they have the option of having recess indoors. But let's say that the gym is being used for a P.E. class. What... what options do the administrators have?"

Ortiz: "Representative, you can actually... I mean, again, you can hold it indoors and you can have organized games. Organized games, it would be inside. But we do want to just shift away from the phones and the tablets."

Crespo: "But... but when you say organized games, is that considered structure or unstructured?"

Ortiz: "Unstructured. A few games that are there for them to play. Not necessarily the teachers are organizing for them, but just organized games inside."

Crespo: "Okay. Thank you. And to the Bill. The idea is a great idea. And I think no one disputes that research does indicate that recess does have its benefits. I think where I'm torn, especially after talking to some of my superintendents, is the implementation of this right now. One of the earlier speakers talked about that we should continue to work on this, that we need to look at this. And I think this still needs more work so we can address those implementation issues, especially in light of the fact, and someone brought this before, that because of the pandemic we're dealing with this learning deficit, which is a huge issue in education nowadays. And this was a recommendation made by a task force 10 years ago, way before the pandemic. I don't think they... they were aware that there would have been a learning deficit that we

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needed to deal with. So, I'll continue listening to debate. But, once again, I'm just concerned about the implementation. I think this will need some more work. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Didech is recognized."

Didech: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates he will."

Didech: "Thank you. Representative Ortiz, I just want to drill down a little bit into the practical effect of this Bill and how this is going to work and be responsive to some of the concerns that were raised. So, am I reading this correctly? This Bill will require schools to provide daily time for supervised, unstructured, child-directed play. Is that accurate?"

Ortiz: "That is accurate."

Didech: "And this does not force any child to do anything the child does not want to do. Is that right?"

Ortiz: "That is right."

Didech: "So, if during this time, if the child doesn't feel like playing basketball or doesn't feel like playing on the playground, the child is not going to be dragged out there and forced to do something he doesn't want to do?"

Ortiz: "That is absolutely correct."

Didech: "So, if, during this time, the child doesn't feel like running around, he'd rather sit down and read a book, that's... that's something that child would be permitted to do. Is that right?"

Ortiz: "That is right."

Didech: "And if he'd rather... he doesn't feel like running around, he'd rather work on his studies, he'd rather sit down with

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the teacher, we're not going to drag the child out there and force him to do something he doesn't want to do?"

Ortiz: "We won't."

Didech: "Right. So, that's..."

Ortiz: "School districts won't."

Didech: "And just to further clarify, this only applies for kindergarten through fifth grade as well. Is that correct?"

Ortiz: "Yes, Representative. That is correct."

Didech: "All right. Thank you for clarifying that. To the Bill. I know the Sponsor has worked very, very hard on this Bill with the other stakeholders to find a compromised solution. I don't think this Bill, at all, will inhibit ability for a child to get extra help with his studies or to work with his teachers if that's what he decides to do. I think this is a very sound compromise, and I will strongly encourage an 'aye' vote on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative McLaughlin is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates he will."

McLaughlin: "Sponsor, I rise at the request of Representative Seth Lewis, who couldn't be here today. Like many of us, he's enjoying graduation with his family. But I'll be short. Many of you know Representative Lewis has worked tirelessly on this Bill. He has a unique connection to the education community. He has a few questions I'd like to ask. One of them is, can the districts ask for a waiver from this requirement?"

Ortiz: "Representative, that is not in the legislation."

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McLaughlin: "Okay. And Representative Lewis also wanted me to mention, on his behalf, that his evaluation has this Bill harming certain school districts and.. although it may help some in yours, it may harm others outside of your general area. So, with that, I urge a 'no' vote. But thank you for your response."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Mah is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will. Please proceed."

Mah: "Representative Ortiz, I want to thank you for your work on this Bill. And I just want to ask a couple of questions to clarify some things. So, haven't there been countless studies showing that physical activity and unstructured play actually increases concentration and helps with brain development and, ultimately, with academic achievement for young students?"

Ortiz: "Yes, Representative. That is correct."

Mah: "And wouldn't you say that, after a year or more without social interaction for these kids, where we've had remote learning, that the opportunity to play together in an unstructured way with their friends, having that interaction is valuable to improving learning loss and.. and improving academic achievement?"

Ortiz: "Learning loss has been.. absolutely. That would.. this would promote.. students would feel.. we have faced a crisis, public health crisis, in which many students have not been outside, have not been with their friends for many years. So, you're absolutely right, Representative."

Mah: "And wouldn't you say that, for those who are concerned about teachers not having the time to work with kids, that there

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are other times during the day that this can be an option?
For example, the lunch hour or before and after school?"

Ortiz: "Yes, Representative. That is correct. As a college and career counselor and as a teacher assistant, we would often times go into lunch periods or before school or after school to... to support this additional academic interventions."

Mah: "Thank you, Representative Ortiz. To the Bill. I think that this is an incredibly important Bill that offers valuable time for young brains to develop and for kids to have more time to develop their well-being. And it ultimately helps with greater academic achievement. We're building a strong foundation for success, future, and life... for success later in life when you give kids the opportunity for more unstructured play. Thank you so much. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "The Chair recognizes Representative Ortiz to close."

Ortiz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Outside of school, many children have few opportunities for free play. And poor and low income children and children of color are less likely to have time for play at school and more likely to have play time withheld as punishment. Play is a major part of the school day and around the world, Turkey, Finland, Uganda, Singapore, Japan and the UK. A hundred and ninety-six countries recognize play time as a human right by ratifying the convention of the rights of the child. Again, this does not affect IEPs or 504 plans. This will... play time will only be for 30 minutes throughout the day, and it could be in segments of 15 minutes. Kids can get help before, during, and after school. This Bill

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does not take away from one-on-one time for instruction. I please urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 654 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is now open. 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 60 'yay'... voting in 'favor', 52 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1655, on Third Reading. Leader Harris is recognized. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1655, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Harris, please proceed."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a land conveyance and acquisition Bill for a... DNR and IDOT, and also contains some corrections on previous Bills. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1665 (sic-1655) pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is now open. All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting in 'favor', 2 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government

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Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 29, 2021: recommends be adopted, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 832. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on May 29, 2021: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 815. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 29, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 2279. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 362, offered by Representative Buckner. House Resolution 363, offered by Representative Morgan. And House Resolution 365, offered by Representative Ford."

Speaker Andrade: "Members, an announcement. This is a reminder of House Rule 51.5. Please remember to wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth, except for when necessary for eating or drinking. This includes when speaking on the microphone at your desk and prior to the start of Session. Again, please remember to wear a face covering, including while speaking on the microphone. That's pursuant to House Rule 51.5. Thank you. Leader Evans is recognized."

Evans: "Yeah, just a quick point of personal privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Evans: "Yeah. Today I have with me... I just want the record to reflect that Marcus C. Evans, III, is making his first official visit to Springfield. So, after all the parent caucus, we miss our children. I know I miss my son. He's two and half. So, my... the grandmamma and grandfather were nice

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enough to bring him down. So, thank you to his grandparents.
And give a round of applause to Marcus C. Evans, III, my joy."

Speaker Andrade: "Under Third Reading, Senate Bill 2122,
presented... offered by Representative Slaughter. Mr. Clerk,
please return this Bill to the Order of Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2122, a Bill for an Act concerning
courts. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is
offered by Representative Slaughter."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Slaughter to explain the
Amendment."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is about minors.
The Amendment reflects a technical clarification that the
substantive provisions do pertain only to minors. I move for
its adoption. I'd like explain the Bill on Third Reading."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Slaughter moves adoption of
Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those
opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'
have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments,
Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2122, a Bill for an Act concerning
courts. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Slaughter is recognized."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of
the House. As I present Senate Bill 2122, please take the
opportunity to glance up at the big board. What you'll find
is a robust, dynamic, bipartisan team of Sponsors and Leaders.
This Bill prohibits the use of deceptive tactics when a minor

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in custody is being interrogated. The objective of Senate Bill 2122 is to prevent minors from making false confessions. There have been a hundred wrongful convictions in Illinois predicated on false confessions. Minors make up 31 of these cases. Research, experience, and common sense tell us that minors are more likely... between two and three times more likely to falsely confess to crimes they didn't commit. Those in committee heard me talk about a story of Mr. Terrill Swift. Mr. Swift was wrongly convicted... a wrongly convicted teenager in the Englewood Four case that was sentenced to 36 years in prison for a false confession. Thirty-six years. And, yes, he was later exonerated on DNA evidence, but only after serving over 15 years in prison. Terrill Swift's story is all too common to hear in the State of Illinois. With Senate Bill 2122, of course, we want to prevent lives from being destroyed, but there are two other critical issues that we're addressing with this Bill. First of all, fiscal responsibility. The Englewood Four case cost our state taxpayers over \$30 million. This is one case. These civil settlements are costing our state millions and millions of dollars. And also on top of that, taxpayers are paying unnecessary costs to incarcerate individuals that are innocent. Secondly, I really wanted to touch on public safety. And when we talk about criminal justice reform, sometimes this does get lost. When we incarcerate the wrong individual, the actual offender is still out in the community. More times than not, we find that these offenders are... are continuing to commit further crimes. Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, I really wanted to hone in on this. It's something that I'm happy

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about, something that I'm excited about. This is not only a criminal justice reform Bill that has bipartisan sponsorship support, but equally important, has strong support from our law enforcement partners. Let me repeat that. This Bill has strong support from our law enforcement partners. In particular, our Chiefs of Police and our States Attorneys Association. We collaborated with the States Attorneys Association to put forth two significant Amendments at their request. First, as it relates to prosecutors proving the voluntariness of confessions, we lowered the burden of proof standard to make that easier for them. Secondly, we limited what qualifies as an inadmissible statement. We wanted to clarify that a statement made by the minor that incriminates someone else would still be admissible, even if deception was used. Of course, the state's attorneys wanted this to continue to gather important information about their cases, to continue to develop investigations as they go about their work. With Senate Bill 2122, we are addressing, once and for all, a long-standing issue with wrongful convictions and false confessions of minors. This Bill has bipartisan support. Again, supported by key entities of law enforcement, supported by our Chiefs of Police and our States Attorneys Association. I urge a 'yes' vote on this important Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Durkin is recognized."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield? First of all, I want to thank Representative Slaughter for allowing myself and Representative Windhorst, both former county prosecutors, the opportunity to have a thorough discussion about every aspect

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of this Bill. Thank you to you and also our staff who put in some time and effort on it. This is a very good example of what we can do for the State of Illinois in a bipartisan, collaborative way. And this has been a good experience for all of us. So, let me say this. My first impressions of the Bill, I was reluctant to support it. I had concerns. When we make changes to the Code of Criminal Procedure, it's more complicated than you really think, and particularly when you're not a practitioner. So, having tried many criminal cases, felony cases, participated, argued motions to suppress on confessions, motions to quash, I think I have standing to make some observations on this and try to help this process move along. But I just want to say that, from my belief, is that I firmly believe our criminal justice system is not about convictions. It is about seeking the truth. That is paramount. With that being said, deception should have no part in our criminal justice system, and even more so for juvenile defense... defendants. As we discuss this with members of the Northwestern Wrongful Conviction Group and the Illinois Innocence Project, the case that really pushed me over the top was a young man by the name of Brendan Dassey, a 16 year old implicated in a murder in Wisconsin. He was part of *Making a Murderer* series. He was interrogated 4 times over a 48-hour period. Watching that videotaped interrogation multiple times, it was very clear to me that there was coercion and deception that was levied upon 16-year-old Brendan Dassey. It became also very clear to me that this 16 year old did not have the mental capacity to understand his Miranda rights, nor have the capacity to waive those rights. Despite my

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observations and thoughts, he was convicted, sentenced to natural life in prison. Even though appeals have failed, some of when... they've won, I'm hoping that he will have another day in court. So, I will say this, that this is clearly something that I believe is the right thing to do. I often don't say this on criminal justice Bills. But Representative Windhorst and I are of the firm belief that coercion has no place within our criminal justice system, and particularly with juvenile defendants. One question I just have for you, 'cause it's really... it could be a question of process and procedure, you're going to have motions to suppress in most of these cases. It's just going to be the word and the testimony of those officers... or officers who were present for the confession. So, I just want to ask, for purposes of record, that in that situation where there is only the officer's testimony and it is clear that there's no... that none of the officers have been rebutted, none of their testimony has been rebutted nor impeached, is that a factor that a court should consider in determining voluntariness?"

Slaughter: "Leader Durkin, the short and simple answer is yes. But I'd be remised if I didn't take just a couple minutes to really highlight your efforts and your Leadership on this Bill. I want to thank you for your collaborative spirit. Also, Representative Windhorst as well. Your experience on this subject matter makes you an expert. And as a Sponsor of the Bill, I thank you and appreciate you bringing your expertise to this discussion. To the essence of the question, and we have both shared a concern that we needed to provide clarity and guidance to the courts, guidance to judges in regards to

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these particular matters. And, yes, if the officer is not impeached, if there is not deception, if the testimony of the officer or officers that were there during the confession is unrebutted, this does constitute voluntariness."

Durkin: "Thank you very much. And just want to make it perfectly clear that this Bill is supported by the Illinois States Attorney Association and also the Chiefs of Police. So, they believe in the wisdom of this Bill as well. So, before I finish, I just want to mention one of my constituents who is with the Illinois Innocence Project, Lauren Kaeseberg, who... you always got to listen to your constituents, but she's a very good attorney and she was very helpful in me getting to this conclusion. So, again, Representative Slaughter, thank you for your patience, your understanding, and your cooperation. And I recommend an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Tarver is recognized."

Tarver: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I apologize by my attire. I had to change a flat tire this morning. Representative Slaughter, I just have one quick question."

Speaker Andrade: "To the Bill or..."

Tarver: "To the Bill, yeah. I have just one quick question. So, when we speak of minors as it relates to this Bill, is that just based on age?"

Slaughter: "Yes. Under 18, Representative."

Tarver: "Okay. So, if we had a 30 year old with some intellectual cognitive disability, then this would not apply to them? It's not anybody who's been, essentially, adjudicated as a minor?"

Slaughter: "Yeah, that... we're not capturing and addressing that scenario in this Bill. However, we're going to continue to

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work on... on a Bill that would address that, Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Okay. So, obviously, this is a Bill that's good. Happy to support it. I would just have a strong request that, as you continue to look at issues like this, that it's not solely based on age but, to some extent, at least intellectual and cognitive ability. Because I don't know that a 35 year old, who is essentially functioning with a mindset of a 14 year old, should have deception used on him or her in any manner that's different because they're not 18 or under. So, I would just say, again, this is a great Bill. I'm obviously going to vote for it. But it might be something that we should look at collectively as a chamber because I don't think we want that unintended consequence."

Slaughter: "I totally agree, Representative, and look forward to, obviously, continuing to work with you on this particular matter."

Tarver: "Thank you. I appreciate it."

Speaker Andrade: "The Chair recognizes Senator Slaughter to close."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As many of you may know, unfortunately, Illinois leads the nation for wrongful convictions. This has undoubtedly led us to a need for interrogations reform. With Senate Bill 2122, we take a significant step forward in protecting our minors from false confessions. While we may not always agree on criminal justice reform, I do believe we all agree that we should have a system that does not incarcerate individuals that are innocent.

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Let's turn the page and put this important safeguard in to protect our Illinois minors. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2122 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Under Third Reading, Senate Bill 2129, offered by Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2129, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Cassidy is recognized."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Senate Bill 2129 is a Bill that I've been working on since, I believe, 2017 in partnership with Matt Jones of the States Attorney Association. This represents a lot of input from all parties and addresses the opportunities... it creates the opportunity for a prosecutor, at their discretion, to motion to resentence defendants such as in situations when someone is serving a longer sentence than they would if sentenced today. A good example of that would be, for example, when we eliminated felony prostitution. That still left people serving time for... for those cases. It preserves the rights established by the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. And it allows the court to consider post-conviction factors in determining whether or not someone should be eligible for a resentencing hearing. And I ask for your support."

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Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall'... Representative Carroll."

Carroll: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Andrade: "She indicates she will."

Carroll: "Yeah, I just want to make sure, Representative Cassidy, I see there's one person in opposition. I'm going to guess this person just may have filled this out incorrectly. Is that correct?"

Cassidy: "I believe so."

Carroll: "Okay. Thank you. That's all I have. Thanks."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2129 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... Clerk, take the record, please. On this question, there are 61 voting in 'favor', 48 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Under Third Reading, Senate Bill 2158, offered by Representative Buckner. Clerk, out of the record. Under Third Reading, Senate Bill 2182, offered by Representative Walker. Clerk... Clerk, please take this Bill back to Second, please."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2182, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2... Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Walker."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Walker to explain the Amendment."

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Walker: "I move to... move Floor Amendment #2 and debate on Third.
It is simply a change in effective date."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Walker moves the adoption of
Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed
say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it.
And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr.
Clerk?"

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

Speaker Andrade: "Mr. Walker, please proceed."

Walker: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading."

Walker: "Thank you very much. Senate Bill 2182, as amended, is
about the data center incentive program, which is only just
over two years old in Illinois and has become one of the most
successful programs for building jobs and building
opportunity and building the infrastructure of the state. It
is... and that is to the credit of the state, the industry, the
advocates, labor, everyone involved. We are now rated by some
organizations as the number two area in the entire world for
data center construction. Other organizations rate us as... in
actual construction, as the number three in the United States.
That's a credit to this program. The spirit of this Bill, as
amended, is continuous improvement. I'm going to go through
some of the elements, and then we'll talk about questions and
disagreements on this Bill. The original Bill provides
certificates of exemption for a 20-year period but to be
renewed and reviewed every 5 years for such things as use
taxes, service use taxes, occupation taxes, Chicago taxes,
income taxes is applied to data centers. A local and real

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estate tax, which is not our purview, but they are often offered to these programs. In fact, the economic environment, as related to taxation, is extremely strong and matches it or succeeds any other state in the union. And these are economically very viable projects, which is why we attract them in... in numbers. We have over 5 billion in investments so far, multiple billions in discussion. It supports thousands of construction jobs and then at least hundreds of ongoing jobs. The reason that this really started before we started the tax program is because Illinois, and I'm always proud of Illinois, leads the nation in producing advanced engineering degrees in our higher education system. We are still the backbone of distribution in the United States because of our location. We have all kinds of trained labor and skilled labor and are rated very highly in that, and these kinds of organizations need that. And there's a synergy for being a high tech state that even flows to our venture capital world where, although we are among the top five venture capital markets in the country, in fact, among those, our venture capital programs that get funded have the highest rate of profitability. So, we have all kinds of things going for us beyond this tax program and... and therefore, it's successful. What this Bill does, it has a bunch of elements, but I'll mention four that were pushed by and... by the industry itself, which we're happy to work with, and one that is more pushed by the state and the labor organizations in the state, which I support. Number one, it clarifies a campus style data center, opening up data centers not to just one facility but to facilities that can be linked by infrastructure, but within

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five miles of each other. Because data centers, it turns out, can be built in large geographic areas, but they can still be considered a data center. For us to expand the benefits of this program to that greatly expands the benefits to the businesses we're dealing with and reflects reality on what is happening on the ground. It clarifies for companies which jobs can be counted as jobs related to their commitments to the state, and thereby receiving tax benefits for those jobs. We also required green building certificates for these entities that became very difficult to achieve. So, we extended the certification of green building from 90 days to 2 years. Again, at the industry request. We further defined tenants so that tenants and affiliated tenants, which could be an affiliated business that actually helps operate the facilities, can be counted and can get all of these tax breaks. That's all defined in the... in the Bill. We added to this an Amendment that has become controversial, to say the least, that is a... required a labor peace agreement between these entities upon recertification or renewal, which ordinarily occurs five years after the original certification. A labor peace agreement that is... requires a memorandum of understanding between the parties within a 180 days of applying for that labor peace agreement. The procedures for the purpose of ensuring an orderly environment for employees of their rights within the National Labor Relations Act and to avoid picketing and other economic actions directed at the employer by that potential labor entity. Now, the... the Amendment itself narrowly defines what jobs are meant to be covered by this. Which we could read the

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language, but they are essentially the supporting systems of... of HVAC cooling systems, chillers, piping, that kind of system. It is not expand to just willy nilly anybody that just happens to be in that facility doing sales, doing customer service, doing anything like that. It's about those... those operating engineer jobs. It is limited to that. It does not require unionization. That is not in this Bill, although that's been claimed. What it does require is a labor peace agreement, whereby the two entities may agree that there is a referral process of trained engineers for these specific functions to be reviewed by an agreed process with the employer for up to 48 hours, and then beyond if agreed. And then if a... the referral hall... this is not a hiring hall, it's a referral hall in the lingo... produces qualified... does not produce qualified candidates, then the... number one, the company is free to pick from qualified candidates or the company is free to hire on their own through another process. So, it is not a mandated hiring process. Now, I will... I will say that this could lead to that. It is not a unionization mandate, but it could lead to that through a fair and open normal election process. And so, there's been a lot of push back that this is a demand for unionization. And I will fully admit that if all these parties act completely appropriately, both the employer and employees, but especially the employees might well vote to belong to a union, but that is not required in this Bill. So, I am now open for questions."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Walker, please hold for a second. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2182, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Demmer is recognized."

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

Walker: "Certainly."

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates he will."

Demmer: "Representative Walker, this Bill, Senate Bill 2182, when it came to us from the Senate, it was in an agreed form. It passed the Senate unanimously. And I was excited to jump on as a chief cosponsor and fully support what was essentially a technical cleanup Bill that had been negotiated between the industry and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to clean up some miscellaneous provisions in what has been one of the most successful economic development incentive programs in the State of Illinois over the last two years. When you took sponsorship of the Bill in the House, did you intend to introduce Amendments or run the unanimously supported cleanup Bill that came from the Senate?"

Walker: "Well, I intended to take the Bill and run it, and I intended to review it and see if it could be improved upon and have Amendments."

Demmer: "And when you chose to introduce an Amendment in the House, the unanimous support that we saw in the Senate, did that unanimous support continue or did that bring about opposition?"

Walker: "It created opposition."

Demmer: "So, what had been an agreed negotiated process suddenly took a very significant turn here. And now, I believe, the

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very organizations who were supportive of the Bill in the Senate are now opposed in the House. Is that correct?"

Walker: "That's correct."

Demmer: "I have a few questions to ask about your intent with this Bill and some of the... some of the language that's used in the Bill, and then I have some comments to make. So, I'll start with the questions. Will a labor peace agreement be required for existing memorandums of understanding or agreements that DCEO has with data center incentive recipients?"

Walker: "They will be required upon renewal. The current data center agreements that we have will not be abrogated or not go away. But if an entity wishes to apply for new certificates of exemption or renew certificates of exemption, then this becomes applicable."

Demmer: "Will it apply to currently pending applications at DCEO?"

Walker: "It will... similarly, the effective date has been moved to January 2022. And any current party negotiating with DCEO who signs an agreement prior to the effective date will be in the same situation where they will... they will not have to have this... this Bill applied to them until five years after their current agreement."

Demmer: "So, a company who has a completed application currently under review by DCEO, if DCEO does not approve that application before January 1, this would apply to them immediately. Is that correct?"

Walker: "That's my understanding. Yes."

Demmer: "So, they would've had applied... they would've had completed their application under the existing rules, but

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because of a delay in the processing of that application, they could be subject to a new set of rules?"

Walker: "That is technically correct, yes. So, I believe the intent is for the agreements to be resolved by January 1, 2022 for them to be exempt."

Demmer: "I think that this is a key point here, and this goes to one of the items that's a... has attracted quite a bit of attention, which is the idea of changing the rules midstream. We literally have three applications for new data centers pending before DCEO today. And if those applications are not approved prior to the effective date of this, the applications will have been built under one set of rules. And in the meantime, during a processing period, the rules will have completely changed. If you're an applicant, you may reconsider your application. You may reconsider participating in a program if the rules change midstream. I have another question for your legislative intent. Will the requirement to enter into labor peace agreements apply to tenants in a data center?"

Walker: "Normally, no. However, there is a definition of affiliated tenant in the data center, which is a tenant that does, in fact, operate... help operate the data center. And they could be covered if they have workers that are filling these roles. So, they would have to have both the workers and get the tax credits for being an affiliated tenant of the operating center."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Demmer, your time has expired. Would someone yield you time? Leader Welter yields his time."

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Demmer: "All right. Thank you. I'd also like to ask, for your legislative intent, will the employer or the data center retain the right and authority to make their own higherings and fill vacancies or job openings, or will that responsibility fall to the union through the labor peace agreement?"

Walker: "That responsibility will not fall to the union necessarily through the labor peace agreement. It would fall to the union if the union and the entity that is the company agrees to that. Now, however..."

Demmer: "And... the labor peace agreement is required to be entered into. That gives a pretty significant amount of negotiating authority to the union to sign a corresponding labor peace agreement. And you're saying that, theoretically, that... not just theoretically but practically, they could say we want authority and control over vacancies. And that's a condition of entering into this labor peace agreement, without which you lose your certification."

Walker: "I hear that argument. That's not the intent."

Demmer: "Did you... during this discussion, as we've talked about one of the key items here, I think, is that what had been a positive, agreed to, negotiated Bill took a significant turn here in the House. Did you talk to the companies who are affected by this and consider alternate language from them and address some of their concerns?"

Walker: "I did not talk to them directly, but I talked to people who said that they were representing their interests."

Demmer: "Thank you. I'll go to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the Data Center Incentive Act is one of the most

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successful economic development tools the State of Illinois has today. When it passed in 2019, within a few months we already saw multibillion dollar investments come to Illinois that otherwise wouldn't have been on the table because we had no such incentive in place. Data centers are... it's a highly mobile industry. We all know that where the data gets beamed to your phone from doesn't make a lot difference, whether it's on one side of a border or another. We knew, as a highly competitive industry in which data centers have a lot of choices of where to locate, there are some great reasons why they want to locate in Illinois. We needed to give an incentive to make sure we were competitive financially with other states, and that's precisely what this program has delivered. In my own district, Facebook is making a more than \$1 billion investment in a brand new data center employing thousands, thousands of good paying union jobs in the construction process. And as a criteria of receiving this incentive, are required to have good paying jobs, paying 20 percent more than median wages for ongoing jobs forever. When this data center incentive was put together, it was a result of bipartisan negotiations, negotiations with labor, with the industry, with the Department of Commerce, with Legislators of both political parties, and we struck a balance. We struck the right balance to ensure that we are protecting good paying jobs in Illinois, but to ensure, also, that we gave the companies that are making these multibillion dollar investments that they had some predictability, that they knew what the arrangement was that they were getting into. And now, only a few years into the very first iteration of this

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program, we're already making a proposal to change the rules midstream. To change the rules after a billion dollar commitment has been made to the state, after multiple data centers have cited this very incentive as the reason they've chosen the State of Illinois. The Governor's been a big supporter and proponent of this program as well. In fact, it attracted some positive attention for Illinois when it was reported that the New York Stock Exchange could locate their data center in Illinois. The New York Stock Exchange could locate their data center in Illinois. And the Governor's Office was using the Data Center Incentive Act as a critical tool in recruiting that hundreds of millions of dollars in investment and thousands of jobs that it would create for the State of Illinois. We can't lose this competitive advantage that we have. We can't send a signal to people who are making multibillion dollar decisions that two years later the rules might change on them. And that... that an exemption, that a certificate they thought was going to last for 20 years, now every 5 years could have a whole slew of new requirements that are thrown on the table. This is not the kind of balance that was struck when we had broad bipartisan support for this two years ago. This alters that balance, and it does so at the payroll of one the most successful tools that we have in our... in our arsenal today. Let's support the underlying program. Let's support the balance that was struck. Let's support the commitments that have been made. And let's support growth, investment in a new and developing industry right here in Illinois to employ good paying union jobs here in the State of Illinois. On this Bill, as amended, vote 'no'."

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Speaker Andrade: "Leader Wheeler is recognized."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, let me request a verification of this vote should it receive the requisite number."

Speaker Andrade: "Your wish has been noted."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will."

Wheeler: "I am grateful for that. Thank you. Representative Walker, you and I have talked many times. We share an up.. a wish, a desire, real passion for the idea of making Illinois a great place for people to come and do business. We've talked about that on many occasions. You agree with that, don't you?"

Walker: "Oh, yes."

Wheeler: "And we see the path forward through things that we do like the data center incentive managed by DCEO as one of those paths that we agree on. This is a great tool for the State of Illinois."

Walker: "Yes."

Wheeler: "So, let me ask you a couple questions about why we're changing this today the way we're changing it. First of all, you're.. in this Amendment, I'm seeing a Section that refers to a labor peace agreement. Is that defined anywhere in the Amendment?"

Walker: "It's not defined specifically in the Amendment. No."

Wheeler: "Is it defined anywhere else that I can point to so I understand what that actually means?"

Walker: "It's actually been used in Illinois for a while now. It was part of the cannabis Bill for the production facilities for cannabis."

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Wheeler: "Okay. Without that... without that context, I think it's really going to be hard for some companies to understand what they..."

Walker: "Yes."

Wheeler: "...would be subjecting themselves to. I ask that question because just a little later on, in this part of the Amendment, it refers to, 'For the purposes of this subsection, critical system or equipment'... which is what's referred to for the... the part referring to labor peace agreement... 'includes, but is not limited to', and then a series of things that would run the data center, pumps, chillers and coolers, fire lines, safety equipment, things of that nature. But a data center really has a much larger purpose. It's not just a building itself. And the critical system or equipment, the most critical system or equipment, has got to be the servers inside of a data center. That's what the data center is for. It doesn't work without the servers inside it. So, without limiting, and I mean limiting, this Amendment to just being those things, we open ourselves up to all kinds of ways where we could see tenants... I'm a tenant. I rent space in a data center in Illinois with my company. I would be concerned about having to go through extra process of signing a labor peace agreement if that would be subject to me in some way. And you mentioned before that it wasn't a clear answer about whether or not tenants could be subjected to this particular language. Can you help me understand or put to bed, somehow, my concerns about this part of the... of the Amendment?"

Walker: "Yeah. Let's... let's put it to bed. The intent of that Amendment... and we've gone back and forth on the language. The

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intent is not to cover the servers. It's not to cover that core equipment about data processing. It's about to cover these things that are listed and similar items that we... the only reason it says and... and not limited to that could be some other named system that is similar that supports the environment."

Wheeler: "But yet, the language still leaves us open to that. So, I guess my request to you, as my colleague, who we share a very similar vision of how to improve Illinois' business climate, create very important jobs, is there any way we could withdraw these Amendments and then let the Bill pass through with the things we all agree on a hundred percent and come back to this issue clarifying these terms so that they can actually be used in a way that give complete, I guess, just comfort to those who would be making agreements to tenants like me who might want to expand into a larger data center, one of the ones that's been incentivized by this state to move forward? We're putting a brick, unnecessarily, in my opinion, on a little bit of language here that probably could be clarified and limited to just what your real intent is without holding up the rest of the process here. Is that something you could consider?"

Walker: "What I will consider, and one of the reasons I extended the effective date, was I... I certainly will consider detailed discussions between the industry and DCEO on how to apply this language."

Wheeler: "But... so the... remind me again, the effective date is... is it the 1st of '22?"

Walker: "'22."

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Wheeler: "So, the soonest we could get something done would be in a Veto Session, correct?"

Walker: "The soonest an agreement would have to be reached on this would have to... would be six months after that date. Well, the latest, up to six months after that date. It's a year from now."

Wheeler: "Well, if you... you had an immediate effective date in this Bill prior..."

Walker: "Right."

Wheeler: "...and you've changed it to a future date. You can do an immediate effective date in a trailer Bill that would remedy that."

Walker: "Yeah. If... if a trailer Bill is necessary."

Wheeler: "If, if, if. There's a lot of ifs here. The way to make this certain would be to actually pull this out, these Amendments today, let the underlying Bill pass through which has some important elements that we agree on, and then do the entire thing in a trailer Bill later on that's negotiated with certainty for the data center construction people, the data center management people, as well as the tenants for those data centers. That, to me, makes the most sense as a process for us to go forward and keeping this program intact for the people that we agree could take advantage of it and should and will."

Speaker Andrade: "Wheeler, your time has expired. Would someone yield time? Representative Reick yields the time."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Speaker. You see where I'm coming from, Representative? This is just a... we could do this a different way and not add any uncertainty to a data center program in

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Illinois. If we just follow a different approach, it would get you where you still want to go in the time frame you still want to get there in."

Walker: "I hear your request. I'm moving forward as is it."

Wheeler: "Thank you for answering my questions. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, we've just outlined a very clear, simple process that we could take to keep our data center program, which is by all accounts one of the most successful programs that we've had over the last, at least, decade. We've seen immediate, immediate response from the industry. Illinois is a... an amazingly perfect place to put data centers in this country and in this world. Representative Demmer mentioned the fact that they're in his district. I know they... they were approaching those that's in my district, just down the road from where the Facebook center is right now being constructed, for the same kinds of projects. I don't want to lose the opportunity that we have. By adding something into this measure that doesn't really belong in it, we haven't thought all the way through, we've... we've pointed out very clear things in the language to make this a very ambiguous Bill as far as the impact that the industry, the impact to the state, and the impact to the construction workers who are going to be disaffected by doing it this way. We can find another path. The easiest way, I guess, right now would be just vote 'no' on this, even though I really want to see the underlying Bill completed. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have... there's another path. We should follow it. In this case, we're not doing it. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Yednock is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will."

Yednock: "Thank you. Representative Walker, talking a little bit about a peace agreement and a project labor agreement, and I think there might be some clarity here. On a project labor agreement, which many of these data centers are built under, they come in, they understand that we have a very qualified work force here full of skills. They want peace agreements there. We'll call it... they want labor agreement to make sure there's no strikes. And I... I'll tell you, as someone that goes out does this for a living, that they always come to us and say, we have the best workers in the State of Illinois. They're trained. We know that you show up every day, you do the job, they're done. I think the nuance here... and I'm asking the Representative, maybe he was in on the discussions I wasn't. The difference between a project labor agreement and a peace agreement would be the company, the underlying company that maybe owns the building, will not try to stop the workforce from unionizing if they want to. In other words, they try to leave them alone. If those people that are doing this type of work... and let me specify this type of work... the systems, the sprinkler systems, the people who run the HVAC, fix the elevators if it's an inside person. A lot of people do this like in hospitals or the downtown buildings. They're the inside operating engineers. It's a separate workforce than the Google, the Facebooks, or whomever might rent space in these places or lease these places. So, I want to make some clarity there for my friends on the other side of the aisle or anybody over here. Representative Walker, is... is

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that how you understand the difference between a peace agreement and a labor agreement for this to say that? The peace agreement..."

Walker: "Yes."

Yednock: "...just tries to ask the companies that own the building and the systems not to try to stop a... people, if they want to unionize, to try to not stop them from doing that."

Walker: "Well, there are a lot of pieces that can be negotiated in the labor peace agreement. The idea is to establish stability. The idea is to say, for instance, that if we have an organizing effort that you will not do many of the things that are illegal anyway. But you will not coerce or threaten or interfere with reasonable organizing efforts. In exchange, we will not picket. We will not cause a boycott of your company. We will not do the kinds of things that... that can occur so that the employees can choose freely. Now, that is obviously part of the National Labor Relations Act. But in practice, in the field, often there are people that abuse that process. That's part of it. The thing where... that I would like to point out, and actually point out strongly, is this is a wonderful program as originally designed. As originally designed, it had thousands of people under required labor agreements already. They had PLAs for construction jobs for the trades, for the engineers, the reason that was viewed as advantage for being in Illinois. Again, having the strong unions we have is an advantage for being in Illinois because they produce the labor quickly. They... it was highly trained. It was effective. They got the jobs done. What I'm trying to do is extend that strength of Illinois, because we have

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probably the most responsible unions in the country, in my estimation. To... to negotiate with them such that that kind of support, that kind of finding, training, supplying, key personnel can be an ongoing benefit to the company."

Yednock: "Okay. This is... Representative Walker, this doesn't force anybody to unionize."

Walker: "No, it doesn't."

Yednock: "It's a peace agreement."

Walker: "That's right."

Yednock: "For the... for the workers who are going to run the systems in there, that's all this is. It's not... we're not forcing anybody, any of the regular workers... so, there might be, let's say a thousand workers at... at a site how you've laid it out. Could be a couple different spots within five miles of each other. Those particular workers, we're not forcing unionization. What we're talking about, again, is... let's say the plumbers and the pipe fitters and the boiler makers that work on those systems, to just not try to stop them if they... if they want to utilize a unionization. We're just saying go ahead and work at it, and we're not going to actively try to stop you from doing that."

Walker: "Well, that's true for the jobs defined in the Bill."

Yednock: "Okay. Okay. I just wanted... I wanted to clarify that. And... and this..."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Yednock, your time has expired. Will someone yield his time? Representative Hoffman yields his time. Please proceed."

Yednock: "I'll try to clear this up. I just want to make some clarity so my friends on the other side... so we don't vote

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against a Bill that is good. We got places that are being built in Northern Illinois. They want to come here. We got a great workforce. We have colleges that are putting out these political... or I'm sorry, these computer scientists, they want to be here. Over four or five jobs are a very small percentage of the jobs that say we just want to have a labor peace agreement. It is not the right thing to do to poison a program that many people are still going to use, as many companies are going to come here and do. Don't let that get in your way here. Anyway, I just wanted to make that clarify... to clarify that, everybody. And I would still urge an 'aye' vote so we can just keep building data centers here in the State of Illinois. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to excuse Paul Jacobs for the rest of the day. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "The record will reflect. Representative Meier is recognized."

Meier: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will."

Meier: "I really don't talk much on the floor. And you never listen to me talk about a technical Bill like this. But shortly after being elected into my district, I carried a Bill for all the years and worked to get this Bill through. It was a huge Bill. It made a difference in Illinois. We've got things moving. Why do we even want to take the chance of losing any of these companies? Where are we going to find this revenue? We're looking at doing a budget. We've brought in more money than we thought we'd had. Five billion dollars

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of the money coming into Illinois has come in because the way this Bill was written. Why do we let a simple cleanup Bill get hijacked and risk the opportunity that we're going to have for our college graduates? Data centers are very expensive to keep running. Technology changes so fast. As soon as there's done, it's time for updates. And you don't have to be in a huge metro area to bring in a data center because, along our railroads and along our interstates throughout all of Illinois, we have the infrastructure there. So, any county really can compete to bring a data center in. This Bill was passed when we had two data centers from Silicon Valley wanting to come to Illinois, leave California, have jobs for us. It's proven to work. We've only had it a couple years. I live in the Metro East. I get to see what's going on in the St. Louis region. And if you come in around Chesterfield and you look, that State of Missouri and St. Louis area is going after the data centers that we're competing for right now. They're coming up with a Bill just like ours, but without this Amendment, and these jobs and this income is going to be in Missouri. Our state workers will have to drive to Missouri again to get a job instead of staying in Illinois, having that business paying taxes in Illinois. It is... this Bill will cost us jobs and businesses. And something that we're finally number one or number two in the country in this jobs, and it's our future, as a future for all of our college students. Hold the Amendment and then pass the Bill or vote 'no' on the Bill as it is today. Let's protect what we've got, a bright spot in Illinois, going for us right now. I, please, beg of you all, for your districts

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and your youth, so they'll have jobs in Illinois, to vote 'no'."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Zalewski is recognized."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. There's a lot of revisionist history being written about what occurred in the last two years with respect to data centers. I'm going to start right there. Two years ago, there was a data center Bill filed. I know because I was the Sponsor. Within the data center dialogue, I insisted that there be prevailing wage language in the Bill, which there was. It should come as no surprise to any data center developer that this is a pro-union state that wants to use union workers. That is not an earth shattering revelation to anybody, nor should it be. On June 1 of 2019, in an accommodation to get votes on a Capital Bill, the incentive was included in the Bill for data centers. The data center incentive is a generous incentive. It takes away money from our General Revenue Fund for the purposes of redeveloping large facilities that employ very few people, relatively, but we did it. And we did it because we wanted to work across the aisle. Now, it's two years later and there's things we want to fix about the data center incentive, including making it more green, and making the incentive work better, and making it better for everybody. In the course of that conversation, it's been discovered that not all data center developers are living up to the promise to organize labor. The Gentleman's Bill does a very simple thing. It says that a developer should enter into an agreement with labor to ensure we're using union labor. He even went so far as to delay it six months so that the developers can clean up their

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own mess and make sure they're using union labor. That's an accommodation to your side. And now, again, there's a narrative shift about what's really going on here. We're a pro-union state that wants those who benefit from our tax code to use union labor. That's what the Gentleman's Bill does. It's a good Bill overall. It will help incentivize even more data center development. And, Mr. Speaker, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Walker is recognized to close."

Walker: "Yes. Thank you very much for all the questions and all the input. I've listened to it very carefully now and in previous days from now. The... my goal here is to improve what is already an outstandingly successful program, improve it by adding even more of the benefits of working in Illinois to it. What we need, I think, and which... which I believe is that we... we have to come to a place where people realize that having good peace with the labor unions and leveraging labor unions for their skills at producing highly skilled workers are, in fact, an advantage of being in Illinois. Labor unions are not a disadvantage for being in Illinois. They are an advantage. We need that mind shift, and I... I'm going to keep marching forward in that way. I would ask for an 'aye' vote. I appreciate all the input. I appreciate, especially, Representative Meier's work to date on this Bill, though not on this Amendment. So, thank you very much."

Speaker Andrade: "Members, Representative... Leader Wheeler has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2182 pass?' All in favor vote '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? Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 65 voting in 'favor', 42 voting 'against', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received... Clerk, please read the affirmative."

Clerk Hollman: "A poll of those voting in the affirmative. Representative Andrade; Representative Avelar; Representative Buckner; Representative Burke; Representative Carroll; Representative Cassidy."

Speaker Andrade: "Mr. Clerk, Leader Wheeler has withdrawn his request for verification. On this question, there are 65 voting in 'favor', 42 voting 'against', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Under Third Reading, Senate Bill 2193, offered by Representative Ortiz. Mr. Clerk, please read the... the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2193, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Ortiz."

Ortiz: "Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Body. I'm presenting Senate Bill 2193, which is an initiative of the Illinois Railroads Association. Senate Bill 2193 was sponsored by Senator Sims in the Senate and passed out unanimously. Senate Bill 2193 is a modernization of the Criminal Codes' burglary definition to bring the code more in line with the industry by adding the term freight container. As you know, the rail industry has grown and evolved over the years, and now intermodal containers are as prevalent on our trains as a traditional railcar. This modification will bring

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the code into the 21st century and more in line with how the industry is operating. Thank you for your time. I please ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Ford is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will."

Ford: "Thank you. Representative, I want to thank you for bringing the Bill forward. I just want to steal some of your time to urge the railroad to do everything that they can to stop the guns from being hijacked on the railroads because they're causing lots of trouble in the communities and the city. There are lots of guns that are stolen because the railroad's not doing a good job of protecting the freights. I just wanted to steal some of your time to say that. Thank you."

Ortiz: "Thank you, Representative Ford."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Ortiz to close."

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

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2193 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all 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. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yay', 0 voting 'nay', 1 voting 'present', 6 not voting. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 29, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House (sic-

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Senate) Bill 508, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House (sic-Senate) Bill 1822, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House (sic-Senate) Bill 2384, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 2520; recommends be adopted are the Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 60, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 119, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 121, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 644, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 713, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1954, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3317, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3582."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Wilhour, for what reason do you wish to be recognized?"

Wilhour: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... at this point, I guess I wish to be recognized as a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Wilhour: "Yeah. Well, I intended to speak on the data center Bill that Representative Walker had there, but I was a... I don't know what happened here. I guess I was ignored, but I'm going to say what I wanted to say anyway. Why... why do we think that data centers are booming in the State of Illinois? They're booming because it's an investment that makes sense right now. You know, and then we do Bills like this. It's just another clear example of the labor special interest overreaching and literally fighting against what's in the best interest of the workers that they supposedly represent. You know, when it comes to creating jobs in the State of Illinois, taxes matter. You know, the environment and policy matters when it comes to investment. These companies are investing in this and creating union jobs in this state

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because it makes financial sense to do so. The investments aren't creating working class jobs. When we do policies like this, they continue to kill working class jobs. Just like they have all over Southern Illinois in the... in the energy industry. And what... what I get so sick and tired of? I get... and working people in my part of the state get so sick and tired of? They get sick and tired of politicians coming here in Springfield and... and talking the talk. You know? I support workers. I support the little guy. I support union jobs. And then we enact policies that absolutely ensure that no union jobs will be created in the State of Illinois. This stuff has to stop. People need to really start standing up for working people in this state. And this stuff's just got to end. Workers need a voice in this state, and they're not getting it from the big special interests that are supposed to be representing them."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Willis, for what reason do you wish to be recognized?"

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

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Willis: "Mr. Speaker, you have asked numerous times for Members to put their masks on. I am so happy that Representative Wilhour, when he decided to finally get on the mic, put his mask on. That is the first time this morning it has been put on. There are other Members on the other side that have not bothered to put a mask on since they've walked into this chamber. They seem to think that the rule does not apply to them. I recognize there are times when you're drinking and you're going and having a snack, the mask comes down. But,

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Representative Niemerg, you haven't had your mask on all day. Representative Wilhour only put it on when he got to the mic. Representative David Friess has not had his mask on all day. Representative Halbrook has not had his mask on. Representative Miller has not had his mask on. Representative Chesney has not had his mask on, nor has Representative Caulkins had his mask... he does have it on now. Thank you, Representative. I appreciate that. I do believe if we're going to have Members that are going to blatantly ignore the rule, maybe we need to ask them to leave the chamber while they do that. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Under Third Reading, Senate Bill 2201, offered by Representative LaPointe. Out of the record. Under Third Reading, Senate Bill 2338, offered by Representative Buckner. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2338, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Buckner, please proceed."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2338 is a gut and replacement, and it creates the Illinois Student-Athlete Endorsement Act. Generally, it allows student-athletes in Illinois to earn a market value compensation for the use of their name, image, and likeness, or voice while enrolled at a postsecondary education institution. And two, it obtain... it gives them the ability to obtain an agent for such activity if they feel so necessary. It provides the postsecondary educational institution with the ability to uphold rules that prevent a student-athlete from earning compensation for name, image, and likeness, and this has been done in a number of

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states across the country. We worked with the University of Illinois and every athletic director from every school in the state to make sure that the language was correct so this would properly protect student-athletes. I'm happy to answer any questions. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Carroll is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will."

Carroll: "Representative Buckner, are you a former college athlete yourself?"

Buckner: "I am."

Carroll: "And where did you attend college?"

Buckner: "University of Illinois."

Carroll: "And was your likeness ever used... yes, that. Thank you. And was your likeness ever used by the university in any promotional materials?"

Buckner: "It was, and I was a party in a class action lawsuit against EA sports for my image being used on the NCAA video game."

Carroll: "Yes, and we had a conversation about that as well. I appreciate that. So, the university used your likeness to sell things like tickets, jerseys, fund raising materials. How much of that money did you actually see while you were in college?"

Buckner: "None."

Carroll: "Okay. Well, you do get a scholarship, which they claim was your compensation. But you received nothing else for your likeness?"

Buckner: "That is correct."

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Carroll: "So, to the Bill. Thank you. This is a phenomenal piece of legislation. This Bill, right here, will make sure that our college athletes are compensated for their likeness and things like that. As we watch things like the NFL draft, the NBA draft, we see these guys in their college uniforms and the universities are very proud of the things that they do. Unfortunately, their likeness, they are not compensated for. This gets us closer to actually doing the right thing. So, I want to thank Representative Buckner on his work on this Bill. Speaker Welch worked on it last year. This is the right thing to do, and I encourage everyone in this Body to vote 'aye'. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will."

Batinick: "Representative, can you speak to the nature of this? We don't... on our side of the aisle, we don't tend to put a lot of stock into how the Senate votes. But I noticed there was a lot of opposition in the Senate from Republicans, not as much in the House. In the committee, looked like it was a little more bipartisan. What was the nature of the opposition?"

Buckner: "So, the... what you're looking for probably... this was an educational Bill that we gutted. And so, what you're probably seeing on your analysis is from that."

Batinick: "That is... that is very helpful. So, this was a gut and replace?"

Buckner: "Yes, Sir."

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Batinick: "Okay. So, gut and replace. So, we can all ignore the Senate vote. We got a 12-2 committee vote in the House, correct?"

Buckner: "We should always ignore the Senate, but absolutely."

Batinick: "Yep, okay. Well, we'll let... let's Sponsor a Resolution doing just that, everybody. Okay. And then what was the nature of the opposition in committee?"

Buckner: "No one that voted against this spoke up and said why they were against it. So, I would be... I would love to hear it now if anybody had anything they want to talk about."

Batinick: "Okay. I thank you for indulging me."

Buckner: "Yep. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Wheeler is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will."

Wheeler: "First of all, go Illini."

Buckner: "I-N-I."

Wheeler: "I-N-I. In committee we talked about a couple of different components of this Bill, but I think it's important for the whole Body to hear. One of them has to do with some restrictions that are in place in the Bill. If you... could you please outline what they cannot be used for in this endorsement process? 'Cause there are things... those are important for people to understand."

Buckner: "Absolutely. Thank you, Leader Wheeler, for that. So, I think one... the spirit of this... of this Bill, we really want to make sure that not only are we allowing these young people autonomy over their name, image, and their likeness, but also giving the institutions the opportunity to protect them

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because we know we live in a... a pretty unscrupulous world. So, what we built into this legislation was some parameters that prohibited our young student-athletes from endorsing certain products. So, this would be alcohol and tobacco, cannabis, sports betting, gambling, and things that fall into those categories. Things like... there are about nine things that we've banned from those folks from being able to endorse."

Wheeler: "Thank you for that. The other one I'd just add to the discussion here is, we heard from the universities. I know when, I think, when Speaker Welch had this Bill a little bit ago, there wasn't a universal approach from the universities that was in favor of this process, but that's changed. Could you outline what their... what the process was in the other states that might be leading the charge on this so we can kind of see why we'd be doing this?"

Buckner: "Absolutely. The... the impetus for, I think, the coalition that was able to come together to get this Bill drafted and pushed this time around was that we've seen that the NCAA has recognized this as an issue, but they have refused to actually move on it. They've had some ceremonially votes about it, but they have not done anything. And so, they've also urged states to get into place and to put in legislation that would put states individually on the right course. And so, we've seen... when we talked about this a year and half ago, we were one of the first states to actually address it. But obviously, we didn't get the Bill passed. Since then, there have been, I think, 17 states in the country who have moved forward with legislation to do this. And so, the universities,

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specifically the University of Illinois and Athletic Director Josh Whitman, came back to us to try to get this done. And we're happy for their partnership."

Wheeler: "I appreciate that. And just so... I think I get sense. Are any of those universities... or states, I'm sorry, have universities that would be in a conferences that compete with, let's say, University of Illinois, Northern, Southern... all of our teams? Is that something we see kind of head-to-head?"

Buckner: "Yeah. We'll see... so, there are... I know there's a pending Bill in Michigan. I think there's one in Indiana. I think there's one in Ohio. The states who have passed this so far actually are the west coast states. So, I think California was the first to do it. But we also have seen it in places like Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, usually... typically the Southeastern Conference schools. But the Big Ten schools are all coming on board, but we're leading the charge here."

Wheeler: "Well, thank you for answering my questions. I look forward to supporting your Bill. And best of luck. Go Illini."

Buckner: "Thank you, Leader."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Mazzochi is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will. Please proceed."

Mazzochi: "Thank you. I supported a version of this Bill the last go-around. But Speaker Welch had also committed the last time going around that a provision would be put in place in the next version that would... this was during the last Session... that would make efforts to try to protect the assets that students are getting paid in connection with the use of their

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likenesses by the university to ensure that the assets, particularly if this may be a student's one and only opportunity to capitalize or monetize their... their image, their likeness, so that the money is either put into some type of trust form or otherwise subject to some degree of oversight so that, if this does wind up being your one shot at making money off your image, that you can have those earnings extended out over time. Is there anything in the Bill relating to that?"

Buckner: "Not specifically, Representative. What it does do is give these student athletes the ability to obtain legal counsel or an agent to help them work through whatever those issues are. But we do not specifically speak to trying to take their money and put it in a trust or whatever that may be."

Mazzochi: "Yeah, no. And the reason why I'm concerned about that is, again, as an intellectual property attorney, I firmly believe that students should have the right to control their likeness. So, that is the reason why I support this Bill. But I would... but the fact that we're invoking the Federal Law relating to sports agents, that doesn't necessarily create a true fiduciary duty to protect the long-term financial needs of the student. So, for what it's worth, I would suggest that since this is going to have to go back to the Senate on Concurrence, if you could maybe talk about putting that particular provision in. Because I would feel much more comfortable with this Bill going forward because students in this type of area, they are very easily financially exploited, and the lawyers and the agents won't necessarily have their

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best interests at heart. But otherwise, I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Buckner: "Thank you for your concern."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Brady is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will."

Brady: "Representative, you indicated you played at the University of Illinois, correct?"

Buckner: "I did. Despite my Northwestern tie today."

Brady: "Well, must be that bipartisan spark in you or something like that. Did you receive a scholarship when you were playing for the university?"

Buckner: "I did."

Brady: "Okay. And in that scholarship process, was there any type of disclaimer, part of your scholarship that indicated that the university would have the ability to use your likeness, or photos, or anything along those lines for promotional purposes for the university?"

Buckner: "I would assume that there was. I was 17 years old. I don't know what I signed. I just know it was something that sent me to school. But I assume that there was something at some point that we signed that..."

Brady: "So... so, you think there was something that was a disclaimer, if you will..."

Buckner: "I... I would assume so."

Brady: "...that the University had you sign..."

Buckner: "I would assume so."

Brady: "...and would have... I would assume would have any other athlete on a scholarship sign the same, whether or not you

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fully understood what you were signing or not. I... I obviously don't... don't know that."

Buckner: "Right."

Brady: "But you think there is a clause in there in that scholarship that tried to explain that, that if promotional situations occurred using your name and likeness, that that was the right and responsibility of the university to be able to do so, given the fact that you were on a scholarship to that university playing sports?"

Buckner: "That would be my assumption."

Brady: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Thank you, Speaker Andrade. A question of the Sponsor, please."

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will yield."

Butler: "Thank you, Sir. Representative, does University of Illinois have any starting quarterbacks in the NFL?"

Buckner: "Currently, no."

Butler: "Okay. The EIU caucus back here wants to make you aware that we have a fine tradition of quarterbacks starting in the NFL, by the way. So, to the Bill, Mr. Speaker. This is... I appreciate your work on this because this... I think this is an important topic. This is something that has been discussed for quite a long time, to recognize, honestly, the work that our student-athletes do on behalf of universities in a multibillion-dollar business. And they are the stars of the show. And they deserve the recognition. And if you don't mind, Mr. Speaker, I had another question. And I don't know, maybe you talked about this earlier, maybe I missed it. And I know

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we've talked about this in committee. If there's a conflict between what an athlete may be... have an endorsement deal with, so say they got Under Armour and the school uses Nike or something like... there's no conflict. They wouldn't be able to wear Under Armour stuff on the field if there's a Nike contract, things like that, correct?"

Buckner: "So, if... if the university has a... say the university is a Nike school and the contract, therefore, requires the EIU football team to wear Nike on the field, that remains. But Tim Butler, the quarterback, could have a Reebok contract and do whatever he needs to do outside of his... his job as a student-athlete."

Butler: "Gotcha. You don't want me playing quarterback, I can tell you that. Look, I think this is the right movement, the right way to go with where we are at today with student-athletes and college athletics. Obviously, not everybody is going to benefit from this but... especially folks at the large schools who are the stars. I mean, this is... this is an opportunity for them to benefit from, like I said, a billion plus... billions of dollar industry that they... that they help provide around our country and obviously in our state. So, I appreciate the work on this. It's probably something we're going to continue to visit, I think, on other issues as well. But thanks for bringing this forward. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Buckner: "Thank you, Leader."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Buckner is recognized to close."

Buckner: "Thank you, Speaker Andrade. And thanks everybody who indulged in this conversation. This is really putting

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Illinois in the right position to... to be the tip of the spear and lead when it comes to making sure that our young people have autonomy over their name, likeness, and image and they are no longer subject to not having the ability to... to control that. And so, we are... we're leading here. And I appreciate an 'aye' vote from everyone in the chamber. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2338 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, take the record. On this question, there are 95 voting in 'favor', 18 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present', 5 not voting. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Manley in the Chair."

Speaker Manley: "Proceeding to Senate Bills on Second Reading. Senate Bill 153, Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. Senate Bill 336, Representative Stuart. Out of the record. Senate Bill 583, Representative Burke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 583, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Burke."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Burke on the Amendment."

Burke: "Thank you, Madame Speaker. House Floor Amendment #2 is a gut and replace Amendment. It keeps the language of the underlying Bill, except it removes provisions regarding a change in the value of public and community service. That's taken out of the Bill."

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Speaker Manley: "Representative Burke moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 583. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 583, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Burke."

Burke: "Senate Bill 583 is an initiative of newly elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, our former colleague, Iris Martinez. And it does two things. It does two things. It amends the Local Records Act to provide that records and reports of obligations, basically financial records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, are public records that are available for inspection. And it also mandates that the Clerk of the Circuit Court accept online credit card payments for fines, penalties, and court costs. And also provides that a Clerk of the Circuit Court may accept a certified check as a form of payment for fines, penalties, or costs. I don't believe there's any opposition. And I ask for an 'aye' vote. Happy to take questions."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 583 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; 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 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The Bill, having received a

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 672, Representative Burke. Out of the record. Senate Bill 693, Representative Conroy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 693, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 3, 4, and 5 have been approved consideration. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Conroy."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Conroy on Floor Amendment 3."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd like to withdraw Amendments 3 and 4 and adopt Amendment 5, which removes all opposition and was done in... with working with IDPH."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Conroy moves for the withdrawal of Amendments 3 and 4. Mr. Clerk, please read Amendment... Floor Amendment 5."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #5 is offered by Representative Conroy."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. Amendment 5 bring... removed all opposition and is something that we worked on with the Illinois Department of Public Health and becomes the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Conroy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 5... pardon me. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments? Representative Conroy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 5. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 963 (sic-693), a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. This Bill is an initiative of the Illinois Fire... Associated Fire Fighters and the Illinois State Ambulance Association and contains two components. First, it allows EMS personnel to request a patient not be sent to the closest emergency department, and instead requests transport to the closest or appropriate EMS approved mental health facility. Second, it puts in place requirements for emergency medical responders, EMRs, to drive an ambulance with a licensed EMT. This provides flexibility to ambulance providers who are struggling with an EMT shortage and will help provide needed training. This proposal will also help increase diversity in the workforce and provide an avenue to bring more individuals into an EMS career who cannot afford to take time off from their day jobs to attend EMT training classes. There are protections built into the Bill to ensure care for patients is maintained, which was negotiated with the Department of Public Health. This Bill will help ensure people requiring EMS services with access to mental health services when they need it. And also establishes a pipe line to address the EMT shortage. There is no opposition to this Bill. And I would appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall'... Representative LaPointe, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

LaPointe: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

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LaPointe: "Thank you. I just had a few questions to the Sponsor to make sure I fully understand this Bill. So, to the Representative. On page 18 of this Bill, starting on line 3, when you're defining private, nonpublic local government employers, that means those ambulances that are... excuse me, routinely staffed by at least two private employees employed by a private company on an ambulance. Is that right? I just want to make sure I'm understanding it."

Conroy: "Yes, Representative. That's correct."

LaPointe: "Okay. And then one more point of clarification. If a private contracted ambulance is staffed by at least one public employee, then the other employee shall be a minimum of an EMT and does not meet the new standards set forth in the Bill. Is that right?"

Conroy: "Yes, that's correct."

LaPointe: "Okay. Excellent. I fully understand. Thank you. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Conroy to close."

Conroy: "Thank you. I appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 693 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; 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 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1410, Representative Welter. Representative Welter. Out of the record. On page 6, Senate Bill 1970, Representative

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Conroy on behalf of Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1970, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Conroy on the Amendment."

Conroy: "House Amendment 3 is a gut and replace and becomes the Bill. The Amendment reflects agreed language to remove opposition and brings DHS, Division of Mental Health, the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Guardianship Advocacy Council, and the ACLU to neutral on this Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Conroy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1970. All those in favor vote... say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1970, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. Senate Bill 1970 is an initiative of NAMI and the Chicago Bar Association to enable families to assist loved ones with discharged planning from an inpatient mental health facility. It was drafted based on the compassionate communication on HIPAA provided... provision of Federal Law that was create... enacted by Congress in 2016 and

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allows limited access to basic inpatient mental health information by those who can demonstrate that they are involved with the patient's care. The ability to assess loved ones with discharged planning will result in better access to secure housing, aftercare, and successful implementation of the recovery plan. I want to thank Members of the Mental Health & Addiction Committee for your work and collaboration on the Bill and your commitment to continually doing what's right for those with mental health and addiction issues. House Amendment 3 makes substantial changes and addresses concerns and includes agreed language to protect an individual's right to informed consent while enabling family members to assist when loved ones lack decisional capacity. I would be remiss if I did not give Senator Laura Fine the credit she deserves for the work she's done on this legislation for over three years. And the work that Representative Gong-Gershowitz did, a yeoman's amount of work, to bring everybody to... to take all the opposition off this Bill. It was not an easy thing to do. This Bill will help the outcome of severely... those who are... who are struggling with severe mental health issues. And I'd appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Batinick."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Batinick: "Hey, Representative. Thank you for speaking on this Bill today. Real quick, and I think you clarified it, but some of the people are scrolling through their notes here. To be clear, the long list of opponents have been removed with the last Amendment, correct?"

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Conroy: "Believe it or not, they all have."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you. No further questions."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall'... excuse me.
Representative Conroy to close."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. And I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1970 pass?'
All in favor vote 'aye'; 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 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting
'opposed', and 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received
a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 7,
Senate Bill 2356, Representative Mazzochi. Mr. Clerk, please
read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2356, a Bill for an Act concerning
government. The Bill was read for a second time previously.
No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by
Representative Mazzochi."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Mazzochi on the Amendment."

Mazzochi: "Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. By adopting this
Amendment, this actually includes some additional language
requested by the Speaker. And with that, I understand there's
no opposition."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Mazzochi moves for the adoption
of Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2356. All those in favor
say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair,
the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk,
any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2356, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Mazzochi."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Madam... thank you, Madam Speaker. I come before you on SB2356. The basic purpose of this Bill is to decide what should happen with closed session meeting minutes when a particular unit of government has closed or disbanded. It also clarifies the time frame in which you have to... a body of government has to actually perform the review of meeting minutes that are... that were generated in connection with closed sessions. So, with that, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2356 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. 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 111 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2384, Representative Gabel. I couldn't see you over there. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2384, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Gabel."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel on the Amendment."

Gabel: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Floor Amendment #2 changes language in the original Bill to give HFS flexibility in

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applying for CMS approval to implement a program that qualifies for federal matching dollars."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Gabel moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2384. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2384, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you. Senate Bill 2384 calls for the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to create a home-based pediatric palliative care program as a benefit under Medicaid. Pediatric palliative care is not simply good for Illinois' most seriously ill children and their families, but it's also good for the sustainability of the Medicaid program. They have done this in other states and it's... the demonstration projects have been incredibly successful. It really... it has the potential to simultaneously improve family satisfaction and medical outcomes while reducing costs. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2384 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Harper, Ortiz, Slaughter, Tarver. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting

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'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2496, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2496, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Croke."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Croke on the Amendment."

Croke: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Amendment changes the sunset from 10 years to 5 years."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Croke moves... Representative Ford, can we... can we adopt the Amendment and discuss on Third? Thank you. Representative Croke moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2496. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2496, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Croke."

Croke: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. SB2496 is an Illinois Commerce Commission initiative that extends the sunset on the Collateral Recovery Act. The CRA allows the ICC to regulate the industry that handles the repossession of cars, boats, and motorcycles. Without this extension, the industry will continue to operate but will no longer be subject to licensing

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and regulation. And I'm unaware of any opposition. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Ford."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Ford: "I just have a simple question. What's a sunset? I don't get it. Sunset..."

Croke: "What's a sunset?"

Ford: "Sunset."

Croke: "It's just extending the program itself. And then it will... we'll have to vote on it again in five years."

Ford: "So, the sun has to be..."

Croke: "But a sunset like the sun is a little different."

Ford: "So, it has to be... like, the sun has to be out for five years?"

Croke: "Kind of... yeah. I would say, yes."

Ford: "You think that's good? I mean, it could burn out."

Croke: "Representative, you know this is not my first Bill, right?"

Ford: "Okay. It's not your first Bill. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Batinick."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Batinick: "Representative, I am fully aware of what a sunset is. But to that theme, why did the Amendment change it from 10 years to 5 years? The... there's a recurring pattern here of... of sunsets being cut significantly."

Croke: "My understanding, it was just... that was a internal policy decision of the department."

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Batinick: "I don't think that's what our analysis says. So, the department wanted a shorter sunset?"

Croke: "I know that it was just asked for it to change from 10 to 5 years."

Batinick: "Okay. You don't know who asked you to make that change?"

Croke: "Yeah. Only because this is a department initiative, I... I would assume that came from the department."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you. No further questions."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Guzzardi."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Guzzardi: "In the... forgive me, Representative Croke, I'm just coming to this late. But in the ILGA summary here, it mentions changes pertaining to individuals, court records, and the age at the time of conviction. Have those changes been removed from the Bill in the amended version or are they still present in the Bill?"

Croke: "It would be present. The only change in the Amendment was the sunset."

Guzzardi: "So, that's the only change that this Bill makes whatsoever? Okay. Great. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Croke to close."

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

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2496 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; 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 112 voting in 'favor', 1 voting

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'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Nichols."

Nichols: "Thank you. Today, first, I'd like to... my family came down. My wife told me not to start crying. But my family came down to see me as long as they could. So, I want to introduce my wife, Theresa Nichols. She's an Air Force veteran. By the way, I was trying to get her up early this morning but they got in a little bit late. My daughter, Chloe, and my son, CJ. So... yeah, give them a hand. There you go. Y'all kids come down, I be clapping for y'all's kids. All right. So, listen, yesterday, with everything that was going on, I just... I kind of felt like today I'll read this Resolution. In honor of a coach in Chicago, Illinois that... that passed away recently. The State of Illinois House of Representatives 102nd General Assembly. House Resolution 356. I'm going to try not to... I'm going to try to get through this. Offered by Representative Cyril Nichols and Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Arthur Goodwin, who passed away on May 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Goodwin graduated from South Shore High School in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Goodwin was the head basketball coach for the Bogan High School, where the program was virtually non-existent prior to his arrival; he was affectionately known as 'Goodie' and turned the Bengals into a powerhouse; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Goodwin won nine regional championships, two sectional titles, and a Public League championship in 2015; his 2018-2019 team that lost in overtime to East St. Louis in the Class 3A state championship and they won 30 games that year, setting the school record; he got his players to play hard, compete, and play together; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Goodwin was not only a program builder but also a nurturer of players; the behind-the-scenes care he had for his players and the relationships he built had a tremendous impact; he was in the school every day and engaged with students, teachers, and staff; when there was a problem, people would seek his guidance; he knew how to lead and move things along; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Goodwin was always able to deliver a message that kids could relate to, because he knew them so well; he had an uncanny ability to identify the strengths and weaknesses of every kid, and he treated them each individually; he wanted to know everything about a kid, even after the players left his program, he wanted to keep up with their lives; he never let any relationship go; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Arthur Goodwin and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Arthur Goodwin as an expression of our esteem and respect. I'd just like to say... well, adopted by the House

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of Representatives May 28, 2021. I'd just like to say, in Chicago, I know you guys know that basketball is a... is one of the most celebrated sports. And when you run across a gentleman like this that... that take a team of young men and mold them to be more than just basketball players, become real student-athletes and go on and have productive lives. This was a gentleman that dedicated his life to that service. So, I would ask the House for a moment of silence."

Speaker Manley: "Members, let's take a moment of silence to honor Mr. Goodwin."

Nichols: "Thank you very much. And thank you to my family for being here. This is amazing, right now, for me. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Thank you, Members. This Resolution was adopted on a previous day. Senate Bill 2521, Representative Caulkins. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Pardon me. Senate Bill 2520. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2520, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Caulkins."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Caulkins on the Amendment."

Caulkins: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Amendment is... clarifies the language in the Bill. And it talks about the state's attorneys duties, and it makes sure that they refer to other matters. It's the language in the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Caulkins moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2520. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion the Chair, the

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'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2520, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Caulkins."

Caulkins: "Thank you, Madam. This Bill was brought to us from constituents in Piatt County. This Bill relates to a conflict of interest between the county board and the state's attorney, who is their legal counsel. This allows the county board that may have such a legal conflict with their state's attorney to go to its judge and present their case. If the judge so rules, it allows them to seek outside counsel for their issues. I want to thank Representative Yingling for his help. He's been a great help in getting this Bill through. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Halbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Madam Chair and Members of the committee. Representative Caulkins, just to make sure that currently in law there's no way for a county board to go get outside legal counsel. Is that correct?"

Caulkins: "Yes. That is correct."

Halbrook: "Right. And so, this just puts a provision in, that they will go and get the approval of a judge, it will allow them to do that in certain situations. Is that correct?"

Caulkins: "That is correct. If they believe that they have a conflict of interest with their legal counsel, which is the

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state's attorney, they may go to a judge... well, they have to go to a judge and get permission to hire outside counsel."

Halbrook: "Thank you so much for that clarification. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Ness, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ness: "Question for the Sponsor. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Ness: "Thank you. Representative, I... in committee I actually voted against this Bill. And I cited at the time that I was concerned that sometimes these conflicts can turn into very expensive conflicts and legal suits, especially for taxpayers. I cited a case in McHenry County where a tax-funded position has accrued close to half a million dollars of legal fees from using private attorneys. So, in the time, we talked about limits or caps or finding a way to... to not have that happen in a case like this. I'm just inquiring, has there any... been any effort to do that in this case?"

Caulkins: "Thank you very much for the question. This Bill only applies to the county board, no other Legislative Body. So, it's... the county board is currently constrained in their legal services. They can only ask the local state's attorney for legal opinions. When the county board has a conflict with the state's attorney, as happened in Piatt County, in my district, they were essentially frozen in place because they couldn't hold a meeting without legal counsel. The legal counsel was at... is an adversarial relationship, and they had no way to resolve this issue. So, other bodies aren't really included or effected by this legislation. Only county boards."

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Ness: "Yeah, I understand it. I understand the issue. There have been cases in other parts of the state when there's been a conflict between the state's attorney representing a county entity, and they've used other state's attorneys throughout the state to come in and fill that void. And so, I just made the comment in... in committee. I'm going to put it on record here that it's my preference that we don't use private counsel for cases... involving taxpayer-funded entities and boards when civil cases attorneys are provided to do that. So, I just wanted to put that on record. I still have a concern with that. But I appreciate you bringing this forward. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Caulkins to close."

Caulkins: "Thank you very much. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to present this Bill. It will help solve a problem of... not very often, but they do come up. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2520 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 103 voting in 'favor', 6 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Andrade in the Chair."

Speaker Andrade: "Second Reading, Senate Bill 667, offered by Representative Welter. 1667, my fault. Clerk, please read the record... read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1667, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Welter."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Welter to explain the Amendment."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, the Amendment to this Bill was at the recommendation of Leader Ammons. What it does, this Bill relates to the certification of the levy within the county clerk's office. The Bill that originally flew out of here stated that that could be accepted by the county clerk electronically. The Amendment that we have before us here just adds 'and supporting documents' relating to the levy."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Welter moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1667, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Welter."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, I explained the Bill on the Amendment. And I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1667 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, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate

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Bill 2662, offered by Guzzardi, under Second Reading. Representative Guzzardi. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2662, offered by Representative Guzzardi. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2662, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Guzzardi, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Clerk, please read the Bill. Representative Guzzardi on the Floor Amendment."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment becomes the Bill and simply makes a technical change to the code. Will not have any practical impact. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Guzzardi moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2662, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2662, as amended, simply removes unnecessary and redundant language in the statute pertaining to conditional permanent residence. It will have no impact on the substantive effect of the Act. Simply language clean up in the Motor Vehicle Code. I urge an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Andrade: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will."

Keicher: "Representative Guzzardi, thank you. I just want to clarify some of the points here, if we can go with it. We think some of our Members on this side may... may be down on this. Some others will be certainly up on it. Can you talk to me about the... the class of people we're addressing here?"

Guzzardi: "Yeah. So, this language in the statute refers to conditional permanent residence. Conditional permanent residence refers... or receives a Green Card because of marriage or because of entrepreneurship. But they're already covered in the code."

Keicher: "Thank you."

Guzzardi: "And so, this is just removing a redundant reference to those individuals."

Keicher: "Excellent. And this applies to the ID only, not a driver's license, correct?"

Guzzardi: "That's correct. As I understand it, yes."

Keicher: "Excellent. Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Guzzardi to close."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Members. Urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2662 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, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 12 of the

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Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 34, offered by Representative Buckner. Representative Buckner."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 34 just... simply, it requests that the U.S. Congress find a way, through federal statute or a Constitutional Amendment, to secure the right to vote. There is no federal guaranteed right to vote. States have done it. Illinois has a right to vote every... 49 of 50 states have done, everybody except for the State of Arizona. But this is just... urges Congress to take it up on the federal level. I'm happy to answer any questions. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Buckner moves for the adoption of House Resolution Joint... House Joint Resolution 34. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote... say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. The voting is open. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. House Joint Resolution 35, offered by Sosnowski. Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "This House Joint Resolution was previously passed by this General Assembly in the form of a House Resolution. It passed out unanimously. And this is an opportunity to designate a section of Illinois Route 251 from Bridge Street in Roscoe to Rockton Road in Roscoe in honor of Specialist Brandon Jacob Rowe Memorial Highway. I would ask this Body to support this Resolution. Thank you for your time."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Sosnowski moves for the adoption of House Resolution... House Joint Resolution 35. All 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, take the record. On this question, there are 113 'ayes', 0 'nays', voting... 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 39, Representative Meier. Representative Meier, please proceed."

Meier: "Yes. House Joint Resolution 39 has been heard in here before, but we did not get it through the Senate in time. It honors medevac pilot Larry D. Mills who was killed on July 29, 2016 when their Cal-Ore Life flight plane crashed in McKinleyville, California. He went to school in my district at Triad High School in 1980. He was a volunteer fire department. He worked at the... he taught flight at St. Jacob Airport. He had contracts with the Air Force also, and the Army. This would designate Route 143 as it travels through the town of Marine as the 'Larry D. Mills Memorial Highway'. I encourage you for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Meier moves for the adoption of House... House Joint Resolution 39. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 113 'ayes', 0 'nays', voting present... 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 40, offered by Representative Meier. Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes. House Resolution (sic-House Joint Resolution) 40 has also been heard in here before. Did not make it through the Senate. It's very fitting that we're doing this on Memorial

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Day weekend. This would designate old Route 50 through 'Clinton County as the Clinton County Veterans Memorial Road', from the west side to the east side of the county, in honor of all of our veterans from Clinton County and the veterans across this great country. I'd encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Meier moves for the adoption of House Resolution... House Joint Resolution 40. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 113 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 41, offered by Representative Marron. Representative Marron is recognized on an Amendment. Please proceed."

Marron: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment just clarifies the section of Route 1 that we are naming after Speaker Joseph G. Cannon within the confines of the City of Danville. And I ask for the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Marron moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Marron, please proceed with House Joint Resolution 41."

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Marron: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution just designates Illinois Route 1 within the confines of the City of Danville to 'Speaker Joseph Cannon Highway', being named after former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Joseph Gurney Cannon, a native of the City of Danville. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Marron moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 43. All in favor vote 'aye'... 41. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 110 'ayes', 0 voting 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 42, offered by Representative Windhorst. Please proceed."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 42 designates a section of Illinois Route 146 between Anna and Vienna as the 'Sergeant Brian Romines Memorial Highway'. Sergeant Romines was born on October 26, 1984. He was a graduate of Anna Jr. High School and Vienna High School. Sergeant Romines joined the U.S. National Guard in October of 2002. He was a member of the 3rd Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery Regiment based out of Marion, Illinois. He was deployed overseas in November of 2004. On June 6, 2005, Sergeant Romines was killed in Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated near the vehicle he was traveling in, in Baghdad, Iraq. Sergeant Romines is survived by his mother, his father, his siblings, and other family members.

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I respectfully ask this Body take a moment of silence and for adoption of the Resolution."

Speaker Andrade: "The Body shall take a moment of silence. Thank you, Members. Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to add to the Sergeant Romines Memorial Road. Just to show the dedication of a young man who had volunteered to serve his country and to be a part of the military. Sergeant Romines was a Member of the 3rd Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery, but he was asked to go to serve in Iraq with the 2nd Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery, a unit I had previously commanded. I just want to show and illustrate the depth of the... the heroism and volunteerism of the young men and women in the services today. He could've stayed home, been with his family, but instead he volunteered with go... to go to Iraq in a combat situation. Gave his life protecting us, and now we are going to honor him with a memorial road. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Windhorst moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 42. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 112 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 43, offered by Representative Ammons. Clerk, out of the record. House Joint Resolution 44, Leader Durkin, presented by Representative Bennett. Representative Bennett, please proceed."

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Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 44 declares November 7, 2021 as Victims of Communism Memorial Day. The communist regimes worldwide have killed over 100 million people and subjected countless others to the worst and most widespread human rights abuse known to history, with victims representing many different ethnicities, creeds, and backgrounds. I ask for an 'aye' vote, please."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Bennett moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 44. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Joint Resolution 45, offered by Leader Mazzochi. Leader Mazzochi, please proceed."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 45 commemorates the 60th anniversary of what was, on September 1, 1961, one of the most deadliest plane crashes in airline history to date. The flight took off from Midway Airport and actually landed in a... what was then a cornfield in my district. So, this is... so, we are asking to honor September... to have September 1, 1961 be the date that we memorialize them 60 years away. Thank you. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Mazzochi moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 45. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Joint Resolution 46, offered by Leader Welter. Leader Welter, please proceed."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, House Joint Resolution 46 designates the portion of Illinois Route 47 over the Illinois River Bridge from Pine Bluff Road to Washington Street as the 'Patrolman

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Clarence Roseland Memorial Road'. I have made this... this has come out of this chamber before, but I've... haven't had luck getting it called in the Senate. This predates me, and most of us here. But Patrolman Clarence Roseland was a patrolman in my hometown who was killed in the line of duty back in 1935 and is somewhat of a local legend in my community about his bravery and his commitment to our community. I'm looking forward this Session for it making it over to the Senate and getting called so his remaining family members can finally see the recognition that they've been looking for in our community for their loved one who gave his life protecting our community."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Welter moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 46. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 112 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 47, offered by Leader Welter. Leader Welter, please proceed."

Welter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 47 designates a portion of the Illinois Route 47 over Interstate I-80 from Romines Drive to Illinois Route 6 East, naming it the 'Marshal Enoch T. Hopkins Memorial Road'. This, again, is another individual in my community that dates back even before my last Resolution I did. Enoch was born in 1824 and had lived in my community and was also killed in the line of service and duty to our community in the early years of law

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enforcement in our community. I would ask for your support in naming this portion of roadway after him, in his memory."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Welter moves for adoption of House Joint Resolution 47. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 108 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby.. is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution (sic-House Resolution) 226, offered by Representative Sosnowski. It's Resolution 226. Representative Sosnowski, please proceed."

Sosnowski: "We've obviously debated a lot of issues here, so I'd ask the General... Members of the General Assembly to please join me on this. This Resolution has over 30 cosponsors on a bipartisan basis. I've spoken on this several times before. I appreciate the State Government Committee passing it out unanimously. And, once again, I call on the Governor and the Director of the Illinois Department of Employment Services, unemployment, to open up the doors. I've written a letter. I received a response back, which is very concerning, from the Director of the Department, which said they are more efficient with the doors closed. And I've got that letter if any Member of this General Assembly would like to see that. But she is claiming that we are more efficient with the doors to our unemployment offices closed. And they have no date, no plans to open. In fact, cited a bunch of security concerns, cited health safety concerns, despite the fact Jesse White's Office, Secretary of State, has been open since June 1 of

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last year. It is absolutely unacceptable for this Governor, the Director of this Department to continue to keep these offices closed. The unemployment office needs to open for the residents of the State of Illinois right now. I would ask for your support."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Inquiry of the Chair. Is this a roll call or a voice vote?"

Speaker Andrade: "It would be a voice vote."

Batinick: "Can we make this a roll call vote?"

Speaker Andrade: "Your wish is granted too."

Batinick: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Ford is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates he will."

Ford: "Thank you. Representative, I join you today on one accord, and that is that people that struggle to get their unemployment, they should get it. And I stand with you because our office have been inundated with calls. But I do know that the Governor has asked for an increase to make sure that the department, when it opens, it could be efficient and it could provide all of the support needed to have a highly effective office. And so, my question to you is would you support revenue in a budget to do exactly that?"

Sosnowski: "Well, I appreciate that question, Representative Ford. And I would ask you, did the Secretary of State Jesse White asked for additional money to operate his office for the last year? And I think the answer to that is no."

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Ford: "Well, it seems to me that some Representatives, regardless to the Party that they are affiliated with, thinks that this state runs just on air. But it actually takes money. It actually takes revenue. And I think that when we negotiate the budget and we have an opportunity to vote to make sure that our state agencies run, I urge you to support the budget and the revenue enhancements to make sure that we're able to do that. Or even closing some loopholes to make sure that it's possible to do exactly what this Resolution is calling for. I still support your Resolution because I also support closing loopholes to make sure that we can support the Department of Employment Security. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Luft is recognized."

Luft: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to say that I support and completely understand Representative Sosnowski's comments and drive to open this up. One piece that I think we're missing is, my district office personally has become an IDES office. I'm sure all of ours have. My district director, who has many things to work on in my office, many constituents that call, at least half of her time is tied up with IDES. That means all the complaints, the people yelling, the elderly people that call that have been frauded, crying. IDES does not have to listen to this, my office does. Not saying that my office is not there for that, but there are many things to work on. Then IDES gets the pleasure of my district director calling, who is a very friendly, compassionate, helpful individual, and that's who IDES gets to deal with instead of the people that are calling my office that have been hurt, wronged, beaten down, left broke, and struggling to figure

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out a way how to get through this situation. That being said, I think we should all... and people have heard me say this before, anybody who has worked for me, worked for me under local government, knows that I am someone who does this repeatedly over and over because it's well-deserved. Considering what all of our district offices have dealt with, with just IDES, just that alone, I think they all deserve a round of applause for their efforts that IDES is not doing. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Murphy."

Murphy: "Yes. I'd just like to point out the remarks made earlier about asking for additional money. IDES is a federal program. A hundred percent of their operations comes the Federal Government. And so, if you... they need more additional money, I suggest that they contact their federal delegation. Thank you very much."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Halbbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to echo the comments made by previous speakers. This is our number two constituent issue in our district offices. We've had conversations with the director, asking for direct lines between our office and their office to help constituents that have matters that just don't fit into the one-size-fits-all approach, and we've been denied that. So, I'm urging everyone to vote in the affirmative on this Resolution and to ask that IDES open up and get folks back on the road. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative McCombie is recognized."

McCombie: "Will the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates he will."

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McCombie: "Sir, would it be your opinion that it would be appropriate for the COVID relief funds to go into the Unemployment Trust Fund, reimburse that, make that whole?"

Sosnowski: "It would be a great opportunity and a great response to Representative Ford's concern to fully fund the unemployment fund. I think that's certainly an appropriate use of those resources."

McCombie: "Great. A lot of common ground today. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Sosnowski moves for the adoption of House Resolution 226. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 108 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting... 1 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House resolution 263, offered by Representative Ford. Out of the record. House Resolution 266, offered by Representative Greenwood. Representative Greenwood is recognized to present Floor Amendment 2."

Greenwood: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. The Floor Amendment just makes some technical language changes to the Resolution."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Greenwood moves adoption of Floor Amendment 2. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Greenwood."

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Greenwood: "Thank you, again. This Resolution was an initiative of Kate Wexel, who's a high school junior at O'Fallon High School in my district. And I ask for your support. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative... Representative Greenwood moves for the adoption of House Resolution 266. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 270, offered by Representative Hirschauer. Representative Hirschauer."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 270 is a Resolution to urge the Bank on Commission, under the leadership of the Comptroller, to lead a task force to identify recommendations to improve the financial literacy outcomes of students enrolled in two or four year public colleges and universities in Illinois. I'd like to thank the Office of the Comptroller for their leadership on this issue. And ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Hirschauer moves for the adoption of House Resolution 270. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution... Resolution 275, offered by Leader Flowers. Leader Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 275... on June 17, 1971, President Richard Nixon declared drug abuse as public enemy number one in the United States and launched a failed, costly, and inhumane all-out offensive war on drugs. This war would prove to be the United State's longest and costly war, and

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ultimately a complete and shameful war. And in 1994... I'm sorry. In January of 1972, President Nixon created the Office of Drug Abuse Law Enforcement to wage a government war on otherwise peaceful and innocent Americans who voluntarily chose to ingest plants, weed, and other toxins forbidden by the government. In July of 1973, that office was consolidated, along with other federal drug agencies, into a newly established Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA, as a new super agency to handle all aspects of the War on Drugs. In 1994, President Nixon, counsel, and his assistant for domestic affairs John Ehrlichman revealed that the real enemies of the Nixon administration were not drug abusers but they were the anti-war left and black Americans. He noted that the war on drugs was actually designed as a evil, deceptive, sinister policy to wage a war on two groups of people. John Ehrlichman claimed 'we knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war on blacks, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroine, and then criticizing them heavily, we could disrupt those communities. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, vilify them night after night on the evening news. Did we know we were lying about the War on Drugs? Of course we did', he said. Finally, Ladies and Gentleman, the purpose of House Resolution 275 is to acknowledge the fact that the War on Drugs was proven to be costly, a failed disaster that shamefully affected some of America's most vulnerable populations. And that we will recognize the shameful and the discriminatory War on Drugs

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and the pain that it has cost the people in America. Thank you very much. And I urge for the adoption. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Inquiry of the Chair. How many wishes do I have left?"

Speaker Andrade: "Today I'm in a good mood, so you can proceed."

Batinick: "Okay. We're going to... can we do a roll call on this one as well, Sir?"

Speaker Andrade: "Your request has been acknowledged."

Batinick: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Mazzochi is recognized."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Resolution. There's quotations that are in here that are attributed to John Ehrlichman. Those quotations have been stated by members of his family to have been generated in whole cloth by a reporter at *Harper's*... *Harper's Magazine* years after his death. So, because these are not quotation... because we are putting here in this House Resolution quotations that, in fact, cannot be attributed to a person who is deceased and the claim that these statements were made were not made until after... until decades after the man had died, I don't think it's appropriate for us to try to suggest that these are valid attributable quotes to John Ehrlichman. And for that reason, I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Ford."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates she will."

Ford: "Leader Flowers, I want to thank you for this Resolution because it raises the awareness, I think, to a issue that has

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impacted, I guarantee you, everyone's family in this Body. I've had people in my family die from heroin overdose. I have people in my family, right now, suffering from a substance use disorder. And it's very, very difficult for people to overcome a drug addiction. And when I looked at the date that this so-called War on Drugs... that this so-called War on Drugs took place, it was the same year that I was born, just a year... a month before. So, January 1972. I was born February 1972. And since then, I've seen how the community that I live in, Austin, have people coming from all over the state, literally, to buy heroin. Whether their black, white, Hispanic, they come to the black communities to buy heroin. And so, I think this Resolution should tug at our conscience and we should join together to figure out how we can urge the Governor of this state to cut the flow of illegal drugs from our borders... to cut the flow of illegal drugs from the borders and keep them from entering the State of Illinois. It's very, very painful to see how heroin and other drugs destroy families. And to have a discussion about... this is important because I think that it gives us all an opportunity to reflect and figure out how we can stand against drugs coming into our communities and destroying families. You have a number of... in the Resolution, that speaks to \$51 billion annually being spent to do what, Leader Flowers?"

Flowers: "To hurt poor people, Latin and African American."

Ford: "The \$51 billion annually, to... to do what in the country? Constantly to..."

Flowers: "I'm sorry, Representative. I lost your..."

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Ford: "The drug policy alliance estimates that they're... that the United States spends \$51 billion annually on the War on Drugs. So, I just hope that the Governor is listening to this Resolution and... and all of the people here, and we do everything that we can to figure out how we could protect families. Because even when we have people coming to the West Side of Chicago, I know that that means that people from the suburbs are hurting from substance use disorder and we should do something. We shouldn't stand idly by and allow people to suffer and die from drug overdose. So, thank you for the Resolution."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Flowers moves for the adoption of House Resolution... yes, Leader Flowers, please proceed."

Flowers: "I need to make a point of clarification. To the Lady on the other side of the aisle that spoke of the misquote, I just want to bring to the Member's attention the Congressional Bill of the 115th Congressional Office, from the U.S. Government Publishing Office, House Resolution 933. And it says, 'The War on Drugs was admitted to be a move by the Nixon administration to attack his political opponents, and in 1994, President Richard Nixon's aide John Ehrlichman admitted in an interview that the War on Drugs was a tool to arrest and manipulate black and liberals, stating that, 'We knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or blacks, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with the marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt this community. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up

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their meetings, vilify them night after night on the national news. Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did.' Ladies and Gentlemen, I'll be more than happy to share with you this Resolution from the Congressional Record. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote on this Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Flowers moves for the adoption of House Resolution 275. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 59 'ayes', 33 'nays', 0 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Resolution 281, offered by Representative Haas."

Haas: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Haas, proceed."

Haas: "Thank you, Speaker. House Resolution 281 declares May 10 through 14 as 'Restaurant Worker Appreciation Week'. This was brought to my attention by a constituent, following a very long day at work by his daughter at local restaurant establishment in my district. This industry has been plagued by hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, suffering from periods of shutdown and forcing their labor force out of work, then pivoting to the increase demand for takeout and delivery orders, all while learning and maintaining new and changing public health guidelines for both personnel and food safety. This industry is struggling with serious issues of chronic understaffing, which has caused many to have to close entirely and some to have to close for several days during the week due to understaffing issues. This Resolution is to

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acknowledge their hard work and our desire to let them know that we recognize all of their hard work and appreciate them and offer them a sincere thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Haas moves for the adoption of House Resolution 281. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 286, offered by Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. House Resolution 293, offered by Representative Gonzalez. Representative Gonzalez, please proceed."

Gonzalez: "House Resolution 293 urges the Governor to sign into a Multi-State MOU so that by 2030 30 percent of new truck sales or heavy duty vehicles are zero-omission, and by 2050, 100 percent. So, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Gonzalez moves for the adoption of House Resolution 293. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 68 'ayes', 39 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. Under the Second Reading, on page 2, House Bill 30... House Bill 1091, offered by Representative Hirschauer. Please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please take the... Mr. Clerk, please return this Bill to the Second Order."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1091, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Willis."

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Speaker Andrade: "Representative Willis on the Amendment."

Willis: "The Amendment becomes the Bill, and I would prefer that we can debate it once it's adopted. It's a gut and replace."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Wheeler on the Amendment."

Wheeler: "You want to do it on Third?"

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Willis moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1091, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Hirschauer."

Hirschauer: "All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and fellow Members. You know, one of my favorite aspects of this new job is learning things on the fly, and I have learned a lot today. And I thank you for your indulgence. There is nothing more important to us, here in this Body, as the health and safety of all Illinoisans, and I am honored to bring HB1090 (sic-HB1091) before you again today. The second time's a charm. With your indulgence, I would like to touch on the few points that I made earlier, because they are important aspects of this Bill. This Bill passed through the House back in 2019. Many of my colleagues in here voted for it then. It is a good Bill that has been made even better with recommendations from the Illinois State Police to address our overloaded FOID system. Efficiencies in this Bill will go a long way in truly

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fixing the FOID for law-abiding gun owners. Here's some things that it does. It creates the option of an electronic FOID card, allowing folks to have a copy on their phones and available at all times. It allows for automatic renewals of your FOID card when your CCL is renewed. It allows for renewals of CCL and FOID cards on the same calendar year, and it gives the authority to ISP to issue one card for your FOID and your CCL. It also allows for automatic renewal of your FOID card when you buy a gun and go through the background check process using the FTIP system. These are good changes to the law that would allow ISP to be more efficient. This Bill also allows applicants to use fingerprints that are already on file with ISP, which streamlines the process for hundreds of Illinoisans who work in professions that already mandate fingerprints from a certified vendor. This Bill also creates a permanent FOID appeals board that will specifically hear issues on denials and revocations. Again, those are some positive changes, approved by the Illinois State Police, that will help fix a broken system and, in turn, help folks in each our districts. Equally important to me, and I'm sure to all of you, are the ways in which this Bill will work to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. Please indulge me, again, as I share a story from outside my district. On February 15, 2019, just a few miles outside of my district in Aurora, there was a mass shooting at the Henry Pratt Company, which killed six people, including the shooter, and injured six more, including five members of law enforcement. The shooter, who had a conviction for a felony aggravated assault in Mississippi, was not legally allowed to own a gun in

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Illinois. But he lied on his FOID application. His felony conviction was not detected until he submitted a fingerprint for his CCL. But by that time, it was too late. Law enforcement did not have the resources necessary to revoke his FOID card and his gun, which he kept, and then used in a mass shooting. The effects of which are still echoing throughout our community. This Bill, HB1091, will make it harder for dangerous people, like the Henry Pratt shooter, to access deadly weapons by requiring a fingerprint for a firearm owner ID card. That way, we can quickly identify and accurately identify gun purchasers. This Bill will also require action by the Illinois State Police to remove guns once a FOID card is revoked. Also important is it will close the person-to-person background check loophole. Closing this loophole and requiring background checks on all gun sales can significantly reduce the number of guns that enter the illegal market. Guns purchased from unlicensed sellers are an important source of guns diverted to the illegal market, which we all recognize in this Body as a huge contributing factor to gun violence in Illinois. Also important, this Bill funds the communities most impacted by gun violence through investing in concealed carry fees and mental health services. Gun violence is a multifaceted and complex issue that must be addressed on all fronts. From supporting law enforcement with the tools and technology they need to solve gun crimes and track illegally trafficked guns, to funding mental health and community-based violence intervention programs and education. This Bill is not a magic fix for the gun violence that plagues our state and our nation. It is, however, a crucially

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important step that we, as Legislators, can take right now to prevent mass tragedies and everyday gun violence and keep firearms out of the hands of dangerous people. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Wheeler is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates she will."

Wheeler: "One second, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we're going to request a verification should this vote... receive the requisite votes."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Wheeler has requested a verification on the vote. All Members will vote their own switches and will be at their chairs. Leader Wheeler."

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

Speaker Andrade: "She indicates she will."

Wheeler: "Thank you. Representative, this a... let's just talk the genesis. This is a combination of a couple of Bills. Is that my understanding? Is that right? This is a little bit of fix to FOID. A little bit of a Bill that the Representative from Swansea had put together that... different parts of those language are put together in there?"

Hirschauer: "Yes, that's correct."

Wheeler: "So, just to be clear for everybody who's... who may have missed the beginning of your... of your introduction of the Bill, and for those on my side, this Bill would require fingerprinting for both application and renewals. Is that accurate?"

Hirschauer: "It would require fingerprinting... thanks for the moment. It will require one-time fingerprinting. So, if

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you're a new applicant, you'll get a fingerprint when you're new. If you already have a FOID card and haven't submitted a fingerprint, you would submit a fingerprint on your reapplication."

Wheeler: "How many FOID cards are there in the State of Illinois?"

Hirschauer: "I don't know that exact answer."

Wheeler: "Can you give me a ballpark figure?"

Hirschauer: "A ballpark figure right now... in a conversation I had with ISP, there's around 2.2 million applications out there right now."

Wheeler: "So, 2.2 million people would have to get a fingerprint upon re... for renewal of the FOID card, which is just an extension of a constitutional right. Is that correct?"

Hirschauer: "Can you repeat the last part? Can you repeat your question?"

Wheeler: "So, what I'm saying is... what I'm asking you really is, the 2.2 Illinoisans... 2.2 million Illinoisans would have to get a fingerprint in order to renew a FOID card or apply for a FOID card, which is in essence an extension of a constitutional right, correct?"

Hirschauer: "Well, Leader, in this Bill, it allows for folks who already have a fingerprint on file... about 30 percent of folks in the State of Illinois have a job where they are required to have a fingerprint, and those folks are already taken care of. So, we believe that makes a big dent in that number."

Wheeler: "All right. So, now we can say, 1.5 million people that's left to do it. This is still quite of a demand on people who are law-abiding citizens who have done nothing wrong and are just trying to exercise a constitutional right. Part of your

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Bill also, then looks at the FOID card itself. It moves from a 10-year renewal to a 5-year renewal. Is that correct?"

Hirschauer: "Leader, that is correct. In this Bill, that is the correct language. However, on the floor right now, I can say that will be negotiated back down to a \$10 fee for 10 years in the Senate."

Wheeler: "Well, fortunately, we don't get to vote in the Senate. We just vote here. So, I'm looking at the Bill you have here. And for those of us who have district offices that have been inundated with FOID card concerns over the last, I don't know, 15, 18 months, you realize that our FOID card system is already overwhelmed and making it happen twice as often would just continue to overwhelm it? I know in JCAR we have seen a series of emergency rulemakings get extended and extended because there's no way for the state police to keep up with what we're putting on them. In my discussions with Director Kelly, I thought we were going to go with the other direction, which was going to be more of a... an unlimited or untimed FOID card, some other term they used, that didn't require an extension. But here, you're going the other way with your language and you're doubling the fee. And you're promising that somehow in the Senate it will get fixed, correct?"

Hirschauer: "Again, I am testifying to that here on the floor, on the record, that that will be fixed in the Senate."

Wheeler: "Okay. Well, again, we're voting on what's on the board. So, keep that in mind, everyone. And when you push your button, you're voting on what you have written in this Bill. I want to point out that there are other things in this Bill that I actually like. There are things in this Bill that are...

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are good legislate purposes. I think one of them is even taken from one of my Bills. But the reality is, with this Bill, opponents are going to file suit upon the signature of the Governor, should this Bill actually pass through these chambers. And then an injunction will stop this Bill in its entirety. So, all the good things that could happen from this Bill will be negated by that injunction. Are you aware of that, Representative?"

Hirschauer: "Forgive me, Leader. Could you repeat that?"

Wheeler: "I said, the opponents of this Bill have made it clear in committee over the last two or three years that they will sue upon the signature of the Governor, should this Bill pass through both chambers and get sent to the Governor's desk. And they'll file an injunction, likely be granted, that will stop the entire Bill because of some of the measures in this Bill. Are you aware of that? Were you... have you heard that from other committee testimony?"

Hirschauer: "Yes."

Wheeler: "So, rather than amend the Bill and try to work with stakeholders, you're proceeding forward knowing full well that, even if you're successful in all these measures, you're still going to fail, at least temporarily."

Hirschauer: "Leader, we are working through conversations with our Senate Sponsors, and we have included ISP language on efficiencies they requested in the FOID card system. We are both trying to fix the system and address a public health issue."

Wheeler: "Does the state police have a position..."

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Speaker Andrade: "Leader Keicher has... Leader Wheeler, Leader Keicher has yielded his time to you."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Sir. Thank you, Leader. Does the Illinois State Police have a position on the Bill?"

Hirschauer: "The Illinois State Police has not taken a position on this Bill. They're neutral."

Wheeler: "You mention... you talk about Senate sponsorship working to amend the Bill that you are sending them. But are... you're aware also that there's a deal that's been worked out in the Senate related to much of this? Are you aware of what's going on there?"

Hirschauer: "No. I am not aware of a deal. There is no deal. Conversations are being had, but I don't think deal is the correct way to phrase it."

Wheeler: "So, let's see, I'm looking at a... at, potentially, House Bill 562, and Senator Villivalam has his own agreed FOID Bill... that's what the information I have... with the state police. So, if we're really going to fix something for state police, can we work off of that Bill rather than trying to muscle this Bill through?"

Hirschauer: "With respect, that Bill is with the state police. It is not with the advocates that have worked tirelessly on this issue for three, four years."

Wheeler: "I'm under the impression, very specifically, that their requested changes were accepted in their entirety last night. So, I guess I'm kind of confused."

Hirschauer: "No."

Wheeler: "That's not true?"

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Hirschauer: "I don't understand. It feels as though we're playing a game of telephone, Leader. I am here to speak to this Bill, House Bill 1091."

Wheeler: "Right. Which is not agreed by anybody that I am aware of. How have you brought all (unintelligible) to the table to get an agreement with this Bill?"

Hirschauer: "I did not, in my opening, ever say that this Bill was agreed."

Wheeler: "I'm talking about one that is, or has the potential to be."

Hirschauer: "And I am here presenting House Bill 1091. Happy to answer questions on that."

Wheeler: "Yeah, my goal also is to inform the Members before they hit their switch as to what's out there that would actually work, that would actually make difference and move forward. Not get stalled out in court, but actually work in trying to accomplish things that I think you're trying to accomplish. So, with that, I'll go to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is very straight forward. Most of us do everything we can to work together to find an answer to fix things for the good of the people of the State of Illinois. And we try to include everybody in the State of Illinois with that. In this case, there's a deal that's been worked through. I'm told that language was accepted last night. Maybe somebody changed their mind after the fact, I don't know the answer to that. That wasn't part of the deal itself. This Bill does not achieve any part of the agreement process that I would accept if someone who says, here's a way we can move forward together. Those types of opponents are dramatic. The witness

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slips that were filed in committee were in the thousands opposed. We've already seen this show before. The Senate has an answer. We should listen for that. This Bill is not the answer. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Willis is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "She indicates she will."

Willis: "As I go forward, as many of you know, I was the original Sponsor of this Bill. And I am proud of the work that we've done on this, and I continue to be proud of the work that's being done on the Bill. And I am happy to turn the reins over to Representative Hirschauer. Representative, when I asked you to take over the final stretch on this Bill, what did I tell you?"

Hirschauer: "You got this."

Willis: "You got this. That's right. I told you, you got this. And I did that... to the Bill. I did that because Representative Hirschauer has a strong history of working on anti-gun violence Bills. She knows this Bill. She was part of the advocates before she came to this chamber. To address some of the points that my colleague on the other side of the aisle said about an agreed Bill in the Senate, there is no agreed Bill in the Senate. I think it's fair to say that when we talk about gun violence issues, that it's very rarely that we end up with agreed Bills. We just fundamentally think differently on how to go about doing that. But I will say that there are negotiations continuing on this Bill. We are working with the Senate Sponsor. Representative Hirschauer has stated a couple of things that we've totally agreed upon

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that will be changed. That is bringing this back to a 10-year term, bringing the fee back to \$10. Those are things that we're... know we're going to agree. There are a couple of other issues that I think some of my other colleagues will be bringing up forward that we are continuing those conversations on. As to the fact if someone's going to bring a lawsuit forward on the FOID card, that's already happening. We're already hearing that from the people that believe in the Second Amendment that that's the law of the land, that FOID cards are unconstitutional. This isn't going to change their thoughts. What this is going to do is, it's going to stop people right at the very beginning that should not be getting those FOID cards, that should not have access to guns at the very beginning. If we can verify who they are to a national database through a fingerprint, we're going to be able to do that. We're seeing fingerprints done for so many things right now. We also have worked with the state police. They are willing to look in any place that we can find fingerprints already on file. If you are a teacher, you have fingerprints on file. If you are a lawyer, you have fingerprints on file. There are plenty of other jobs that you may have your fingerprints already on file for that you would not have to redo this. That is why we are trying to work together to make this the best Bill possible, to make sure that we can cut those things in the very beginning. If we don't have... if you don't get your FOID card, you don't get your guns in the beginning, the chance of having to do revocations is that much less. That much less of having guns get in the wrong people's hands. That is what we're trying to

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do with this. So, I want to just stress to the Body, I have the utmost confidence that our... my fellow Rep will bring this to the finish line. I am working with her on this. She knows this Bill as well as I do. But I am going to continue to be actively involved as we work with the Senate on the final version. It will be coming back for a concurrence because I totally anticipate changes happening. And I urge everybody in this Body to have faith in us that we're going to get to a good point and cut down on the shootings that we're constantly hearing about in many of our neighborhoods. Thank you so much for your support."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Caulkins."

Caulkins: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Andrade: "She indicates she will."

Caulkins: "Thank you very much. Representative, in your Amendment, I have a question. Has this Amendment, this Bill, as it currently stands, been through a committee hearing?"

Hirschauer: "Yes, it has."

Caulkins: "Okay. And what was the result of that committee hearing?"

Hirschauer: "I believe it was partisan leave, but we will check on that."

Caulkins: "And witness slips for and against?"

Hirschauer: "Sorry. Sorry, could you repeat that?"

Caulkins: "Yes. And the witness slips that were filed for and against, how many?"

Hirschauer: "There were witness slips filed for and against, yes."

Caulkins: "Can you tell us the numbers, please?"

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Hirschauer: "I don't have the exact numbers before me right now. I can tell you the proponents. I can read off the proponents and the opponents that I have in my analysis right now."

Caulkins: "Numbers. I... we don't have to read a whole list."

Hirschauer: "Okay. Give me a moment."

Caulkins: "Is it..."

Hirschauer: "I'm literally counting names right now. So, would you like me to continue?"

Caulkins: "Okay. So, we'll look at our stuff."

Hirschauer: "Okay."

Caulkins: "Thirteen hundred and thirty-four proponents. Three thousand, one hundred and nine... one hundred and thirteen opponents. So, three to one, roughly. Not a very popular Bill with the public. Your violent crimes task force in your Bill, how's that funded?"

Hirschauer: "I believe it is funded by the FOID fees, but I will look it up."

Caulkins: "So... we can't process FOID cards and Concealed Carried Licenses and appeals now, and you're going to divert more funds from that fund for a violent crimes task force?"

Hirschauer: "Representative, there are many intents to this Bill. One is efficiencies in the FOID card systems. The other is to address a public safety crisis. And as evidenced by the mass shooting in Aurora, the Illinois State Police needs resources to be able to go out into the community to revoke firearms and FOID cards when they are made aware that someone has broken the law. That is what that task force is for."

Caulkins: "I understand the problem that we had in Aurora, and it was tragic, and we had somebody that lied to get a FOID card."

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Fortunately, he was... he applied for his Conceal Carry License and got caught, but we didn't get to him in time. And that's... that is tragic. But most of the crimes that you're talking about, do those criminals have FOID cards? Did the man that shot Officer Oberheim, murdered officer Oberheim in Champaign have a FOID card?"

Hirschauer: "Gun violence in this country and in the State of Illinois is an epidemic. As I stated in my opening, this is one piece of a puzzle, Representative, that... that we, as a Body, need to come together to solve."

Caulkins: "How..."

Hirschauer: "The piece of the puzzle you are referencing..."

Caulkins: "I understand. I understand. How many... how many people have committed violent crimes that have a FOID card? We know the Aurora incident, tragic as it is. How many other people that have committed violent crimes have been found to have a FOID card that should've been revoked?"

Hirschauer: "Representative, I don't have numbers for that."

Caulkins: "No."

Hirschauer: "I will take the opportunity to point out that another facet of gun violence is intimate partner gun violence or domestic violence using a firearm. And in those instances, in many cases, those folks have FOID cards."

Caulkins: "You just said you don't know, and now... I mean, this makes no sense. How many people are we going to hire in the Illinois State Police to be on your violent crimes task force?"

Hirschauer: "I believe that is... will be taken care of by the Illinois State Police."

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Caulkins: "In your Bill, you talk about transfers between individuals. Is... if I want to give a rifle, shotgun to my brother, what process do I have to go through?"

Hirschauer: "I'm glad you pointed that out, Representative, because it actually speaks to one of the issues you just brought up. Person-to-person background... person-to-person gun sales that are left unchecked lead to illegally trafficked guns on the street. So, that is one way in this Bill that we are attempting to solve a very large problem. If I wanted to sell you my gun, you and I would go to a federally licensed gun shop. They would perform a background check and hold the gun there, if necessary, if they needed to. And then, when your background check came out clean, you would get your gun."

Caulkins: "How many criminals are going to go through a background check?"

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Caulkins, would you bring your remarks to a close? Representative Reick has yielded his time."

Caulkins: "Thank you. How many criminals are going to go through this process? How many people in the streets, who possess guns or buying a gun out of a trunk of a car are going to go to an FFL to get that gun transferred? None."

Hirschauer: "Again, Representative..."

Caulkins: "None. We know the answer. There's no... that doesn't happen."

Hirschauer: "I'm pleased that we are discussing this on the House Floor, because it shows me that this whole Body is committed to examining different ways in which this state can curve that kind of gun violence. That is not what we are speaking

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of in this Bill right now, but I am happy to work with you on that."

Caulkins: "No, but you're going to impose a standard on legal gun owners to go through an FFL. Is there a cap on how much that they pay to transfer that gun?"

Hirschauer: "I do believe that's in the Bill, if you give me one minute."

Caulkins: "Do the people in Chicago have an FFL, Cook County? How many people in Chicago can go to an FFL in the City of Chicago? None. There isn't one. They're going to have to take their... put their weapon, probably on public transportation, which is prohibited, in order to transfer. We'll move on. You talk about sharing information with the Secretary of State. FOID cards are not subject to FOIA, are they? Who owns a FOID card? We can't find out. I can't FOIA you, you can't FOIA me."

Hirschauer: "That is correct."

Caulkins: "So, if we're going to share information with the Secretary of State, what assurances do you have that that information that the Secretary of State is interacting with the Illinois State Police is secured?"

Hirschauer: "We trust the Secretary of State."

Caulkins: "No, ma'am. You're requiring, in this Bill, that change of addresses, which I think is... is pretty smooth, but how do we protect that information? How do we protect FOID card owners from that information going back and forth with the Secretary of State?"

Hirschauer: "I have every faith in..."

Caulkins: "I don't."

Hirschauer: "...our Secretary of State."

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Caulkins: "We've got a data breach in that office, I believe. Many, many, many computers have been breached. It doesn't... doesn't compute. You know, there are... to the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Caulkins: "There are many, many parts of this Bill that are good. But when you start putting in poison pills, fingerprints, transfers between family members that have to go through the state police. Transfers that have to... you know, we have people in places that don't have access to FFLs. These are the kinds of poison pills that you put in this Bill that will cause a lot of acrimony in this state. It'll cause a lot of acrimony in this building. If we would want to really address the problems, we should address the problems with FOID cards and Concealed Carried Licenses. We should make it easier to get your licensed renewed. We should make it easier for people to change their address. We understand that. But when you pack a Bill full of things that are truly anti-legal gun owners, you put... you put yourselves in a... in a adversarial position. There are many, many things in this Bill that we could support. But like a lot of things, when you start packing in these other side issues that create the problems, it... it does not serve us well. I would urge a 'no' vote on this Bill. We need to do something, I agree. But this is not the vehicle."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates she'll yield."

Cassidy: "Representative Hirschauer, as you know... thank you. Representative Hirschauer, as you know, this is an area that

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I've spent a lot of time on as well, just as Representative Willis and Representative Stoneback. So, I... I thank you for all the hard work that you all have put into this. I just have a quick question. Is there anything in the Bill that is before us that impacts medical cannabis patients?"

Hirschauer: "Thank you for that question. Representative, as we discussed, in the person-to-person background check that is done at the federal level, there is an impact to folks who have to indicate whether or not they use cannabis, and we have discussed this. And as you know, you have my commitment to work on this with the Senate Sponsor to address the issues because the intent of this Bill is not to disenfranchise folks from their Second Amendment rights. The intent is to really keep firearms out of the hands of dangerous criminals."

Cassidy: "Thank you for that commitment. I appreciate that. I will say that when we began the medical cannabis program and our prior administrations sent out revocation letters to patients all over the state because of their use of medical cannabis, I sought the support of folks on the other side of the aisle to help retain the rights of those... those cannabis patients. I sought the support of the National Rifle Association lobbyists. I sought the support of the State Rifle Association lobbyists. And I got crickets. So, I thank you, in spite of our strongly held feelings about ensuring that we keep illegal weapons off of our streets, for also acknowledging that we have to protect the rights of lawful gun owners who are also medical cannabis patients. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Swanson."

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Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I'll go directly to the Bill. Earlier, it was mentioned about the phone calls our district offices receive as IDES being the most common call we've gotten. And the second most common call, it takes up a lot of our LAs' time, is FOID cards and concealed carry. And I know many of us on this side of the aisle take phone calls for Members' constituents on the other side of the aisle who get no response. It was mentioned there are 2.2 million FOID card holders in Illinois, and I believe that number is a lot higher now because of a great turn in some of the crime that we've seen and some of the reform we've seen. So, I believe that number is quite higher. But if we do the math... and I'm not a math wizard. Us farmers just do it on a piece of paper and a pencil out in the feed sack. But my quick math shows if we go from a 10-year to a 5-year card... just bear with me on these numbers. At 5 years... from 10 years to 5 years, that's 440 thousand cards per year. And now, let's say... how many is that per hour, because someone's going to have to do the work to get that card. That's 215 cards per hour on a 2,040 hour work year. Work year for 2,080, I gave that person a week off so that made it 2,040 hours. So, one person's going to have to do 215 cards an hour. Or if there are four people, you do the math. So, by reducing this, we just made another huge roadblock and created another several hundred calls to our offices a week. Now, let's talk about the... some of the responses we've had so far. You know, I'm a believer that crime is not committed by someone carrying a FOID card. I'm a believer that most crime committed is probably from an illegal gun that wasn't purchased through any firearm FFL

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dealer. It wasn't purchased through any process at a gun show. It was purchased off the street. FOID card will not solve that. Fingerprint cards will not solve that. And the other thing on fingerprint cards, where I live, I've looked, and it's at least 40 to 60 miles to find a place that would even do a fingerprint. It used to be our sheriff departments would do fingerprints, but now that's turned into a business. People get a lot of money to do fingerprint cards, and we would have to travel many, many miles to do that. So, once again, it's... it puts the person who's a... a citizen, a protector of the Second Amendment in a predicament of being able to even exercise their right. And I just don't understand why this Bill is needed in blocking what we have as a right. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Buckner."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Yes, she will yield."

Buckner: "Representative Hirschauer, I first want to thank you for bringing this. Thank you, Representative Willis, for all your work and your commitment to making this a better Bill. A couple things I want to clarify, just in terms of legislative intent and what we can expect if this Bill does move on to the next chamber. In 2019, I believe, I spoke a little bit about my reticence with this original Bill because I felt that it might unintentionally create a class of citizens that, based on their financial situation, wouldn't be able to legally own a firearm in the state. Have you guys done work to address some of the fee questions that were out there earlier?"

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Hirschauer: "Thank you, Chairman Buckner, for those questions. Yes, there has been work done on this Bill to cap the fingerprinting fee at \$30. Quite often, those fees can range as high as 75, and we have made strong progress in capping it at 30. And also, as I have stated and I'm happy to state again, I know on this Bill it is at a \$20 fee for 5 years. At the Senate, it will be a \$10 fee for 10 years."

Buckner: "Thank you for that. I also spoke to you a little bit about a section in this Bill that talks about revocation of FOID card and firearms for Illinoisans who have been indicted for a felony. Once again, that's indicted, not convicted. Am I correct that this is something that will be addressed in the Senate and as this Bill... as we move through this Bill? As we do not intend to have, say someone who was accused, just accused of stealing a pair of shoes from a store that are valued at \$500... \$501, right? Which is a felony in Illinois, which is also something we need to work on. But we don't intend to have that person without being... being charged but not convicted to have their FOID card revoked and to be required to surrender their firearms. Is that correct?"

Hirschauer: "That is correct, Chairman. The intent of this Bill, again, is not disenfranchisement. And we are working very hard to make that a reality in the Senate."

Buckner: "Okay. Thank you very much for your work on this. And I look forward to continuing to try to perfect this legislation. Based on all the work that you've done, I'm extremely enthusiastic to be supportive of it today. Thank you."

Hirschauer: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Davidsmeyer."

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Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A couple issues really quick. First, I'd like the record to reflect that Joe Sosnowski is excused for the rest of the day. Second..."

Speaker Andrade: "The record will reflect that."

Davidsmeyer: "...to the Bill. I'm going to go to the Bill. And I'm going to bring this up. I understand what you're trying to do. And I would say nobody wants to get rid of gun violence more than a legal gun owner. We want to help get rid of gun violence. That's what hinders our right to our Second Amendment constitutional right. But I... I want to bring up something that really is... really bothers me. My wife is... has lived here, we've been married almost 15 years. She's worked here, she's paid taxes here. She doesn't currently have a FOID card. Now, neither does my mother-in-law because she's from Ohio. But if my mother-in-law goes into a gun store, she can look at a gun. My wife, who is an Illinois taxpaying, hardworking Illinois citizen, cannot. So, we are making our own citizens second-class citizens in their own state. And I am... I am with you on trying to figure out a way to get rid of gun violence, but I just want to point out that this is not the way. It just hinders our citizens' ability to exercise these rights. So, I look forward to working with you in the future, but I certainly... this is not a doable Bill. It will not accomplish what you're trying to accomplish. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a few questions?"

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates she will."

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McCombie: "Thank you. There are some positive things in this and... you started with your opening, the electronic FOID auto renewal, same calendar year, one card for CCL and FOID. You can probably get everyone of us behind all of those. Then we add fees, a lot of other things to... basically a... the fingerprints. Let me just go right to questions. Making the fingerprints mandatory, is there any consideration to making them permissive? And while doing that, it would allow to extend the time of the FOID card, the period of... the length of time. Making it permissive is one. And then, if you decided... if I decided to go ahead and do that on my own, I would then lengthen my time of my FOID card, maybe 20 years or a lifetime."

Hirschauer: "Not in this Bill, Representative."

McCombie: "No. But is there any consideration for that by you, as the Sponsor?"

Hirschauer: "No, not in this Bill."

McCombie: "Okay. Do you believe by having mandatory fingerprints that that generates a registry or a list of people that have?"

Hirschauer: "I do not."

McCombie: "Do you wish there to be a registry?"

Hirschauer: "Not in... I do not."

McCombie: "Great. If I were to transfer or sell you a gun today, do you know the process?"

Hirschauer: "First, I would need to apply for a FOID card. I do not have one."

McCombie: "Okay. Let's say you have a FOID card and I want to sell you a gun. Do you know the process today between us as private individuals?"

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Hirschauer: "Between you and I?"

McCombie: "Yes. We're both..."

Hirschauer: "Yes."

McCombie: "...legal, law-abiding card holders, and I want to sell you my gun."

Hirschauer: "I am not familiar with the process."

McCombie: "Okay. So, then why would you amend the private sales piece of this Bill? If you don't know the way we do it now, why would you amend that?"

Hirschauer: "The private sales portion of this Bill, the universal... the universal background check portion of this Bill closes a loophole. So, I guess... right now, if you were sell me a gun, you wouldn't have to do a background check on me."

McCombie: "That's... that's not true. I as a... as a legal gun owner, who is selling a gun to you... would you like me to wait a minute? As I'm selling it to you, it is my responsibility to make sure that you are a legal FOID card carrier. I have to look that up. That is my responsibility to do that. And if I don't do that, I'm breaking the law. So, what loophole does this close?"

Hirschauer: "It puts a check and a balance, Representative, to make sure that all folks do that."

McCombie: "But how is this... how is that going to change what is already the process today? So, if I'm not going to do it legally now, why would I go to the FFL dealer and do it then?"

Hirschauer: "I'm sorry, if you're not going to do it... repeat that..."

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McCombie: "If I'm not going to do it correctly by the law now, why would I go to the FFL dealer and do it later?"

Hirschauer: "Representative McCombie, our job in this Body is... is to create legislation and... in the hope and the ideal that folks will follow it. And that is what I am doing. I am creating... we, here..."

McCombie: "So... are they not following it now? Are they not following the law now in that process?"

Hirschauer: "Right now, Representative McCombie, if you wanted to sell me a gun and you checked to see if I had FOID card, it's not a complete history of my FOID card. You don't have the ability to see if it has been revoked, if it has been flagged. If you go to a legal gun shop, then you would be able to see that. So, it would save you, Representative McCombie, from selling a gun to a dangerous person like myself."

McCombie: "Actually, it would say online, through the ISP, that you have... you do not have a valid card."

Hirschauer: "Again, it is a check and a balance to make sure that the process is being followed, that no one is quickly flashing a FOID card. We are... we are just trying to make the laws safer for people."

McCombie: "This... unfortunately, this piece, especially, will not do anything. If I'm... if I am not going to follow the process now, as a law-abiding gun owner, to sell you and transfer a weapon to you, I'm not going... I'm not going to go to the FFL dealer, period. The other problem with this is that there's a cap on the transfer..."

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Speaker Andrade: "Leader McCombie, your time has expired. Will someone yield their time? Representative Stephens yields you time."

McCombie: "There's... the other part of this that's a problem is there is a cap for the FFL dealer to what... what the charge can be, correct?"

Hirschauer: "The cap on the... I'm sorry... the background check charge or the fingerprint charge?"

McCombie: "No. No. For the transfers for the private... through the FFL."

Hirschauer: "Oh, yes."

McCombie: "Okay. So, is there anything that requires an FFL dealer to do transfers, to do this? Is there anything that's going to mandate them to offer this service to you and I?"

Hirschauer: "I don't believe so."

McCombie: "Okay. Great. Because I can tell you my FF dealers are not going to be doing this for this fee. That's going to limit my ability to transfer or sell a weapon. I'm not sure if you're aware of that. That's going to happen. Another thing, fingerprints. You stated there's a cap on the fingerprints. Is there any law that would mandate somebody to provide this service?"

Hirschauer: "Not that I know of. It's a service."

McCombie: "Okay. So, this would be another thing that is very costly, in some cases especially, that people are not going to provide this service. That is also going to limit my ability to carry. There are many things in this that are not only going to increase fees, limit our ability to carry, it's also going to create new laws that are going to be increased

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penalties. Increased penalties to people that want to be law-abiding citizens but cannot because of accessibility and affordability. To the Bill. This is not about public health, not about public safety. It is just another gun grab in Illinois. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Manley."

Manley: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates she will."

Manley: "Representative, I have a couple questions for you, and I want to make sure that everybody is listening to this on the record. I told you I was going to ask you these questions, and I hope everybody takes note. When the Bill leaves this chamber, as I... I'm sure it will, and gets to the Senate, are there going to be Amendments brought? And then will the Bill come back on concurrence?"

Hirschauer: "Yes, Leader. That's correct."

Manley: "Okay. So, can you point to some of things that are... you've committed to changing and not concurring with if they don't come back in their entirety?"

Hirschauer: "Yes, Leader. I am committed to changing the fee and the duration of the FOID card from \$20 to 5 years, back down to \$10 in 10 years. We are committed to adding a public defender to the FOID review board. And we are committed to changing the appeals decision time on FOID revocation review board. Those are the things we've agreed to so far."

Manley: "Okay. So, right now, how much does it cost for a FOID card? What's the fee?"

Hirschauer: "Currently, it cost \$10."

Manley: "Okay. In the Bill though, it says what?"

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Hirschauer: "The Bill says \$20."

Manley: "Okay. And we're going to roll that back to \$10 in the Senate? When it comes back here, that's what we're going to be concurring with, right?"

Hirschauer: "Correct."

Manley: "And also, the renewal is 5 years, but you're going to move that to 10 years."

Hirschauer: "Correct."

Manley: "So, we're voting on \$20 in 5 years, but when it comes back we're going to get 10 for 10?"

Hirschauer: "Yes."

Manley: "Okay. Talk about the fingerprints a little bit. And... and I just want... it's hard to listen to people saying that... that this Bill won't do anything and it's a gun grab. Because I want you to explain to everybody in this chamber what would have happened if the fingerprinting part of your Bill was in place that... before the Aurora shooting. And I know... somebody said, oh, it's sad. Well, no, it's not just sad. It's tragic and awful. And I commend you for trying to fix. And if it's the only thing that's fixed, if that's the only thing that happens because we brought this legislation, then it was a success. So, please explain to the people that are... are saddened by the killing in Aurora but don't think that this would fix it. Can you tell them how this would have made a difference?"

Hirschauer: "Absolutely, Leader. Thank you for that question. If the Henry Pratt shooter had had to have a finger... a mandated fingerprint for his FOID card, it would've been a comprehensive and complete background check that would have

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caught the aggravated felony charge that he had in Mississippi and he would have never have gotten a FOID card or a gun."

Manley: "I'm sorry. Did you say that, if the fingerprinting component of this Bill had been in place, that those people might not be dead today?"

Hirschauer: "Absolutely. There would be six people alive and five uninjured law enforcement."

Manley: "So, I'm really... I don't understand why that's a bad thing you guys. I don't understand. We could've saved... how many people died there, Maura?"

Hirschauer: "Six."

Manley: "Six people would be alive today. I think their families are probably feeling a little bit more than sad. Let's get some of this right. It's a piece of a puzzle. She has explained it. She has made it a commitment to coming back to this chamber with a more amenable term... renewal term and better... lower fees. She's working with you. She's working with you. I don't know one Bill that's come out of this chamber that's been perfect, but there are pieces of this Bill that work and would make a difference. I recommend an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am a law-abiding gun owner. I have a valid FOID card. I have a valid concealed carry card, and I am not alone in the district that I represent. I am not alone. There is nothing in this Bill that is about the safety of the citizens in the State of Illinois that are the subject of most of the gun violence that goes on in this state. There are exceptions,

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and I will admit that. But I think we all have to recognize the fact that most of the gun violence that goes on in the State of Illinois is not by individuals that have valid FOID cards and valid concealed carry cards. That's not what it's about folks. They don't give a damn about this, and they don't possess them. And where did they get their arms? From the back seat or the trunk of a car. They didn't go to a... a bona fide FFL dealer. They didn't go to a gun store. They didn't take a class on safety and education. In the district that I represent, the young children belong to an educational sporting shooting group where they learn gun safety, they learn how to handle a firearm, and they learn how to treat it. And, more importantly, how to treat their fellow human beings. Ladies and Gentlemen, the people that I represent, the people that are legal and law-abiding gun owners in the district that I represent, they own those firearms because they like to hunt. They like to go with their teenagers when they're of age. They may be disabled and that's one of the few things that they can enjoy on a disabled hunt. But more importantly... and please listen very carefully people. More importantly, the majority of the people that I represent, they hunt to feed their families. That's where their food comes from. And so, when you're putting all of these regulations and fees, you're putting those on the people that I represent that are trying to feed their families. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Luft."

Luft: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Andrade: "She indicates she will."

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Luft: "Thank you. Representative Hirschauer, I just had to take a quick second. I wanted to, and I'm not sure that it... the answer came across, but just a quick second back to the funding. Originally it was set at \$20, and it's my understanding that that was to be broken down to \$10 for the State Police Firearms Service Fund, \$10 to the State Police Revocation Enforcement Fund. You indicated that when this went to the Senate that this would be back... dropped back down to \$10. So, I'm... I have to ask, with that being dropped back down over on the other floor to \$10, would that \$10 fee still be dispersed as \$6 to the Wildlife and Fish Fund, \$1 to the State Police Services Fund, and \$3 to the State Police Firearms Services Fund?"

Hirschauer: "Thank you for that question, Representative. In the negotiations in the Senate, the fees that go to DNR will go back to ISP, and that line item will be taken care of in the budget for DNR."

Luft: "Thank you. So, there... there is going to have to be an increase somewhere, correct?"

Hirschauer: "I'm not sure I understand."

Luft: "For... for DNR. To replace that funding that they would lose."

Hirschauer: "It will come from somewhere else. That's correct."

Luft: "So, there would have to be more funding created somewhere, somehow."

Hirschauer: "That is being negotiated in the Senate."

Luft: "Okay. Thank you. Also, the \$30 fee that has been discussed or talked about, how does that break down and where does that... where does that go exactly and who is doing the

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fingerprinting? Is that at the local police station, the county sheriff's office? Is there a trail before it gets to the state police that these fees will accumulate and grow by the time it reaches... the fingerprint reaches its final destination?"

Hirschauer: "In the Bill, Sir, it states that the fingerprints must be transmitted through a live scan fingerprint vendor licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulations."

Luft: "Which in... in my experience for my case, excuse me, is my local police station and county sheriff's office, and I know how much they charge for that. So, with this \$30 fee, is that just a hope? Is it actually in the Bill?"

Hirschauer: "It is, Sir. It is written in the Bill that it will be capped at \$30."

Luft: "So, this Bill will tell local police stations and county sheriff departments, or anybody licensed to do this fingerprinting, that regardless of what they charge and what their overhead is to do this, that they're going to have to settle for \$30? So, by doing that, if they charge over that \$30, say for administrative fees, it covers their administration, they're going to have to find other sources to make up for that as well?"

Hirschauer: "The cap..."

Luft: "Is that... is that a fair assumption?"

Hirschauer: "The cap at \$30 breaks down a barrier and makes this accessible, which is something that folks on your side have spoken to."

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Luft: "I understand that. And that... that's good for somebody who is willing to pay that \$30 fee. The point is, we're forcing a fee, an administrative fee. If I charged \$50 and that covered a service that I provided, and now I get hit with a law that says I can only charge 30, where do I make up that \$20?"

Hirschauer: "You're asking me that question? Yeah."

Luft: "Yeah. What... what will we say when constituents call or these organizations call our offices and say where do I make up that \$20 now?"

Hirschauer: "This fee cap has been negotiated by licensed fingerprint dealers, and it is supported by them."

Luft: "It just appears to me that this is full of a lot of areas that a lot of money is going to be generated, and we have no answers to supplement the losses that the licensed fingerprinters will have to lose. The municipal police departments, the county sheriff departments. So... and I'm not sure... and with DNR, with the Wildlife and Fish Fund. To the Bill. As a Representative on the other side spoke earlier, asking us to recognize certain situations, it's only fair that we ask for that side to recognize things as well too. That basically this Bill, as genuine as it... it is trying to be, will not prevent somebody who is vicious, determined, and evil from performing an act that they are bound and determined to do. I, personally, would love to see some form of legislation or a law that could keep that from happening. But I don't know where that possibility is to control somebody who is vicious and evil like we have seen, unfortunately, so many times in our country."

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Speaker Andrade: "Representative Luft, you're out of time."

Luft: "Thank you. I'm done."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Weber. Leader Weber."

Weber: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Andrade: "She indicates she will."

Weber: "Thank you. Yeah, I have been reached out by many residents of my district, many law-abiding, FOID-card-carrying individuals. And I just... on their behalf, I wanted to ask a couple questions. Do you think that there should be fingerprinting on things like voting? Or on things like publishing a newspaper, protesting, or possibly any other constitutional rights?"

Hirschauer: "Sir, I'm here to answer any questions on House Bill 1091."

Weber: "So, I would take that as a no? It's only law-abiding, FOID-carrying Illinoisans. Thank you."

Hirschauer: "That is not what I said, Sir."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Windhorst."

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

Speaker Andrade: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, I appreciate the conversations you've had with me before on this Bill, and I just had some things I'd like to follow up on. So, if you'd indulge me with these questions. Do you recognize that the right of an individual to possess a firearm is a constitutional right?"

Hirschauer: "I do, Second Amendment."

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Windhorst: "Are you aware of any other constitutional right that requires a person to provide a fingerprint to the government before they exercise that right?"

Hirschauer: "The government can restrict certain constitutional rights for public safety purposes, and this is a compelling reason. The gun violence epidemic in this country is a compelling reason for that."

Windhorst: "My question wasn't that. My question was, are you aware of any other right that requires a person to submit a fingerprint to the government before they exercise the right?"

Hirschauer: "Could you tell me?"

Windhorst: "I don't believe there is. That's why... I didn't know if you were aware of one that I was not. Are you?"

Hirschauer: "Thank you. We... you're the lawyer, so..."

Windhorst: "So, I think that's a big concern that we have on this side. And as Representative... prior speaker said, a discretionary or voluntary provision for fingerprinting with an expanded FOID card time would be more agreeable than mandating it through the government before exercising that right. And I hope you see where we come at with that difference and distinction."

Hirschauer: "I also appreciate the discussions we've had on this issue. And again, you know where I'm coming from, that this is a public health crisis and we do a lot of things as a society for the good of public safety. I believe that this is one."

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Windhorst: "You have made statements about certain provisions in the Bill that will be amended in the Senate, and I'm assuming by that statement you have Senate Sponsor?"

Hirschauer: "I do."

Windhorst: "And you've worked out these changes... Amendments with them?"

Hirschauer: "The changes I have spoken to on the floor have been cleared with my Senate Sponsor."

Windhorst: "For me, personally, it is aggravating, I guess, for the amount of legislation that comes through this Body with a promise of future changes in another Body which we have no control over. And that is something and a practice I would like to see us get away from because I think we have the opportunity now to put it correctly rather than waiting and hoping someone else does. Let's say that there is no Amendment and the Bill passes in its current form in both the House and the Senate. Would you call on the Governor to veto the Bill?"

Hirschauer: "That's a hypothetical."

Windhorst: "Yes, but a very important hypothetical question because once we pass this Bill we lose control. You are the only one who can control what you're going to say to the Governor, and I want... would like to know if you're going to request his veto if it passes in its current form?"

Hirschauer: "I understand the frustration I hear from you. I'm new here, as everyone knows, but I, too, have seen how that happens a lot. However, I am working very closely with my Senate Sponsor, and I have every confidence that it will be amended in the Senate."

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Windhorst: "But if it is not, would you request a veto of the Governor?"

Hirschauer: "Yes. We would request an Amendatory Veto."

Windhorst: "You did not present this Bill in committee. Is that correct?"

Hirschauer: "I did not."

Windhorst: "Were you... did you watch the presentation of the Bill in committee when it was presented?"

Hirschauer: "I did not. I will let you know I advocated for this Bill as a member of Moms Demand Action in 2019. So, while I have not been presenting and working on it as Representative Willis has, it is a very important piece of legislation that I am invested in."

Windhorst: "I understand that. The reason I bring that up is, in committee, the state police director testified about the Bill in the form it is now with this Amendment. And he expressed his concerns about the five-year period in the Bill. Now, I understand all the promises that have been made, and we think it's going to come back, and if it does this is going to happen. But we have to understand, this Bill, in this form, would create tremendous problems for the FOID card system in our state, a state that is already strained and stressed through this pandemic and currently. We cannot put more stress on that system. Would you agree with that?"

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Windhorst, your time is up. Representative Severin has yielded his time."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Hirschauer: "I do fully agree with that. We have worked hard with ISP on these efficiencies in the Bill, and we recognize that

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the five-year limit, kind of, makes those efficiencies moot. You know? So, it is important to ISP and to us that we amend the Bill to \$10 in 10 years."

Windhorst: "Thank you for your answers. To the Bill. We have some fundamental disagreements on this side as it comes to this Bill. One of the fundamental agreements is whether a FOID card should even exist and whether we should have it. Most states, in fact, the vast majority of states do not even have a FOID card. And there are many on our side who have sponsored Bills to remove that. But if we are going to have a FOID card system, we should not be mandating fingerprints by law-abiding citizens to exercise constitutional rights. That is too far. And for that reason, I would encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Niemerg."

Niemerg: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to go straight to the Bill. You know, during this argument, we have heard that this is the Bill that we're voting on. And I will remind folks that this... this is the Bill that we're voting on, regardless of any Senate Amendments or whether it goes to the Governor's desk and what happens from here. But I find it coincidental that early on in the arguments the Sponsor had said, I'm not aware of anything going on in the Senate. I'm not aware of any agreed Bill. I'm not aware of any negotiations, whatsoever. And further and further on debate, all of a sudden there's an agreed Bill in the Senate. All of a sudden there's discussions. All of a sudden there's Amendments. So, we see that maybe there's some inconsistencies there. Secondly, to this, this will do nothing but be a detriment to our local districts. The facts

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are this Bill, HB1091, requires fingerprints for renewal and new applicants for a FOID card, reduces the length of FOID card from 10 to 5 years. And coincidentally, I'm waiting on mine right now and a lot of folks in my district are too to the tune of a little over a year. It quadruples the cost and outlaws private sale of firearms. Now, in southeast Illinois in the district that I... that I represent, the IDES is a major issue. It truly is. But the number one call, and my LA has gotten very good at handling, is... is FOID cards. What's the status of my FOID card? Why haven't I gotten it? And what can you do to help? And it's always nice to help law-abiding citizens exercise their Second Amendment rights, and I take great pride in that. But to think that the Illinois State Police will have... to have it any easier, is just completely false. And I have an FFL dealer in my district, and he sent me a text the other day. He said, here's a picture of my employee's niece who is excited to have finally received her FOID card. But to her surprise, her name is correct, but the person in the photo was not. They didn't even get the gender... the gender right. It was a male instead of a female. So, folks, to think that we're solving the FOID, to think that we're doing anything to help the issue that we're getting calls on a daily basis is just completely false. So, I would urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes. To the Bill. You know, I have my great grandfather's gun. Never before have we had to go through a gun dealer to transfer that gun to the next in line in our family to have it. Now, what if I wanted to go to a great-nephew. There's

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another time. Not just a nephew, another time it has to be transferred down. Another payment. It seems ridiculous for a constitutional right that we have that we have to go through such painstaking regulations and time where we wait up to two years to get new FOID cards. Our office are overburdened with the FOID cards all the time. And not only do we have to do our districts, we have to do your districts. I constantly have people calling my office saying they don't get progress from their district. And they ask us, as a Republican, to help fight to get their FOID card and to get it renewed. Think about that. Vote 'no'. I'd like to yield my time to Steve Reick."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Reick, please proceed."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be brief. Couple of points I've been listening to this debate. If you want to do away with gun violence in Illinois, one of the best ways to do it is enforce current law, which is to arrest and prosecute straw buyers. Those guns that are being bought out of the back of somebody's car were bought legally from an FFL by somebody who had no intention of doing anything other than handing it off to somebody else. You go to a crime scene and what happens is, you find a gun, you can trace the gun through the serial number, unless it's been filed off. They know where that gun was bought. Find out who bought it, prosecute them, send them to jail. Don't go sending innocent law-abiding gun owners halfway across the county to get a fingerprint. We're hearing a lot about this Bill is going over to the Senate and there's a lot of work going on. Well, there's an agreed Bill already over in the Senate. I'd like to know who the Sponsor of this

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Bill has been negotiating with over in the Senate because there is a Bill over there that is agreed. And you want to know something? The Bill that's going to come out of the Senate is going to be an agreed Bill. The rifle association and all the other stakeholders are on this Bill, state police. What you're doing by passing this Bill is encouraging the people who are arguing for your position over there to walk away from that process. They're going to say, oh, hey, look, we got a Bill coming over from the House that gives us everything we want. Why should we... why should we negotiate anymore? Why should we come up with a Bill? You want Republican votes on a... on a FOID Bill, wait for the Senate to do its job and send that Bill over here. Don't send this piece of garbage over there for them to fix. There's a Bill over there. Let's do that. Finally, fingerprints. It's one thing... you know, when I took the bar exam and passed it, I had to give my fingerprints to the State Bar Association. Anybody who's a licensed professional in this state has to do the same thing under most circumstances. If you're a teacher, you got to give your fingerprints. That's fine, because you know something? For me to practice law or for somebody else to teach, that is not a fundamental constitutional right. Owning a firearm is enshrined in our Constitution. It's a fundamental liberty that we enjoy because we're Americans. And requiring us to make fingerprints available so that we can do that... I'll be honest with you. I think that there is an argument there that it could be also a Fourth Amendment violation of my right to unreasonable searches and seizures. So, wait for the Bill to come over from the Senate. Don't pass this Bill.

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Let's wait for the Senate to do its work, send an agreed Bill over here, you might end up with some Republican votes on it. If what you're trying to do is just get yourself some talking points that you can take on a campaign trail next year, you're doing a fine job. But if you want something that actually works, let's wait for the Senate to send their Bill over and let's see if we can vote on it. Thank you. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Mason."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates she will."

Mason: "Thank you. A lot of people in this Body may not know this about me, but I am a current FOID card holder. I come from a family with a long history of hunting and fishing. And I believe in the Second Amendment. Representative, will this legislation prevent me, as a legal FOID card holder, from owning a gun or purchasing guns?"

Hirschauer: "It will not, Representative."

Mason: "It won't... it won't stop my constitutional right to owning a firearm in any way?"

Hirschauer: "It will not."

Mason: "Thank you. Representative, we have been assisting in my district office with hundreds of individuals who have current FOID card issues. As a Democrat, I know that many of the other Democrats on this side of the aisle have been doing the same. Does this legislation include items that will increase efficiencies to help those people who are deserving of FOID cards get those FOID cards in a faster manner?"

Hirschauer: "It absolutely does, Representative. Thank you for that question. It's language provided by ISP, which I outlined

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in my opening. But I'll just do a view quick hits for you. You know, it allows automatic FOID renewals with an FTIP. It allows you to automatically renew your FOID when your CCL is renewed. And it does that nifty electronic FOID card, which would be good for everybody, among other things."

Mason: "Thank you, Representative. I know people in my district will appreciate that. Representative, is the Bill that's currently in the Senate an agreed Bill?"

Hirschauer: "Thank you for that question again. It is not an agreed Bill. The Bill that is in the Senate is not agreed to by the advocates who have worked tirelessly on this issue for years. This reflects the work of advocates along with language requested from ISP in this Bill."

Mason: "Thank you. Representative, I heard some folks question the costs associated in this Bill. So, you're telling me that you have an understanding that this will cost folks \$10 for a 10-year FOID card?"

Hirschauer: "That is correct."

Mason: "And \$30 for a fingerprinting fee?"

Hirschauer: "Yes, a one-time fingerprinting fee."

Mason: "Okay, very good. I know that even a small box of ammunition cost 34... 30 to 50 bucks. And for those who are hunting for food, the cost of getting a deer processed starts at about a \$120. So, that doesn't seem unreasonable to me, does it, Representative?"

Hirschauer: "I would agree with that."

Mason: "Thank you. You know, folks are... as I drive here, speeding down Route 55, and I see it all the time, even those without legislative plates. Did that stop us from implementing

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Scott's Law to have people slow down, even though we know people will keep speeding?"

Hirschauer: "It did not because it is a public safety measure."

Mason: "Thank you, Representative. And finally, we know that domestic violence is at epidemic proportions and it continues despite, of course, being illegal, including the domestic violence situation that killed Officer Oberheim the other day and injured his partner. Do we stop that from pursuing domestic violence legislation, even though we know people will break those laws and need to be held accountable?"

Hirschauer: "Absolutely not because our one job is to keep Illinoisans safe."

Mason: "Absolutely. To the Bill. Folks, this is something that is going to help keep us safer. It is not going to product... protect people... or not going to prevent people from exercising their Second Amendment rights. We cannot stand down because people are going to break the law. This is a huge puzzle and this is a piece of it. We need to have strong legislation, and then we need to also work with our law enforcement partners to ensure that these things are implemented. So, I thank you. I know how hard you've been working for years on this before your time in the Legislature. And I urge everyone to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Stoneback."

Stoneback: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Andrade: "She indicates she will."

Stoneback: "Thank you. I've been listening to this robust debate for the past, I believe, more than an hour. And I'd like to respond to some of the comments that I've been hearing. The

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first one is extremely disturbing to me. So, this Bill was referenced by one of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle as a piece of garbage. A piece of garbage. I'm sorry, but is this the way we treat each other in the Illinois House of Representatives? Is that a show of respect, even if we agree to disagree? We agree to disagree every single day. We will not see eye to eye, possibly on this issue, and on many other issues. But I would ask for respect for the advocates, for the current Bill Sponsor, for the former Bill Sponsor, for all of the work that has been done on this Bill. And it is a tremendous amount of work, hours and hours. And I want to thank the Bill Sponsor for all of her hard work, and the previous Sponsor for all of her hard work, all of the advocates, and the Illinois State Police. We've... we've heard many comments about how the Illinois State Police needs and wants improved efficiencies to our flawed FOID system. And this Bill will, it's been acknowledged by many, improve those efficiencies. But I also want to speak to the multiple comments about law-abiding gun owners shouldn't have to do this because we're all law-abiding. Now, someone mentioned straw purchasers. Representative Hirschauer, are you familiar with straw purchases?"

Hirschauer: "Yes."

Stoneback: "And can you explain, briefly, what a straw purchase is."

Hirschauer: "A person who buys guns legally and then sells them illegally to a person without a FOID card."

Stoneback: "There have been many comments here. Oh, it's not us law-abiding gun owners that... FOID card holders that are... that

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are committing the crimes. It's... it's people with illegally trafficked guns. Yeah. Many times, that's right. But straw purchasers actually have a FOID card, and they purchase, using their FOID card illegally, and then resale those guns or pass them illegally to someone who is not able to obtain a gun. This is something that we have to stop, and this Bill would help that. So, not everybody who is a valid FOID card holder is law-abiding. I also want to reiterate the situations of domestic violence. So, in situations of domestic violence, the presence of a gun increases the chances of gun homicide by 500 percent. In many times, if there is a domestic violence suicide or suicide and gun homicide in a family situation, that person is a legal gun owner, is a law-abiding... up until that very moment, was a law-abiding gun owner. And then something happened. There was a domestic fight. They lost their job. They were getting a divorce. So, not everybody who has a valid FOID card ends up being a law-abiding gun owner. I also want to talk about... a little bit about revocations. Representative Hirschauer, you mentioned the Aurora shooting. In that situation, the shooter in Aurora did have a FOID card. Is that correct?"

Hirschauer: "That is correct."

Stoneback: "And was that FOID card revoked?"

Hirschauer: "It was not. A letter... I believe a letter was sent and went unanswered."

Stoneback: "The validity was... the validity of the FOID card was revoked but the firearm was never removed. Is that right?"

Hirschauer: "Correct."

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Stoneback: "And would this Bill assist in that revocation process?"

Hirschauer: "It does. It creates the Violent Crimes Task Force whose main job would be to safely go out into the community and address FOID revocations."

Stoneback: "Is that an important part of the Bill?"

Hirschauer: "It is a critical part of the Bill, a critical piece of the large puzzle that we have all been talking about in addressing the epidemic of gun violence."

Stoneback: "So, now that we've established that not everyone who has a valid FOID card holder is a law-abiding gun owner... actually, I will throw out there. I know it's been said there were 2.1 million people in Illinois with FOID cards in 2017, I believe. So..."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Stoneback, your time has expired. Representative Carroll will yield you his time."

Stoneback: "Thank you. So, there are 2.1 million FOID card holders in 2017. And in that year alone... actually, in 2016. In a single year, 11 thousand people had their FOID cards revoked. And fewer than half actually turned in their firearms or had any sort of documentation as to where their FOID cards and firearms went. So, is... Representative Hirschauer, does this sound like an effective FOID system to you?"

Hirschauer: "It does not, which is why we are addressing that issue in this Bill."

Stoneback: "So, I'd just like to say that that is a critical part. There are tens of thousands, currently, FOID card holders who are not law-abiding, who have had their FOID cards revoked. And the Illinois State Police has not had the tools they need

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in order to be able to dispossess those illegal FOID card holders of their firearms. So, that is critical to our public safety right here, right now, today. So, to the Bill. The Center for Gun Policy and Research of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, they published a report right around the time of the Aurora shooting in February of 2019. The report, which I have right here, is titled *Policies to Reduce Gun Violence in Illinois*. This report was prepared by professors, researchers with years of experience and expertise in the issue of gun safety policy. The purpose of their report was to provide an overview of current Illinois firearm policies, summarize evidence relevant to policies associated with reductions in gun violence, and provide policy recommendations that Illinois should consider as part of its gun violence prevention reduction efforts. These renown experts used research, data, and... to recommend evidence-based policies to reduce gun violence. At the top of the list was mandatory fingerprinting and a five-year duration. Multiple other recommendations are also addressed in the Bill. And I would also like to say that they recommended in-person background checks, in-person fingerprinting at a law enforcement agency, which is not in this Bill. This is... this Bill could be much stronger. I'd like to read an excerpt from the report. I quote, 'Illinois, arguably, has the weakest of all purchase licensing laws. Illinois' law does not require fingerprint verification for background checks or safety training requirements.' The report goes on to note that, in 2017, gun fire took the life of 1,547 Illinois residents, including 934 homicides and 577

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suicides. Illinois' firearm homicide rate, 7.3 per 100 thousand population, is higher than all but 5 states. In fact, Illinois some... has some of the highest levels of gun-related crime in the country, taking a devastating toll. From 2008 through 2017, 12,068 people were killed with guns in Illinois. From 2014 through 2018, there were 164 mass shootings in Illinois. A total of 111 people were killed and 669 were injured. Since then, gun violence has seen a dramatic increase. Undoubtedly, pandemic stress has become... has been a contributing factor. I'd also like to say that, very sadly, the burden of gun violence in Illinois falls disproportionately on communities of color. Approximately 75 percent of the state's gun homicide victims are black. However, only 15 percent of the state's population is black. In Illinois, shootings are the leading cause of death for young people. So, you may have seen some of... supporters of the Bill wearing this button. And it says, 'Our one job', and it has a fingerprint on it. Because, as Representative Hirschauer previously mentioned, it's our one job to keep Illinoisans safe from gun violence. So, we need to ask one another, what number of gun deaths, what number of mass shootings, what number of gun suicides are... is going to be the tip of the iceberg? When are we going to say this is enough? Enough people have died from gun violence. I say that this is a critical Bill.."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative, please bring your remarks to a close."

Stoneback: "Yes, I will. This is a critical Bill, not only to improve efficiencies in the FOID system, but it's to protect

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public safety and prevent firearms from falling into the hands of those who should not have them. As Legislators, we have a responsibility to fix our flawed FOID system and stop criminals from getting easy access to guns. This is something we can and must do, right here, right now, today. It's been more than two years since the Aurora shooting, and the public has been waiting for the Illinois Legislature to act. We can't just keep sending thoughts and prayers. We have many moments silence in this Body, and I would strongly urge every one of my colleagues here to honor the victims of the Aurora shooting and all victims of gun violence with..."

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

Stoneback: "...an 'aye' vote. Thank you. I strongly urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Thank you, Speaker. Representative Hirschauer, first of all, thank you and thank Leader Willis and all the others for all of your hard work. I, unlike Representative Mason, everybody knows that I have... that I'm a firearm person. And like Leader Hammond, I have a couple cards here myself. The reason why most people know that I'm a firearm owner, though, is because I ended up in the newspaper for these two things right here. And I want to be very clear, there's some unintended consequences at times. So, if you will bear with me, I'll do my best on time. November 18 or so, 2019, I picked my daughter up from STEM at school, dropped her off. Went about my business. I ended that night cuffed to a bench for seven hours over this. Except these were valid. That's the key. Okay? And there were six police officers behind me,

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treated much differently than my predecessors, who is a great one. Barbara, I know you're probably listening, right? But I didn't get treated like a 77-year-old white woman would in my own district, or anywhere, right? Cuffed to a bench and told I had to take a charge... take a charge. All right? And the only reason... I don't know if you're aware of this. The only reason I was finally let go... again, we're talking about this. The reason I was finally let go, after being denied phone calls and things like that, was because my sister showed up, who happened also to be a lawyer, at 2:30 in the morning. She also called Kam Buckner 30 times. He didn't answer. That's a different a story. It's true, all right? And I was able to finally go ahead and get home and go about my business. But now, I have an eight year old, who you all met, and thank you for your patience with her, but she can Google her father and see that I have a mug shot 'cause of this. So, I'm happy, at a minimum, to be combining cards. But I don't think this goes far enough. And I want to make sure we have a very candid conversation, because I talked to ISP. Several times, I talked to Sergeant Thompson, or Lieutenant Thompson. John Thompsons's his name. Okay? And I told him from the beginning... there was a Bill in Justice Committee as well, email notifications and text messages should be across the board anyway. But I don't see anything in this Bill that allows for that on the front end. People don't stay, necessarily, in their homes for 10 years or so. We had that conversation yesterday. That's why we passed the Supreme Court map, because people don't stay where they were, necessarily, always. Okay? So, I get a letter at my old address from 10 years ago, and

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it becomes an issue. I take care of it with the state police. I still get pulled over because the systems not caught up with each other, and I'm screwed. Okay? So, I want a commitment from you to continue to work on this, because I asked Thompson... when I finally said give me the contract for your vendors since you can't seem to do email notifications, he came back and said we can do it. Our vendor can handle it. So, there's nothing to suggest that they can't handle giving notifications before the card expires at 90 days. They can do that, Maura. So, I want your commitment, please. Not just for me, 'cause I have a sister, apparently, who can show up at 2:30 in the morning that's a lawyer, but for the other folks. I've had other Reps reach out to me about people in their districts who have been charged with UUWs, unlawful use of weapons. Felonies because of simple things like this. And I'm sure you know what they look like. That's the first point. The FOID appeal panel. I have some reservation about that. Now, I'm glad that it's not going to be solely in the hands of ISP. That's important to me. But the FOID appeal panel, based on my reading, is primarily made up of former prosecutors, judges, and there is a mental health professional, which I think is important. Would you be willing to work with me to ensure that someone who is maybe a public defender... if we're going to be lawyer heavy, we should be somewhat balanced in that. Would you work with me on that?"

Hirschauer: "Absolutely, Representative."

Tarver: "Okay. That's... that's important to me. Also have an issue with the timing. Now, we talk about law-abiding citizens, I consider myself one until, apparently, Chicago police said

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that I wasn't one. Okay? Forty-five days on this FOID review panel, business days, is a long time for somebody to continue to wait when the state has been derelict in issuing licenses anyway. So, I need your commitment to work on something. I can't give you a magic number, but 45 business days is not that number. Will you work with me to reduce that number?"

Hirschauer: "Absolutely, Representative."

Tarver: "I appreciate that. Another thing that seems to be a little bit weird in the language is, there's this 'shall notify' if that panel needs more time of 30 days. What I don't see is some kind of a backstop. So, what I don't anticipate, but certainly don't want to see, is an opportunity to continue to deny somebody a license. You know, if I say 15 times I need 30 days, that's 450 days. Will you work with me to ensure there's backstop, that you can't just continue to say I need 30 more days?"

Hirschauer: "Absolutely, Representative."

Tarver: "Okay. And I don't want a gun just issued to anybody. I want to make sure that we have that on the backend. Representative Buckner touched on a issue that we both had about the indictment piece, but I want to make sure for a clear record. It's now my understanding... I've been enlightened, thank you, staff... that the indictment piece for any felony is actually federal in nature. And I don't guess, then, we can actually do anything about. Is that your understanding as well?"

Hirschauer: "That is also what I was told by staff."

Tarver: "Okay. So, that's my understanding as well. So, I appreciate you asking staff, and I appreciate staff providing

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that response. The other thing... give me one second. The other thing that I want to talk about... and I'm not asking you to change this on the Senate side, but I am asking for your help in a trailer Bill, or at least as far as facilitating conversation..."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Tarver, your time has expired. Representative West yields his time."

Tarver: "Thank you, Representative West. I'll be very, very brief in this one. So, right now, there's the ability to expedite the process for law enforcement to have their firearms returned to them. Now, again, I'm no expert in this space, but if we're having law-abiding citizens wait 45 business days or whatever it is, I have some concerns about law enforcement. Let's talk about Chicago, where I represent, right? Where they tell State Reps, who are lawyers, you have to take a charge. If a law enforcement officer shoots, I don't know, somebody unarmed in the back, and in Chicago, they're now on desk duty. I have some concerns about them having their firearm immediately returned to them. Again, I'm not asking you to do anything about that right now, but I want your commitment, as I've been working with you and trying to help you with this, to help me look at that issue. Okay?"

Hirschauer: "Yes, Representative. I... the conversations that we have had, I mentioned in my opening how learning on the job has been one of the best parts of this new job for me. And learning about intent of a Bill and how that effects different people around the State of Illinois is so important to the crafting of legislation. And our discussions I take very seriously. And you have my commitment."

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Tarver: "I appreciate that. And I just want to thank you again for jumping in and taking over. So, I want to thank, again, Leader Willis as well. You all have taken over some very, very difficult... trying to manage a lot of expectations. And I really appreciate all of your hard work. I appreciate your willingness to take a phone call on a Saturday or... well, I guess its Saturday now. But generally, you work hard on your Bill. You've texted me. You've called me. You've taken everything into account. I really appreciate that. I look forward to continuing to work with you. And I appreciate you trusting me to help you with this Bill, and I'm going to trust you to help me with what we discussed going forward. Thank you very much. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Hirschauer to close."

Hirschauer: "Wow. It's done. Okay. I wasn't expecting that. First, there are a few things I want to address that came up from Members on the other side. I cannot state strongly enough that the Bill that is being discussed in the Senate is not an agreed upon Bill. To state so is false. The advocates have not agreed to any language in that Bill. This is a Bill that advocates have agreed on with language from ISP that will both keep our communities safe and help with efficiencies in the FOID card system. The second thing we've spent a lot of time talking about is Amendments in the Senate. As I said, I understand the frustrations people say, people feel, when we say we will amend in the Senate. Again, for the record, I am stating that this Bill, in the Senate, will be amended to a \$10 fee in 10 years. And you have my commitment that if it does not come back with that change, then I will request an

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Amendatory Veto from the Governor. Third, really quickly, I wanted to address something that Mr. Meier brought up. On page 36 of the Bill, it does address family-to-family transfer of firearms. And it's just an easy transfer if you want to transfer to someone in your family. Notify ISP within 60 days, and they'll do the background check. So, that is accounted for in this Bill. I would like to thank each and every person on both sides of the aisle who got up to speak on this issue. I know it is a very emotional issue. And while we may not always agree, I think the one thing that we can agree on, again, is keeping our constituents safe. Gun violence is public health epidemic that plaques our state and our nation. Suicides, intimate partner violence, homicides, police shootings. Gun violence takes many forms, all of them are lethal. This Bill is not about politics. It's about saving lives and building in Illinois where all people are safe. In Illinois, where folks don't have to be scared of being shot while at work, or going to the park after school, or inside of their school building. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Members, Leader Wheeler... Leader Wheeler has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1091 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? Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 60 voting in 'favor', 50 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. Mr. Clerk, please read the names of those voting in the affirmative."

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Clerk Hollman: "A poll of those voting in the affirmative. Representative Andrade; Representative Avelar; Representative Buckner; Representative Burke; Representative Carroll; Representative Cassidy; Representative Collins; Representative Conroy; Representative Costa Howard; Representative Crespo; Representative Croke; Representative D'Amico; Representative Davis; Representative Delgado; Representative Didech; Representative Evans; Representative Flowers; Representative Ford; Representative Gabel; Representative Gonzalez; Representative Gordon-Booth; Representative Guerrero-Cuellar; Representative Guzzardi; Representative Harper; Representative Harris; Representative Barbara Hernandez; Representative Lisa Hernandez; Representative Hirschauer; Representative Hurley; Representative Jones; Representative LaPointe; Representative Lilly; Representative Mah; Representative Manley; Representative Mason; Representative Meyers-Martin; Representative Morgan; Representative Moylan; Representative Mussman; Representative Ness; Representative Nichols; Representative Ortiz; Representative Ramirez; Representative Rita; Representative Robinson; Representative Slaughter; Representative Smith; Representative Stava-Murray; Representative Stoneback; Representative Tarver; Representative Walker; Representative Walsh; Representative West; Representative Ann Williams; Representative Jawaharial Williams; Representative Willis; Representative Yang Rohr; Representative Yingling; Representative Zalewski; and Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Wheeler."

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Wheeler: "I don't see Representative Walsh at his chair. And Representative Williams, Omar."

Speaker Andrade: "He's in his chair."

Wheeler: "All right. Withdrawn."

Speaker Andrade: "Verification has been withdrawn. On this question, there are 60 voting in 'favor', 50 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Clerk... Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 29, 2021: recommends be adopted, a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3100."

Speaker Andrade: "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 Harris on the Motion."

Harris: "Mr. Speaker, I move the posting requirements be waived so the following Bills can be heard this week in committee. Senate Bill 667 in Immigration. And 6... I'm sorry. Senate Bill 828 to Ethics & Elections."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Harris has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. In the opinion... the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 66 voting in 'favor', 42 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the

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Motion carries. Leader Harris is recognized for an announcement."

Harris: "Democrats will caucus immediately after Session."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As much as the Republicans would like to caucus in Room 1515, we'll be caucusing in Room 114."

Speaker Andrade: "Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee announcements. The following committees will be meeting this evening. At 5:00 the Executive Committee is meeting in Virtual Room 1, State Government Administration is meeting in Virtual Room 2, Immigration & Human Rights is meeting in Virtual Room 3. At 5:30 Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies is meeting in Virtual Room 1, Mental Health & Addiction is meeting in Virtual Room 2, Judiciary - Criminal is meeting Virtual Room 3."

Speaker Andrade: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 360, offered by Representative Swanson. House Resolution 366, offered by Representative Ford. And House Resolution 367, offered by Representative Mah."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Manley moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing for perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Manley moves that the House stand adjourned until Sunday, May 30, at the hour of 11 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those

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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 Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 29, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 1770. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Immigration & Human Rights reports the following committee action taken on May 29, 2021: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 667. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on May 29, 2021: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 15, Motion to Concur Senate Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3461. Representative Conroy, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health & Addiction reports the following committee action taken on May 29, 2021: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 2784. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on May 29, 2021: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2364; recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 5 to House Bill 3587. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 667, a Bill for an Act concerning immigration. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Senate Bill 815, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Senate Bill 2364, a Bill

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for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. These Bills will be held on the Order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."