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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 217, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to Senate Bill 280, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to Senate Bill 336, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 658, Floor Amendment(s) 4 to Senate Bill 828, and Floor Amendment(s) 3 to Senate Bill 1041."

Speaker Evans: "The House will be in order. The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Pastor of Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. 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."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Gracious and most sovereign God, we approach your throne of grace with love. We ask your blessings to be upon this august Assembly, upon the Speaker of this House, upon its Leaders, upon all of its Members. Father, you are the author and the finisher of our faith, you are the giver of our life. So, today we turn our hearts and minds to you and we ask you for help. It is your word that says, oh God, that you are our very present help in the time of our need. Help us today, oh God, to do what you've called us to do, what you have ordained us to do. That we may do it in grace and with integrity. That we may do it in love and with mercy. That we may do it in compassion and do it with unselfish hearts. That we may do it with wisdom and with an

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understanding. That we may do it in fear and with reverence. Help us today, oh God, to do our jobs in a way that would hear you say, 'Well done, my good and my faithful servants.' This we pray, Amen."

Speaker Evans: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Vella."

Vella - 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 Evans: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Greenwood is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record show that there are no excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle. Thank you."

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

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative Randy Frese is excused for the day."

Speaker Evans: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 112 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to

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Senate Bill 658; recommends be adopted, referred to the Order of Resolutions is House Resolution 501, and House Resolution 533. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 106, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2791, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 3416. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 491. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4160; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 485. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted is Senate Joint Resolution 27, and Senate Joint Resolution 28. Representative Carroll, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 49... 3490. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3666."

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Speaker Evans: "Members, an announcement. This is a reminder of House Rule 51.5. Please remember to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth, except for when necessary for eating or drinking. Members may remove their face mask covering when speaking on a microphone at their desk. Again, please remember to wear a face covering. That's pursuant to House Rule 51.5. Thank you. Leader Harris is recognized for a Motion."

Harris: "Mr. Speaker, I move that the following Members be given permission to participate and vote remotely today. Representatives Tarver, Morrison, Collins, and Halbbrook."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the following Members.. the stated Members be allowed to vote remotely?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting in 'favor', 7 voting 'against', 3 voting 'present'. And this Motion passes. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Is Representative Halbbrook present?"

Halbrook: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Halbbrook is present. Is Representative Morrison present?"

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison is present. Is Representative Tarver present?"

Tarver: "Present."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver is present. Is Representative Collins present?"

Collins: "Present."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins is present."

Speaker Evans: "Representative McLaughlin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

McLaughlin: "Thank you, Chair. I rise as a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

McLaughlin: "Thank you. Members of the chamber, I wanted to honor one of my constituents who... Frank Cools of Barrington Hills passed away peacefully September 4, 2021, at the age of 94, a life well-led. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Helgi, and is survived by devoted daughters Linda Cools and, one of the best legislative assistants in the state, Dr. Pamela Cools, who I am fortunate to work with on a daily basis to serve our constituents. Frank was born the last of four brothers and grew up during the depression in the humblest of circumstances in DuPage County, attended Glenbard High School in Glen Ellyn, where he excelled in track and speed skating. He joined the Army shortly after the end of World War II, spent four and half years rebuilding much of Europe with most of American and Allied troops. That's where he met his wife, Helgi, who was Estonian. They got married. They moved back to Illinois, and Frank decided with her to pursue a college degree that changed the course of both their lives. He was a University of Illinois Illini, Navy Pier campus, which I don't think exists today, but... and then in Urbana-Champaign. He graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy. He was immediately hired by Illinois Bell, spent 34 career... 34 years, his entire career, with the Bell system and a bit of time in New York City headquarters. As an executive, he

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enjoyed his time Financial Forecasting and Comptrollers department. He and his wife raised their family in Park Ridge. Frank and Helgi were married for 50 years until her death from cancer. Shortly after, he and his girls decided to relocate to Barrington Hills, build a new home, but Frank did not remain peaceful in Barrington Hills. He became engaged in his retirement in many local issues, which is where I had the pleasure of meeting him when I was mayor of Barrington Hills. Frank loved his daughters, loved his family, but he loved his John Deere tractor. He also love a nice pinot grigio each and every evening and... while sitting with his dog, Caesar, the family's German Shepherd. If we can have a moment of silence, but more a moment of appreciation for a life well-led for Frank Cools, who was a true representative of the Greatest Generation and will be greatly missed by all he touched with his quiet grace. So, I thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Please rise for a moment of silence. Thank you. On the Order of Agreed Resolutions, we have House Resolution 530, offered by Leader Welter. Welter is recognized on the Resolution."

Welter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today the Kendall County delegation, including myself, Representative Wheeler, Representative Batinick, and Representative Kifowit, want to recognize Kendall County Sheriff Dwight Baird on being named Sheriff of the Year by the Illinois State Crime Commission for 2021. I think it's important that we recognize somebody, like the sheriff in our community, for the extra length he's gone to keep our community safe. But in our community, Sheriff Baird displays outstanding professional standards in law

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enforcement. He has advanced field training for his officers and exemplifies the great service and safety programs of Kendall County. During his tenure, the sheriff has initiated several educational programs for Kendall County inmates and has implemented a new video visitation program at no cost to the taxpayers. I've seen Sheriff Baird's work on helping domestic violence victims. He's implemented a new domestic violence response team that has already made a great difference in our community and a model for other communities across the state. Dwight Baird was elected sheriff of Kendall County in 2014. Prior to that, he was the chief of police in a community in Kendall County, Oswego. Sheriff Baird is always accessible. His department functions in a transparent manner, and his work in the office has made our community a safer place. We are honored to be here today to recognize this outstanding public servant."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Wheeler on the Resolution."

Wheeler: "Yeah, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to echo some of David's comments there, but I'd also like to do something we don't always get to do, and that's speak on behalf of a friend. Sheriff Baird and I go back a ways since we were in high school and junior high together, many, many years ago. As Dwight went through his career in law enforcement, and watching him grow in that role and then take leadership positions, and then take real leadership with what he was doing, while still being the downhome, hometown guy everybody wants to be around, everybody wants to support, 'cause he did that for all of us. So, let's just take a moment and say thank you. I'll do it personally to my old friend. Dwight, you've

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done an amazing job for the people of Kendall County. I'm proud of you, and I'm grateful that you're a friend of all of ours. Thank you, Dwight."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit on the Resolution."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, am going to echo the comments made by Representative Welter. He did a fabulous job. I also want to publicly thank Sheriff Baird for all his hands-on... just his hands-on attitude for the community. Shows up to the smallest event. I've seen him at pancake breakfasts. I've seen him at veterans' event. And he is a hundred percent about the community and about the people in the community. So, I just want to echo the sentiments that's been said and publicly thank him for this well-deserved recognition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. And the Resolution was adopted on a previous day. Thank you, Members, for your remarks. Representative Stuart, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Stuart: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Stuart: "Just wanted to take a quick second. While we were lucky to be joined by a new Member this Session, and it is Representative Hirschauer's birthday today. So, I wanted to wish her a very happy birthday. And if I'm not mistaken, I believe she has another birthday celebration tomorrow when it is her daughter's birthday. So, happy birthday along to there as well too."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Halpin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Halpin: "Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned last week, UAW members in my district and across the states of Illinois and Iowa and Kansas are out on strike. And, unfortunately, we had a tragic event yesterday where Richard Rich, a member of UAW Local 79, John Deere Parts Distribution in Milan, Illinois, was struck and killed by a semi-truck as he was parking his car and walking over to the picket line. He was 56 years old and had 15 years in at John Deere. I didn't know Richard personally, but I know that he lost his life while doing his part to support and encourage his brothers and sisters in labor on that picket line. And so, I'd ask that you keep his family and his friends in your thoughts and prayers. And just... thank you, again, Mr. Speaker. I just ask for a quick moment of silence."

Speaker Evans: "Please rise for a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Nichols, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Nichols: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Nichols: "It's an honor for me to stand here today, again, as usual, to read this Resolution. State of Illinois House of Representatives 102nd General Assembly.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to commemorate the contribution Mark Aguirre has made to Illinois basketball; and

WHEREAS, Mark Aguirre was born in Chicago on December 10, 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Aguirre attended George Westinghouse College Prep in Chicago, becoming a Third-team Parade All-American and McDonald's All-American; he was named Mr. Basketball USA in 1978 by Ballislife.com; and

WHEREAS, Mark Aguirre attended DePaul University in Chicago; he led the Blue Devils to three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and was named the Naismith College Player of the Year and awarded the Adolph Rupp Trophy; and

WHEREAS, Mark Aguirre earned a number of honors while playing at DePaul University, including being named a two-time consensus first-team All-American, Sporting News College Basketball Player of the Year, UPI College Basketball Player of the Year, and AP College Basketball Player of the Year and receiving the USBWA Oscar Robertson Trophy during his time with the Blue Devils, which led to his number being retired and his induction into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mark Aguirre was part of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Basketball Team and received a Congressional Gold Medal; and

WHEREAS, Mark Aguirre was drafted first overall in the 1981 NBA Draft by the Dallas Mavericks; and

WHEREAS, Mark Aguirre played in the NBA for 13 seasons, winning two NBA Championships and earning selection to the NBA All-Star Team three times; and

WHEREAS, Mark Aguirre coached in the NBA for six seasons; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Mark Aguirre's achievements and applaud the

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contributions he made to basketball in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mark Aguirre as a symbol of our respect and our esteem. I would hope that everybody that was DePaul alumni that might sit in here... was around when DePaul in his heydays was that team that everybody looked up to. I'd like to see everybody give Mark Aguirre a round of applause. He's still living. He's still here. You know, I brought this Resolution to bare because one of our own... one of our own in this state should be in the NBA Hall of Fame. And I just think it's an atrocity that a person that did all of this for basketball, for the community... he's a community guy. You... he'll call you right now and he'll come out and talk to the kids and speak to the kids. And if you know anything about Mark Aguirre, downstate, upstate, around the state, he's always around. He makes no bones about it. He's just like, if you need me to come out and work with kids of all ages, all races, all colors, all walks, Mark Aguirre's always been that guy. So, I just thank this chamber, and I just really hope that we can see this man be inducted in the NBA Hall of Fame. Thank you so much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mason, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mason: "Two points of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Mason: "Thank you. My first personal point of privilege is on a very light and happy note. I am celebrating a special birthday, in addition to Representative Hirschauer's. My Grandma Betty turns 90 today. Born Betty Ann Benson in Chicago

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on October 28, 1931. My Grandma Betty married Richard David Payne on August 12, 1950, had two sons, Richard and Scott. They moved to Niles, Illinois in 1983. She sadly lost her husband on December 15, 1991, but she is going strong. She has more energy than I do. She is just a joy to be around, and she is enjoying life with her children, grandchildren, and many adoptive grandchildren who very affectionately call her Grandma Betty. So, I'd love for everybody to give another round of applause. And also.. thank you. If you haven't had the opportunity, I have a little card here, if you'd be willing to write her a note of birthday greetings, please stop by. Thank you so much. And, Grandma Betty, we all love you. Thank you. My second point of personal privilege is a more somber note. Back in April of this year, I passed House Resolution 7, which designates October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is a month that we recognize, sadly, every year. Domestic violence is an epidemic, and it has only become increasingly worse during the recent pandemic when people have experienced isolation and financial stress and more difficulties. Just as a reminder, domestic violence knows no boundaries. It doesn't discriminate based on gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or social status, or education level. One in four women will experience domestic violence at some point in their lifetimes, and one in seven men will experience it in theirs. Sadly, women ages 20 to 24 are at the greatest risk of becoming victims of domestic violence, and every single day 3 women are murdered at the hands of their intimate partner. Every year more than 3 million children witness domestic violence in their homes. Children

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exposed to domestic violence are more likely to have health problems, including becoming sick more often, having frequent headaches and stomachaches, and being more tired and lethargic. Adults who have experienced domestic violence have a significantly greater risk of heart attack, of stroke, and of other significant illness. Every nine seconds in the United States a woman is assaulted, beaten, or raped, more often than not by her intimate partner. And it's the leading cause of injury to women, more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined. And according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families. Without help, individuals in the domestic violence cycle continue to repeat that cycle, and we need resources to break that cycle and to help the victims. Right now, domestic violence is costing more than \$37 billion a year in law enforcement, legal work, medical and mental health treatment, and lost productivity at companies. I ask everyone to take a moment of silence for the victims who have been lost to domestic violence. And take a moment to pledge to do something to break this cycle and to end this really horrific epidemic that we experience in our country and worldwide. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Please rise for a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Carroll, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Carroll: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Carroll: "I ask for the Body's attention. I have a new favorite black... first of all, I play hockey. Not very well, but I play

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hockey. And it's a sport that I've grown to love, and I... I really grew to love it through the lens of the Chicago Blackhawks. And some very disturbing news came out of Blackhawks... the Blackhawks the last couple months about a player that was sexually abused by a coach, how the Blackhawks handled that investigation, things that have transpired between. So, let's first of all say that player's name who was known as John Doe up until yesterday. His name is Kyle Beach. Kyle Beach was sexually abused by a coach on the Blackhawks' staff. In 2010, came forward, discussed that with the team. The team, at that point, basically said, we are on our Stanley Cup run right now and we do not need the distraction of this. The coach who did that, his name is Brad Aldrich, at the end of the season he was given an option, resign and we won't say anything about this, or we will fire you and make it public. So, they gave this coach the opportunity to leave the organization without reporting what he had done. In that process, he was also given a glowing letter of recommendation by then Blackhawks' coach Joel Quenneville. He took jobs in other places and eventually, now in Michigan, is registered... is a registered sex offender. Not only that, he also abused, or made passes at an intern with the Blackhawks in addition to this player. So, many of you may not know the name Kyle Beach, and that's okay because... it's not okay, 'cause he was a minor league player that was brought up during the playoff run. Never got to put the uniform on, never got to wear a number, but his abuse should no less be any less than anyone else. And the players in the organization said, we wish we'd had done more and this, that, and the other. So now, after

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his story came out, there was an investigation done by Jenner & Block that found that... that collaborated with his story, but it doesn't stop there. Blackhawks' head coach Joel Quenneville said at the time that the first he was hearing of these abuse allegations was in 2021 when they became public. When, in reality, Joel Quenneville was in the meetings when these things were discussed. And Joel Quenneville put the Blackhawks' run towards the Stanley Cup ahead of this young man and this young man's future. This guy's a hero who's now playing in Germany, who his only regret is that he didn't come out sooner to prevent this guy Aldrich from doing it to other people. So, I'm calling on the NHL now, now that Joel Quenneville is no longer with the Blackhawks, and another gentleman by the name of Kevin Chevelday... I'm going to pronounce this wrong but... Cheveldayoff who is now the GM of the Winnipeg Jets, and Joel Quenneville's the coach of the Florida Panthers, are still working, even though they knew about this... these allegations and did nothing about it. I am calling on the NHL to suspend both of these men and to take proper action against this because... just because this guy's a hockey player and just because he does not meet the stereotype of someone who gets sexually abused does not mean that his case is not as important as others. So, I am calling on a complete and total investigation into this, why this ball was dropped, why this guy was allowed to continue to coach, even after these allegations. And as somebody that got into hockey because of the Blackhawks, I'm disgusted. And I'm a disgusted person with that organization. And thank God I don't have my season tickets anymore because I will not step

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foot in there again until this is dealt with properly. So, let's hope the right thing happens after all this. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Severin: "So, House Resolution 542, I'm honored to be on the House Floor to share this with you about a gentleman named Tom Miller. He's famous in Southern Illinois. He's celebrating 45 years as a radio personality. Many of you in this House have been interviewed by him on *Miller in the Morning*, a little 1020 AM station that goes nationally as far as on the Internet. He's gone from interviewing the President, he's interviewed U.S. Congressmen, U.S. Senators, our Governors, directors of the different state organizations, and many of you in this House he's interviewed on a regular basis. He is a very professional gentleman. He does his homework. If you're going to be on the air with him, you better have done your homework 'cause he's going to ask you some questions that you better be ready for. So, I just wanted to honor him for 45 years on the radio. The guy's name is Tom Miller. He doesn't know anything about this, but I'd just like a round of applause for a guy that is always in the background, it's never about him. But I wanted to celebrate 45 years of professionalism by a guy named Tom Miller. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Niemerg, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Niemerg: "Point of personal privilege."

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Speaker Evans: "Speak your point."

Niemerg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Folks, yesterday was my step-grandmother's birthday. I won't say how old she is. She's a very loving grandmother, very loving great-grandmother to my children. And I'd like this Body to congratulate her on her birthday yesterday. Happy belated birthday, Barb. Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Moving on to page 2 in the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 280, Representative Walsh. Clerk. Clerk, please put this... place this Bill on the Order of Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 280, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. Amendments 1 and 2 have been adopted. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Walsh."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh on the Amendment."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's just a technical Amendment. Can we adopt it and then discuss the Bill on Third?"

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh moves adoption of Floor Amendment #3. 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 280, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 280 deals with drinking water for the City of Joliet and many southwest

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suburban municipalities. Back in 2015, the Illinois State Water Survey did a study of the deep sandstone aquifer that supplies drinking water to many municipalities and districts in southwest suburbs of Chicago. And one of the things... the main thing they discovered is this aquifer is not going to be able to handle the daily needs of many of the municipalities, specifically the City of Joliet, starting in the year of 2030, eight years from now. Since that study has been done, the City of Joliet has taken on a ambitious directive to find alternative drinking water. Earlier this year, in January, they came to a tentative agreement with the City of Chicago to purchase treated drinking water from Lake Michigan and then pump it 31 miles south to the City of Joliet and then create its own water commission with neighboring municipalities. What this legislation will do is allow that framework statutorily to happen, and the municipalities then would enter into intergovernmental agreements within this water commission. For the purpose... this commission is set up to deal with the City of Joliet and its neighboring communities. It is not looking to take over any other water commissions or water districts. With that, there's no opposition on this Bill. Farm Bureau is neutral. The realtors are neutral. And it's supported by many local governments, Will County Governmental League of Illinois, Municipal League, the Metro West Council of Governments, the Illinois AFLCIO, the Will and Cook County Building Trades, and the City of Chicago. I'd be happy to answer any questions and respectively ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Is there any discussion? Representative Wheeler is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He will."

Wheeler: "Chairman Walsh, you and I have been discussing this Bill for a while now. I just want to make sure that it's clear to everyone that there were some voices of concern at one point in time and, through Amendment and your hard work, we've managed to get those all to neutral now. Is that accurate?"

Walsh: "That is correct. So, initially, there was... because the commission needs eminent domain authority to move the water from Chicago, it's a 35... 31 mile pipeline, plus the surrounding infrastructure, there may be the need for eminent domain. We did have quick-take in there that was very similar to what the DuPage Water Commission had back when they created that commission back in the mid-80s. We had it for three years. Under concerns from DuPage and Farm Bureau, the quick-take authority is taken out of this Bill and we... and that was what was in Amendment 3. And then, if we do... if the process comes to where they would need that authority, they would come to us and ask for it for a period of time."

Wheeler: "Okay. That makes a lot of sense to me. And it looks like a balanced approach to something we're all concerned about, which is drinking water for our families. I know that... it says Joliet as a water commission's title, right? But we're affecting towns that are as far away as Montgomery and Oswego and Yorkville could potentially be a part of this. And there's tens of thousands of people in each one of those towns that

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are looking for a solution in drinking water 'cause that aquifer covers a great territory of roughly dense population now. So, this is urgently needed as an option..."

Walsh: "Yes, you're correct, and..."

Wheeler: "...for those communities."

Walsh: "...those three... those three municipalities were in the talks with Joliet, Shorewood, Crest Hill, Romeoville starting back, I want to say it was April. Late April they started having weekly conversations putting this piece of legislation together."

Wheeler: "Right. And this doesn't obligate any of those communities right now..."

Walsh: "Nope."

Wheeler: "...to join this. It's an opportunity for them to evaluate what's best for their community to serve their residents."

Walsh: "That is correct."

Wheeler: "Representative, I want to thank you for your hard work on this Bill, and urge an 'aye' vote."

Walsh: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "For further discussion, Representative Ness is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Ness: "So, I want to just say I spoke with Representative Walsh about this earlier. My initial reaction to this Bill was a little bit of concern because water's been an issue for a long time. This is no surprise. Climate change is altering water throughout the world. So, I wanted to just go on record to say that, while doing this is important and we have to

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ensure that we're getting drinking water to many people, I also want to make sure that we, as a Body, continue to keep our focus on the need for conservation, limiting unregulated drilling, making sure that people know that just because we live near one of the largest resources of natural water, fresh drinking water that, that doesn't mean that we can take our eye off the fact that we need to continue to conserve water for generations to come. So, I just wanted to say that on the record. I am supporting this Bill, and I hope that it follows with continued efforts to conserve this precious resource. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Further discussion? Representative Delgado for questions."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of Senate Bill 280 and commend the Sponsor for this legislation and the collaboration it represents. One of our state's greatest natural resources is its proximity to the abundant supply of fresh water that is Lake Michigan. Fittingly, Chicago is home to the first and eighth largest water treatment plant in the world. Its water management system and facilities are world-class and treating 1 million gallons per minute, all pulled from Lake Michigan. Chicago and the southwest suburban region need each other, and this Bill will help make that collaboration and partnership happen. Certainly the southwest suburbs urgently need an alternative source of drinking water before the deep sandstone aquifer, upon which they now rely, can no longer meet the region's needs. Chicago, likewise, needs the suburbs. Because of the success of water conservation efforts over the past two decades, water usage

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that supports the city's water management system has declined, making wholesale suburban customers vital for the continuing success of the Chicago water management system. So, thank you, again, Representative Walsh, for putting this together. And I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh to close."

Walsh: "Thank you, everyone. I request... respectfully request an 'aye' vote. Thanks."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 280 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Halbrook."

Halbrook: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Halbrook votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "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', 0 voting 'against', 1 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Harris is recognized for a Motion."

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Harris: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I move that Representative Paul Jacobs be allowed to participate and vote virtually today."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Representative Jacobs be allowed to participate remotely?' All voted who... all those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Halbrook."

Halbrook: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Halbrook votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting in 'favor', 9 voting 'against', and 1 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received... and this Motion, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Is Representative Jacobs present?"

Jacobs: "Yes, Sir."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs is present."

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Speaker Evans: "Continuing on the page #4, on the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 3666, Representative Williams. Ann Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to move to concur in Senate Floor Amendment #6 to House Bill 3666."

Speaker Evans: "Please proceed and explain the Amendment."

Williams, A.: "Great. This is a trailer Bill in the literal sense of the word. Following up on the climate and equitable jobs package that we passed just a few weeks ago, it provides for a modification of our supplier diversity reporting requirement, corrects a drafting error around High Impact Businesses, provides a clarification to charging station prevailing wage category, increases record keeping for workers' race, ethnicity, and gender when it comes to High Impact Businesses, and has other... few technical fixes. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Any questions? Chair recognizes Leader Batinick for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Batinick: "Hey, good afternoon, Representative. So, this is... this is complete cleanup to the big energy Bill that we did a couple weeks ago, correct?"

Williams, A.: "Yes."

Batinick: "Right. So, you would expect, kind of, a similar vote to we had on that energy Bill or would there be... what reason could you give somebody who voted 'no' on the energy Bill to switch their vote to a 'yes'?"

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Williams, A.: "Well, I'm glad you asked that question. I think the fact is we did pass this comprehensive energy Bill. It will be being... going into effect and being implemented over the next months and years. So, as long as it is... it is going to be law and going to be implemented, why not make sure we do it correctly?"

Batinick: "Okay. So, what would you... give me the highlights of the lovely changes that improves the... improve the original Bill."

Williams, A.: "Okay. You know, probably heard a lot about prevailing wage when we talked about the clean energy Bill. It modifies the wording in the EV charging rebate section to ensure grant recipients comply with the Prevailing Wage Act, for example. When we talked about inclusivity and diversity in our High Impact Business category, we did not require the inclusion of workers' race, ethnicity, and gender. So, we've added that. We fixed an error in drafting when it comes to the high impact business exemptions, on page 223 of the energy Bill. We only referenced wind and not solar there. So, just a quick fix. And when it comes to public works project, as defined in the Prevailing Wage Act, we are adding and ensuring that the intended targets are included. So, utility-scale solar designated as High Impact Businesses EV charging stations. So, obviously, a few categories just got inadvertently left out."

Batinick: "Okay. So, to sum it up though, cleanup to the energy Bill?"

Williams, A.: "Yes, Sir."

Batinick: "Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #6 to House Bill 3666?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Halbrook."

Halbrook: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Halbrook votes 'no'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'no'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'no'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "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 83 voting 'aye', 33 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present', 2 not voting. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #6 to House Bill 3666. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 4, under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 2778, Representative Yang Rohr. Representative, please speak to the Amendment."

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Yang Rohr: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you to my colleagues for... on this House, allowing me to bring this Bill to your attention. For almost the last two years now we have lauded our teachers, our educators, our support staff for their herculean efforts to make sure that we are operating in this pandemic and keeping our schools running and our students learning, all while keeping them safe and healthy. HB2778, the COVID Wage and Benefits Protection Bill for our educators and school support staff. It is our time, in this Body, to put our words into action. HB2778 does two things. It provides paycheck wage and protection for employees and contractors that provide support services to our schools. And so, this is like bus drivers, custodians, food service providers, classroom assistants. And it makes sure that they receive their regular rate of pay and benefits in the event that school closes for an unexpected or unplanned emergency day. The Bill also deals with administrative COVID days. So, for teachers and support staff that are vaccinated or complying with the regular weekly COVID testing requirements, it allows them to use administrative days rather than sick days that are being required by their schools... IDPH or ISBE to be off school property, or when their kids are required to be off property because their sick and/or in quarantine. I am honored to bring this Bill to your consideration, along with my colleagues and co-chief Sponsors, Representative Norine Hammond, Leader Marcus Evans, Representative Mike Marron, and Representative Aaron Ortiz, as well as the dozens of cosponsors who have already signed on to this Bill. Let's get

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this Bill done. And I'm happy to answer any of your questions."

Speaker Evans: "Is there any discussion? Representative Bourne for discussion."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Bourne: "Thank you. Representative, I know we had a conversation in committee yesterday. Have you been able to talk to any of the people who were in committee who slipped in opposition?"

Yang Rohr: "Yes, I was able to talk to a few of those people."

Bourne: "Could you give me any specifics?"

Yang Rohr: "I was able to talk with the Illinois Principals Association. And I have left messages for other people who have sent probably emails to people in this Body."

Bourne: "Were you able to come to a resolution?"

Yang Rohr: "I believe I was able to put... to explain some of their questions, answer their questions. We didn't agree to everything, but we made some progress, in my opinion."

Bourne: "So, did you make progress or did you make changes to the Bill?"

Yang Rohr: "Since the Bill... since we've been working on the Bill, we've definitely made some changes. For example, the vaccine or the testing requirement, that was something that we received feedback on and we added to the Bill."

Bourne: "Okay. I don't think that the... that addresses the concerns that were in committee yesterday. I also have a question if you've talked to the Governor's Office about this Bill."

Yang Rohr: "Yes."

Bourne: "And what is their position?"

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Yang Rohr: "I believe that they are not proponents of this Bill."

Bourne: "So, they're opponents of the Bill? As you know, I'm not typically somebody up here who tells you to... I'm not usually the Governor's mouthpiece for Bills on the floor, so I'm just asking. He's opposed to the Bill?"

Yang Rohr: "He is opposed to the Bill."

Bourne: "Could you give me why? I haven't heard from the Governor's liaison. I've just heard they're opposed."

Yang Rohr: "I believe that he was... there might be various reasons. I don't believe that they enumerated them all to me. I believe that part of it was they were in negotiations and they, as a result, didn't want to take a position on some of the issues that this Bill brings up."

Bourne: "Okay. And I know... one of the questions I asked yesterday was how much this would cost for... of the federal funds for schools. And then you ably pointed out that two of the three main provisions of the Bill can use federal funding and one cannot. Do you know, overall, what this is anticipated to cost on a per people basis at a school district?"

Yang Rohr: "Because most of the Bill is really administrative changes, so changing from a classification of a sick day to an administrative day, there is no marginal cost to the vast majority of this Bill."

Bourne: "So..."

Yang Rohr: "So, these... so, just to clarify, that means that a lot of the money that is involved here, they were already... they were already allocated within the school budgets. So, there is no marginal cost to those."

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Bourne: "So, the opponents of the Bill, yesterday, said it was a massively unfunded mandate. And so, your contention is that it's not?"

Yang Rohr: "So, there are two parts of the Bill. One part is for the wage and payment protection for unexpected school closures. And if a worker were... what was scheduled for that day and, but for these emergency closures, they could not perform those duties, then this Bill would require them to be paid and to receive those benefits. Because those days, those wages and benefits were already budgeted within the school budget, there's no incremental cost there. For the other part of the Bill, for administrative days, because those teachers, those support staff, those educators, because they are being asked already by their schools to be out of school, they... whether or not this Bill existed, they would have had... those schools would have had to already pay for things like subs. So, that is no incremental cost because they were already... they already had to pay for those subs."

Bourne: "Okay. Thank you. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. This... we've heard from many school districts this a massively unfunded mandate that was not negotiated at all with the stakeholders. I... as I mentioned, I think this is... well, I don't know that I mentioned it today. As I mentioned in committee, I really appreciate the intention of this Bill. There are first year teachers who don't have sick days banked who had to take days off through no fault of their own because of a COVID exposure. I think that comes from a really good intention. But I think this Bill has some massive flaws, and the Sponsor's been unwilling to work with any of the opponents to get to a better

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place. I'm opposed to this Bill and so is the Governor. So, vote accordingly."

Speaker Evans: "Representative McCombie is recognized for questions."

McCombie: "Will the Sponsor yield for questions?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. As an advocate for local control and the ability to collective bargain, I understand that some school districts are going to the administration and collective bargaining. Do you believe that the vast majority of school districts are doing that?"

Yang Rohr: "Collective bargaining agreements already take into consideration a lot of these issues, like remote learning instances. Unfortunately, on this particular issue, few districts have been taking the issue back to the table, including the districts that are in my 41st District. I would even go so far as to say that the vast majority of school districts are refusing a bargain this issue."

McCombie: "Okay. The Bill provides administrative leave to an employee to care for a child, say, who has COVID or has been quarantined with COVID, regardless of the employee's individual circumstance. Do you believe that this provision will create more staff absences in time when our schools are already facing such a critical shortage?"

Yang Rohr: "Staff needs to work with administration and evaluate what's safe for the students. But I assume that we don't want teachers who have a kid at home with COVID to attend school and possibly transmit to their students."

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McCombie: "I think one of the concerns is the Bill is retroactive to the beginning of the 21-22 school district. Districts are going to be required to go back and give back any sick days that were used for absences provided by the Bill. This could be a major task for some of our larger school districts. Do you believe this legislation will actually help the stress of our educators on the frontline, help keep them from leaving to go to another district or possibly retire and just give up on this teaching gig they have?"

Yang Rohr: "Teacher shortages were already an issue prior to COVID. And so, at this point, with 20 percent of the school year over, I do hope that the administrative lift will be pretty minimal. But, yes, I believe this will help with our teacher shortages."

McCombie: "About, roughly... and I actually did ask several of my districts what percentage of the teachers and the staff are actually vaccinated. And I think the average around the state is about 90 percent of the staff is already vaccinated, which makes any vaccine mandate unnecessary, in my opinion. Do you believe this Bill will discourage the staff to use the test-to-stay programs?"

Yang Rohr: "I think that the staff opting to get tested would be making the choice to test regardless of this Bill. And the only people who will be getting tested instead of getting vaccinated would be making that choice regardless of this Bill."

McCombie: "I think one of the concerns that... and my colleague had mentioned on it... previous speaker. The payment for the e-learning is... and this is where the unfunded mandate may be

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coming in, is not specific... specifically tied to the COVID for the e-learning. This Bill will require full payment to all employees, contractors on any day that the school is closed for e-learning. Say a snow day, for example. This could create a precedent that districts are required to pay all employees in contract who provide support services on those e-learning days. I understand, and I know for a fact, in my districts, there is a large shortage for bus drivers. As a matter of fact, there was a bidding war when they found out that I once was a mini school bus driver for a Head Start program, and the rate of pay that I could make to be a bus driver was incredible. The support staff and the noncertified staff take these positions, and they have a snow day, and they're not paid. I understand that this will be an unfunded mandate, and I'm not a big fan of getting involved in the collective bargaining, and I understand this is already in several of the contracts. Is it the intent of the Bill that the e-learning days' portion of this Bill will actually help with those type of shortages?"

Yang Rohr: "Yes, that's correct."

McCombie: "Okay. Is there a limit to the number of administration... administrative days tied to the COVID... to COVID an employee could take?"

Yang Rohr: "There's no limit, but the number of days one needs to stay in quarantine is dictated by the public health guidelines, which is tied to this Bill."

McCombie: "Okay. Unfortunately, I think COVID is going to be with us for some time, especially when we're passing Bills that aren't going to be even effective until June 1 of 2022. There

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have been many Executive Orders, rules, and recommended... recommendations specifically tied to COVID. Many that I do not agree with, but here with are. This Bill is specific to COVID related absences. Is there a sunset provision to the Bill related to COVID?"

Yang Rohr: "Yes, but the sunset provision ends when the emergency restrictions are lifted."

McCombie: "Do you have any idea when that's going to be?"

Yang Rohr: "I do not know."

McCombie: "What was the vote in the Senate?"

Yang Rohr: "There was one 'nay' vote in the Senate."

McCombie: "Okay. Thank you for bringing this Bill. It's certainly not perfect, but I am in support. So, please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? We have Leader Greenwood for questions."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, thank you for bringing this piece of legislation. I have a couple of questions... well, several actually. Is this Bill intended to cover the Illinois Department of Human Services facilities at the School for the Deaf, the School for the Visually Impaired in Jacksonville, or the Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education in Chicago?"

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Leader, for that question. No. This Bill addresses facilities established under the Illinois School Code. The IDHS facilities you mentioned, School for the Visually Impaired, School for the Deaf, and Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education, were established by different portions of Illinois law. The employees working at those facilities are state employees and are not directly

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impacted by the provisions of the Illinois School Code addressed in this legislation."

Greenwood: "Thank you. Also, for part-time employees who do not receive sick days, how would this Bill impact those employees?"

Yang Rohr: "Part-time employees without sick days are currently sent home for COVID-19 related reasons and receive no pay for the day. This Bill will allow for those part-time education employees to receive paid administrative leave at their regular rate of pay. This is not an additional cost to the school district because the part-time employee is already budgeted for that day's pay."

Greenwood: "Does the language on paycheck protection apply to all remote learning days?"

Yang Rohr: "No. The paycheck protection language is meant to apply for unplanned emergency days. And this is not meant to address long-term remote learning plans. This is a separate section of the School Code. This Bill just addresses those emergency days, those unplanned school closures."

Greenwood: "Thank you for those answers and clarification, Representative. I urge a 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "For further discussion, the Chair recognizes Leader Brady. Please be aware, moving forward, I'll be moving... we're utilizing a three-minute timer. We have a lot of people speaking and many more measures ahead. So, thank you. Leader Brady."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

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Brady: "Thank you very much. Representative, we had a discussion in committee yesterday, question's obviously... has been discussed here on the floor. One of those was the impact on higher education with this proposed legislation that you have. You and I were able to have a brief discussion and bring to the forefront some of those concerns, in particular from higher education. You've... prior to this, you've not had any opportunity, nor did you have contact from higher education regarding this Bill. Is that correct?"

Yang Rohr: "That is correct. You know, we had a lot of opponents or stakeholders, generally, talk with us, and had multiple conversations with them. Unfortunately, was not able to talk with higher ed."

Brady: "So, do you just attribute that to, in your negotiations with maybe other stakeholders, that the idea with higher education just wasn't... the seed wasn't planted with you of how this might affect higher education and their staffs? Is that a fair statement?"

Yang Rohr: "Can you say that again?"

Brady: "So, in other words, in your discussions with other stakeholders about this legislation, as you were developing the legislation, you indicated higher education was not part of that. You had not had conversations with higher education, yet they had concerns. And so, was that just an oversight that someone didn't put a... plant the seed, if you will, to you that maybe higher education should be reached out during this discussion before this Bill was brought out here for prime time?"

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Yang Rohr: "The Bill was out and available for at least a week, and I really appreciate everyone who read through those... saw the Bill and reached out and... and I really appreciate your bringing their concerns to me and forwarding to me their concerns. In the future, absolutely, if... I will know to contact them. And I hope... and I appreciate your giving me their contact information. I reached out. And now, I hope everyone will be able to work together."

Brady: "So, you're going to have to follow up with higher education is what it boils down to. Is that correct?"

Yang Rohr: "Yes."

Brady: "Thank you. In closing, to be respectful of my time here, could you speak briefly to the fact that it was portrayed that this would have federal formula... funding from COVID relief sources for payment back to these school districts. Was that your original intent? Someone had given you that indication that, that funding would be there and could be utilized for some of this COVID related payment days?"

Yang Rohr: "Yes. For example, the substitutes. So, if they're related to COVID related spending, then yes. Those federal COVID relief funds can be used."

Brady: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Leader Brady. For further discussion, we have Representative Wheeler."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Wheeler: "Representative, we had a good dialogue yesterday in committee about his Bill. And I'd asked you, originally, if you could speak... and I'm going to go kind of quickly because

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we are on a timer today... about the concerns of the large unit districts. They had filed in opposition to the Bill. I wonder if you could speak specifically to their concerns."

Yang Rohr: "I'm sorry. Can you... I didn't hear the question."

Wheeler: "I asked you if you could speak to the concerns of the large unit districts that filed in opposition to the Bill."

Yang Rohr: "Oh, I see. Okay, thank you. You know, some of the responses that I've given during this presentation, while it did... we're attempting to speak to their concerns and their requests for me to put onto the legislative intent... the record. So... so, for example, one of their concerns was about e-learning versus remote learning. And so, we wanted to make absolutely clear that this Bill does not affect their long-term strategic remote learning plans or goals. This is... this Bill, with... the first part of the Bill with paycheck protection, it is intended just for unexpected school closures."

Wheeler: "No, I got you. There is specific concerns, not the description of the Bill. I appreciate where you're trying to go, but we're on a timer. And I'm trying to be respectful of that. Help me understand this part of what the Bill's consequences are. My understanding is that any time an unvaccinated teacher claims an exposure, they get automatic paid leave without being required to provide proof or follow the test-to-stay protocol. And that's not... and it's repeatable, it's unlimited. Can you tell me why we didn't put a limit in there for this, why it wouldn't be part of it? And why there wouldn't be a verification?"

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Yang Rohr: "So, a few things. First, for unvaccinated... you know, following the Governor's guidance, you either have to be vaccinated or you have to be participating in weekly tests."

Wheeler: "But if I claim an exposure..."

Yang Rohr: "Yeah, and within the Bill, there's always... there's also a provision that requires the employee to provide documentation, as requested by the school district, to prove that there's been exposure or that there is a reason to be in quarantine."

Wheeler: "Okay, but there's no limit, even if they provide these... if they provide documentation, they can just keep doing it, right?"

Yang Rohr: "There are some very good test-to-stay programs and school districts can ask for those test-to-stay results. So, if you test on days one, three, five, seven, as long as you keep testing negative, you can come back into the school."

Wheeler: "Well, if... they want to stay home. So, that's my point, I guess. That's the opposite of this."

Yang Rohr: "But... but the school district can ask for that documentation. And if you don't provide that documentation, you don't get the benefits for this Bill."

Wheeler: "Last second before my time expires in three seconds, literally. Sorry. Are you aware that the Governor may potentially veto this Bill?"

Yang Rohr: "Yes."

Wheeler: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. For further discussion, we have Representative Reick for questions."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Reick: "Representative, I have a question about... hang on a minute. There is a... it amends the sick leave provision... our analysis says that this Bill amends the sick leave provisions of the School Code to require a district to return any sick leave used during 2021-22 school year by a teacher or employee for reasons related to issuance of guidance, blah, blah, blah. Does that mean we're taking it out of sick leave and putting it as an administrative? It's sort of back... backfilling from sick leave to administrative?"

Yang Rohr: "That is correct."

Reick: "Okay. If a teacher retires holding sick pay... a teacher can retire, I believe, with 180 days of unused sick pay and that sick pay then becomes pensionable when calculating their pension benefits under the Illinois Pension Code. So, to say that this does not cost money is sort of wrong because what you're doing is you're potentially adding a number of days to that person's pensionable earnings, which will then accrue to a higher pension benefit over time. Is that not correct?"

Yang Rohr: "The TRS... this concern has been brought up. And so, we talked with TRS. And their opinion is that they do not believe that returning these sick days is rewarding of new days. And so, it should not... it should not have any impact on the retirement status or anyone's pension obligation, including the state or the district."

Reick: "I'd like to see that analysis. I really would. Schools are already spending federal money on after school programs, PPE, and all that other kind of stuff to... related to COVID. How does this Bill coincide with that spending that is already

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under way? There's only so much money available to these schools. And is this legislation intending to spend money over the top of what's already been budgeted by schools? Or is this part of that budgeting process? How did they... and were they able to fold that into their budgeting of all this money? How do you... how do you square the circle of additional spending on top of federal money that's already being spent for COVID?"

Yang Rohr: "Schools have already... schools have the option of... they have had to submit their spending plans for their... those federal COVID relief dollars. They can amend those plans. Now, for school budgeting generally, they, I would hope, have already budgeted for substitutes. And they, I hope, have already budgeted for substitutes in the time of COVID and the pandemic and, hopefully, have thought of the need for more subs because of those positive tests."

Reick: "Have you talked to your... have you talked to your local school board? Are they in favor of it?"

Speaker Evans: "Representative Reick, your time has expired. There's two speakers waiting, Representative Davidsmeyer, Butler. Representative, your time has expired. Representative Davidsmeyer for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Davidsmeyer: "I just wanted to clarify a few things for me. When I looked at this, and I generally... you know, I've been the sole 'no' vote on unfunded mandates up on that board in the past, and it's lonely when you're the only 'no' vote. But I'm truly concerned about unfunded mandates. But let me just say

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this. I think this is an unfunded mandate on the schools. Not only on the schools, but also on the teachers and staff because it is forced down from the State of Illinois through Executive Order. So, I think there's something we should be doing with that because my understanding is that the schools have already submitted to ISBE what they're going to be using their federal dollars for. So, I think that it's... it's a little bit tough for us to require this of the school districts because that's not what the original intent necessarily was for because they didn't know they were going to have to be doing this. But at the same point, when a teacher or a staff member is told you have to stay home, I don't care if you feel great, you were around this person, you have to stay home. I understand the reasoning for this. So, I'm going to be supporting this, but I think that we really need to look at what we do here, what we take credit for, and then make somebody else pay for. So, with that, I would like to yield the rest of my time back to Steve Reick."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sponsor yield and answer... I had a question. Have you talked to your local school board, and is the local... your local school board in favor of this?"

Yang Rohr: "I have talked with my local school board, and they are not."

Reick: "They are not? So, what you're saying is, is that... what you... I think what your answer was to my previous question was the fact that you are saying that they can adjust their COVID related budgets on the fly for circumstances and things like that, and I don't necessarily disagree with that idea. The

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question is, are we talking about spending more money than was originally allocated because of this Bill?"

Yang Rohr: "I don't believe so. I think your original question was asking about... I believe you were asking about sick days that were already taken and those being turned back to administrative days. So, I think it's important to point out that, for those instances, for like that 20 percent of the school year that has already happened, our school districts have already paid for those... for those subs, for example."

Reick: "I believe this is more a result of e-learning days than any of the other types of costs. So, what you're saying is you really don't know as to whether or not this is money being piled on top of already budgeted money?"

Yang Rohr: "There's no new money because there's no more... with or without this Bill, schools are going to be asking their teachers, their support staff, their educators to not be in school. So, because of positive tests, because of close contact, and as a result, they already will be asking their teachers, for example, to not be there. And so, they already have to pay for those subs. With this Bill, what it does is it makes it so that our support staff don't have to take a sick day for it. So, we want them... we want our teachers, our educators, our support staff, we want them to keep our students and our communities safe. And that is... that's something that we should all want, right? But that can't happen on the backs of their sick days."

Reick: "If I had more time, I would ask you..."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Reick, your time has expired. Thank you."

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Reick: "Come on, Marcus."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Butler for final discussion."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Representative, I think some really legitimate concerns have been brought up today. I think some legitimate concerns have been brought up in committee, especially yesterday. I am really troubled by the... Mr. Burkey, I think, yesterday, from LUDA, from Large Unit Districts, I don't think he was able to testify, if I remember correctly from yesterday. And I think he had some really good... I saw his testimony, he had some really good points to make. I think the universities have really good points to make. But I also respect what Representative Davidsmeyer brings up in the fact that this is kind of an unfunded mandate on the staff and the teachers themselves. So, here's what I'm going to say. I'm going to vote for your legislation to... as a sign of good faith from folks over here to work with you. And I would hope... 'cause you have problems with this Bill, I would hope that you would work with us to fix this legislation moving forward. Because if the Governor vetoes this, I will vote to sustain his veto. But you need to work with people on this Bill. That's how the process works around here. And when people get ignored and when institutions get ignored, it's a problem. It's a collaborative process around here. So, I'm going to vote for your Bill as a show of good faith, but you got to do a better job on working with us 'cause there's some legitimate concerns here that we've got to address. Steve, you want more time? Can we have Representative Reick ask one question, Mr. Speaker?"

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Reick for the remainder of the time."

Reick: "As I asked earlier, I would like to know if you've spoken to your school board as to the reasons why they opposed this Bill?"

Yang Rohr: "Well, I think... so, on principle, the thing that they keep coming back to is they would... they believe that issues like these should be negotiated at the local level. I believe though... or as we've seen, and the reason why we're here today, is because my members of those... of the districts, of the school districts in my district, those teachers, those support staff, they came to me because our administration, the school districts, they were not willing to open up those negotiations. And so, it's a very strange (unintelligible) box we have there, right? Because my school board, on one hand, is saying they opposed this because it should be worked out and negotiated at the local level. But on the other hand, they won't open up negotiations. So, it's tough, and that's why we're here today."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Reick. Thank you. For a quick discussion, Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. I'd just like a second to speak to the Bill. I did listen in on committee yesterday, even though I don't serve on the committee, and I've been listening as the discussion's been going on today. And... you've struck a nerve. The insinuation that teachers just want to take days off, sit on their butts on the couch and put their feet up, and they're going to take extra days off because of this is insulting and obnoxious. And it is detrimental to our teacher shortage, and

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that is why we have one, is the disrespect of the teaching profession. So, I would appreciate teachers being respected as the caring, compassionate professionals that they are. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yang Rohr to close."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you for everyone's questions and for your engagement. I absolutely commit to working with everyone going forward, and I appreciate your favorable vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #2 and 3 to House Bill 2778?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Halbrook. Representative Halbrook. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'no'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "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 92 voting in 'favor', 23 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this... the House does concur in Senate Amendment #2 and 3 to House Bill 2778. And this Bill,

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having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 3 for Senate Bill 1139."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing on the Order of Concurrences, on page 3, we have House Bill 106, Leader Andrade."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur for House Bill 106, Senate Floor Amendment #2. Senate Floor Amendment #2 is a gut and replace Amendment that contains an omnibus Bill related to transportation issues. One of them is a Secretary of State expiration date. Extension is for... will allow Secretary of State to extend expiration dates of driver's license and ID cards until no later than January 1, 2023. It also extends the Secretary of State's emergency rulemaking powers to implement this section until January 1, 2023, which it currently has right now. This also deals with the original transportation authority temporary transit recovery ratio relief. The Regional Transportation Authority Act mandates that three RTA service board, CTA, Metra, and Pace, generate at least 50 percent of the revenue to support the region's transportation operating budget. If the boards do not meet the 50 percent annual recovery ratio, that RTA is required to transfer funds to the state in the amount of the revenue shortfall. This will pose a temporary exempts to RTA from meeting the 50 percent recovery ratio. The other issue this deals with is Member parking. House Bill 106 temporarily

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allows Members and employees of the General Assembly who are allotted parking spots in the vicinity near the State Capitol that require a fee to have their parking fee paid for by the General Assembly. This is due to construction, the parking lots near the State Capitol for the next couple of years. State statute currently requires individuals parking in the garage behind the Stratton Building to pay a monthly fee. This provision allows the General Assembly to pay that fee during the construction. This Bill also deals with the airline employees' sick leave. The proposal removes an exemption for an employee contained in the Employee Sick Leave Act. As a result, airline employees will be entitled to use a portion of their personal sick leave benefits available to them to care for relatives. Exemptions further, under current law, it does not apply to airline workers. An employee of an airplane, subject to provision of Title II of Railway Labor Act, carry them by engaging state of foreign commerce and every other carrier transportation. Collective bargaining agreement, there's nothing in this Act interferes with the collective bargaining agreements. And then, we have, also, the odorous windows proposal. So, just for legislative intent on this portion of the Bill, IDOT has required.. the intent of this Bill is to expand eligibility of access to new windows and doors to replace defective windows and doors installed under the RSIP, subject to appropriation. It is not intended that the expanded eligibility will be funded by the State Aviation Program Fund, which is funded by airport revenues through aviation fuel tax and subject to limited use pursuant to Federal Law. So, House Bill 106 requires the City of Chicago

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to replace at least 750 windows per year, subject to appropriation. And, Mr. Speaker... and if any questions... and also, just to address a concern that was brought up in committee. We'll do a follow up Bill to allow the Minority... Minority Leaders from both parties to... from the House and the Senate to be also on the advisory committee board."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Leader Andrade. Is there any discussion? Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Batinick: "Representative, I think you may have read the entire Bill there, but I still have some questions. Couple of them specifically, and this seems to be a growing theme here. This task force you have, there's going to be four Members of it. Is that correct? Of the task force on the windows and doors?"

Andrade: "Yes."

Batinick: "Okay. And I'm reading directly here. 'Provides appointment of two Members by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two by the President of the Senate to an advisory committee concerning noise, mitigation, and air quality.' Do you have a comment on that? Is there any particular reason why it's just the Majority Party that's appointing the Members to the advisory council?"

Andrade: "It's those Senators. They... they had an oversight, but we have... my colleague over here has talked to your Leader, and she said she would run a trailer Bill to make sure that oversight is taken care of, addressed."

Batinick: "Okay. It's like an RV park here with these trailer Bills. IMA's opposed, Chamber of Commerce, Chicagoland

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Chamber of Commerce, looks like a bunch of airlines are opposed. That's... they're still opposed, correct?"

Andrade: "Correct, they're still opposed."

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

Speaker Evans: "For further discussion, we have Leader Brady for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Brady: "Representative, to the question there of the task force.

Could you explain that a little bit more in detail about the purpose of the task force itself?"

Andrade: "Basically the advisory committee is just to advise the process of how to implement it."

Brady: "Okay. So, does it have something to do with the mitigation of the doors and windows around O'Hare?"

Andrade: "Yes."

Brady: "Okay. And that task force, there's going to be a trailer Bill ran to involve the Minority Party representation?"

Andrade: "Leader Brady, if you wish, the original... this is an omnibus. And so, the Member that carried that Bill originally would like to address your question, if I may... if the Speaker would allow that... the next person."

Brady: "And that person is who? I'm sorry. I didn't hear you. Okay. And we can follow up. That's fine. Also, another question regarding the Bill, Representative. To the parking lot side of things and the redistribution, if you will, all the things that you're anticipating, could you talk about that just briefly again? What this Bill pertains to that, the upcoming changes here?"

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Andrade: "So, as you can just look outside, in the campus there is a lot of construction. And what's going on is a lot of people are going to be displaced. The State Law requires that in these... some of these parking structures that the state has to charge the employees. They have to charge the employees... give me one second... so, what this Bill does is allows that the General Assembly covers that cost to the employees. As you know... temporarily. So, there's parking structures around the Stratton Building, underneath and above ground, that you have to pay, and this Bill will cover the cost during construction. One of your Leaders and I have talked. And already I have reached out to the Secretary of State, if I... if this is where you're going with the next question, and we're going to discuss this because, if it's state parking lot, why are state employees paying for the parking to cover their cost? So, we're... I'm already talking to your Leader and I already talked to the Secretary of State that this is something that we should look at."

Brady: "Okay. And... specifically in regards to why the employees will pay to the state for the lots..."

Andrade: "Correct."

Brady: "...for parking..."

Andrade: "Correct."

Brady: "...of the place where they work to begin with?"

Andrade: "Correct."

Brady: "Okay. And then, also, can you drill down a little bit to why some of those groups are opposed to a portion of this Bill, in your opinion? Like the, I think, Chamber of Manufacturers and some others that were opposed to it."

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Andrade: "So, if I may give you a little bit of history on that. So, in 2017, aviation workers were excluded from the current Illinois Sick Leave Act. And the employees feel that it was an oversight, that it's not uncommon for it to be in railroads, but they feel that they should not have been excluded. So, some of the industries, American Airlines, United, some of them, they do not want to be part of this Sick Leave Act. And so, they... there was... in 2017, they were excluded. So..."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Brady, your time has expired."

Brady: "Okay."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Wheeler for questions."

Wheeler: "Thank you. I..."

Speaker Evans: "Like to yield your time, Representative Wheeler?"

Wheeler: "No, I... I think that Leader Brady is... you were finishing up, Leader?"

Brady: "Yes."

Wheeler: "Would that be okay, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Evans: "Like to yield your time?"

Wheeler: "Can I get my time back?"

Speaker Evans: "No. Representative Wheeler yields his time to Representative... Leader Brady."

Brady: "You'd like to yield your time to me? Is that what you just did, Keith? Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Yes."

Brady: "I need about a minute. Thank you. Jaime, so back to the Bill itself, and thank you for the clarification of the employees' side of thing and thank you for the airline side of things and the difference. You also mentioned, briefly,

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about some renewals on there, and I didn't catch all of that. In this legislation, was there some licensing renewals, parts of things for two years?"

Andrade: "So, right now, the Secretary of State has the power to... for executive... within his executive powers to extend when the driver's license can be renewed. That expires this year. It expires right now. So, this Bill extends that authority for another year for him to say, if your driver's license... if you have not had the ability to get your driver's license, due to COVID, you don't want to go in, he could extend it for another year. He can change some of the requirements."

Brady: "Okay."

Andrade: "So, that is the part for the Secretary of State. We're continuing one more year."

Brady: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lewis for questions."

Lewis: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Lewis: "Something that's in this Bill caught my eye, being that I represent the western district to O'Hare Airport. Can you delve in deeper to the mitigation program and what you expect?"

Andrade: "So, Mr. Speaker, the original Sponsor of that Bill would like to address. If that is okay with you, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lewis, have you finished your line of questioning?"

Lewis: "I have that, and then I would like to understand why there's not, in this Bill, a showcase at O'Hare Airport."

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Andrade: "I don't have that question for you, but I guarantee you that we will come right back to you..."

Lewis: "Whoever wants... whoever wants to answer is fine with me."

Andrade: "Right, and that's what we're going to do. So, if... right now, if you'll allow us and the Speaker will..."

Lewis: "I do. Whoever wants to answer."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Speaker. To answer your questions, right now, there's not a showroom at O'Hare because that's where it originally was when the program started back in 2008, and they took it out. So, right now, this Bill specifically request that there's a showroom at Midway because we feel that if they've done one at O'Hare, they can do one at Midway now this time around."

Lewis: "Okay. And what do you expect out of the program?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "So, out of the program is the windows that are off-gassing that have been confirmed. Off-gassing, which is a burnt plastic smell, is that the windows are gutted from those properties and replaced with windows that are not defective. Both for the O'Hare and Midway areas."

Lewis: "Thank you. I'd like to talk to you about O'Hare, possibly adding that in the future."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Okay. Yeah, great."

Lewis: "Thank you. I yield..."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Leader."

Lewis: "...I yield my time to my... to the left, my comrade, Leader Wheeler."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

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Wheeler: "Leader Andrade, we talked a little bit, I think, when the first speaker was talking about the airline issue. We talked about it very briefly in committee, and you said it may be an inadvertent issue with them being left out of the particular Act we're referring back into here. But are you aware of a federal concern that's involved with this, why it's the way it was with the federal Dormant Commerce Clause and the Airline Deregulation Act that needs to precede this?"

Andrade: "I am not."

Wheeler: "Okay."

Andrade: "But I did... I spoke to several of the representatives from those organizations, and they were told that the... since it's concurrence, I can't amend this Bill."

Wheeler: "I understand that. I'm..."

Andrade: "And so, what we're looking at to do is... they were told that by... on the Senate side, that they're going to bring them back to the table and address some of these issues."

Wheeler: "Okay. I appreciate that. I just want to put it on the record that there's a federal concern here that may be part of the equation before this is all done and, of course, may have to weigh in before we're through. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Bourne..."

Andrade: "Thank you for bringing it..."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Bourne is recognized for discussion.
Representative Crespo, for discussion."

Crespo: "Will the Sponsor yield, please?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

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Crespo: "Representative, you talked about the window replacement program being subject to appropriations. What's the source of the appropriations?"

Andrade: "The Aviation Fuel Tax."

Crespo: "Okay."

Andrade: "Approximately, it's... 7.5 million is already appropriated from the Aviation Fuel Tax."

Crespo: "And is that a healthy fund? Is the money there?"

Andrade: "Right now, it's just based on... directed from... on what the airlines purchased their gas. So, it's... right now, you've had the pandemic, it's probably not as healthy as it should be, but one... it continues, it'll increase."

Crespo: "Okay. But there's definitely no state funds being used for the program?"

Andrade: "And that is what the legislative intent was I read in the record for to make... IDOT wanted to clarify to make sure that... if you would like a redone tint again..."

Crespo: "No, that's okay."

Andrade: "Okay."

Crespo: "I'm just reading our analysis. It does state that \$7.5 million in annual state funds, but I just want to make sure that that was... that's incorrect. It's not state funds. It is specifically the Aviation Fuel Tax Fund."

Andrade: "It's imposed by the state, but it's not directly a state tax. It's already originated from..."

Crespo: "It's not..."

Andrade: "...the state does not have to put additional money in. It comes directly from that tax."

Crespo: "Just to be clear, it's not GRF?"

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Andrade: "No."

Crespo: "It originates from that tax fuel fund, Aviation Tax Fuel Fund?"

Andrade: "Correct."

Crespo: "Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "For further discussion, Leader Demmer is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Demmer: "Representative Andrade, what's the effective date for this Bill?"

Andrade: "Immediate."

Demmer: "So, one of the provisions that's come up a few times is the change, the exempting airline employees from the Employee Sick Leave Act. We've got a note here that United Airlines, Southwest Airlines, American Airlines have real concerns with that. Let me ask, if the effective date is immediately upon signature, which we don't know when the Governor would sign this, how are three of the largest airlines in the world supposed to change their employee policies for probably tens of thousands of employees based on an unknown signing date by the Governor?"

Andrade: "Right. So, they're already... the industry's already aware of this because it's already operated throughout the whole United States. They're already... there are 14 other states with similar legislation and nowhere else is aviation excluded. The Bill will allow aviation workers to use their earned sick time for either themselves or their family members

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and create no new sick time allocation or any additional... so, it does not create any new sick time allocation."

Demmer: "So, would you say that no change in airline policy is necessary?"

Andrade: "What I would say is that they were directly excluded, so they can't use that for..."

Demmer: "But what I'm saying is, we have an immediate effective date on an employee policy change that's going to affect thousands of employees. We don't know when that will become effective. There's no way that these corporations could change employee policies based on whether the Governor's going to sign this on a Tuesday morning or a Friday afternoon. We have no idea. It's immediately effective. How in the world are these large global corporations supposed to change employee policies on a whim like this? We have to give them time to plan for something. It's just impossible to implement this."

Andrade: "Leader Demmer, you and I have been here a very long time. I have never seen a Bill get signed by tomorrow. I'll be surprised if it is."

Demmer: "That's my point. We have no... you can't tell them when it's going to be signed. I can't tell them when it's going to be signed, or if it'll be signed, or whatever will happen. But with an immediate effective date... that's why, for those kinds of changes, you have to, from a practical perspective, put any future effective date so people have a time to plan for it and time to make changes to existing policies. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. I've got 15 seconds left over this robust opportunity to evaluate a Bill that will affect

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thousands of employees. This is just completely impractical. This is not the kind of change that we can ask somebody to reasonably make. We've got to do legislation effectively and appropriately. This isn't it."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Swanson for further discussion."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm really intrigued in the portion on the windows, and I know a colleague had talked about where they're going to be appropriated from. And I certainly understand the purpose of them because of noise. Have... I would like to see if you'd be willing to work with me on some legislation that we could apply that same analogy to our wind turbines that are decorating our farm ground now, and the expectation of several more coming in. Have you been near a wind tower farm?"

Andrade: "Yes, the... I've actually did... it's very interesting that you say that. I've actually read some literature on that, of the wind pressure pushing on the sound waves. So, it's... if your home is within that path. So, that's actually a very great idea. I think we should look at something like that because those wind turbines actually push a lot of air, which cause a lot of air vibration, and then the sound could affect people's homes."

Swanson: "Absolutely. It affects their homes, affects the radio waves, affects my crops, affects a lot of things. But certainly the noise is very deafening around those turbines, too, when they run and when there is enough wind to turn them. So, I see this as a possibility here, but I think the funding the appropriations is going to be the difficult part. So, I just wanted to bring that point up. Thank you."

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Andrade: "That's something we can look at. I'm..."

Speaker Evans: "For further discussion, we have Representative Mason."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Mason: "Thank you. To the Bill. I want to address a few items in relation to the provision for the flight attendant sick time. First of all, to the expressed concern about federal issues. This same language is in statute in 14 other states. Fourteen other states. The airlines have tried to contest this using the same... the same argument and have lost every single time. In addition, the federal issue is really only around pricing and other issues. It doesn't have to do with this. Finally, as somebody who's spent my entire career in human resources, I need to address the issue that this will take months and months to implement. This is sick time that has already been earned. So, it's the same process to request sick time whether it is for yourself or for a family member. So, the argument that this is some sort of new procedure is really just a stall tactic. And finally, I want to address what I believe is the core of the issue here. Eighty percent of flight attendants are women. And so, for this particular group to have been excluded, to use their already earned paid sick time when other areas of the industry that are primarily men... let's call it what it is. Let's call it the discrimination that it is. Is it time for these flight attendants and it's time for these women to be able to use the benefits that they have earned. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Andrade to close."

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Andrade: "Respectfully request an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 106?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Halbrook. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'no'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'no'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 106. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 2, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 336, Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise..."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk... Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 336, a Bill for an Act concerning health. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1, 2, and 3 have been

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approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Lilly."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly to the Amendment, starting with #1."

Lilly: "Yes, I'd like to adopt all three Amendments and debate on Third Reading."

Speaker Evans: "Continue with #1. Representative Lilly moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Lilly."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly to the Amendment."

Lilly: "I'd like to adopt Amendment 2 and debate it on Third Reading."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Lilly."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly to the Amendment."

Lilly: "I'd like to adopt Amendment #3 and debate on Third Reading."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly moves adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it.

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And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly is recognized."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. I rise on today to present SB336, which is a trailer Bill to the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus' fourth pillar of health and human services, which is Bill HB158. And this is a trailer Bill, and it basically cleans up a lot of language that brings clarity to the Department of Public Health. But real quickly, I'll go over some of the highlights of the Bill. Again, the purpose of the Amendment is to provide clarity and guidance to the Illinois Department of Public Health in order to effectuate the community health workers provision. We spent time over the summer really coming up with the language that made sure that we could move forward with clarity on who will be regulating the program. It provides clear guidance on the appointments and authority of the appointments to be made. It clarifies the Department of Public Health has ultimate regulatory authority. It provides a boilerplate language permitting the department to conduct administrative hearings for the certificants when they're in violation of regulation. And also, subject to appropriation, it provides financial assistance to any certificant that may incur administrative cost. It outlines that the board will be co-chaired by a representative of the Department of Public Health and a

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representative from the statewide organization of community health workers. I can go through the number of appointments, but I do want to highlight, real quickly, some of the other areas. The deadline extensions, they will occur and be expanded in the areas of medical implicit bias training, the Commission of Gynecologic Cancers, the Anti-Racism Commission, Underlying Causes of Crime and Violence Study Act, the N95 mask requirements, and the State Health Plan Assessment, of which all Members of the General Assembly who are responsible for these Bills has agreed upon for that extension. Amendment #2, we want to make sure that we attach this Amendment to make sure that we were addressing some of the mental health issues that are being dealt with due to Floyd travesty here in our country and Minnesota, and we wanted to help the Peoria community with Leadership Gordon-Booth, where it would stabilize the rates of reimbursement for Medicaid in-patient psychiatric services for the hospitals in Peoria. Which is similar to what we adopted last Session, or last year, for the Illinois safety net hospitals. And the third Bill is language... a technical change in language. It simply changes the extension date and effective date for the Sexual Assault Survivor Emergency Treatment Act by two years. The purpose of this extension is to allow the federally qualified health centers to seek and to provide rape kits for services to those who are finding themselves in that terrible situation, in addition to working in tandem with the police department and the hospitals across the state. We need more resources and want to continue this existing

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services for those who find themselves in that terrible situation. With that, I'm open for any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative Lilly. Leader Brady for questions."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Brady: "Representative, I think I've got this cleared up, but with your Amendments and what's on the board right now, this changes completely from anything to do with the certificates of birth. It's the task force in which you're talking about for all the things you just articulated, correct?"

Lilly: "Correct. This is a gut and replace."

Brady: "Right. Thank you. Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Demmer for discussion."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before my time, could I just inquire with the Clerk what... which Amendments were adopted for this Bill?"

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendments 1, 2, and 3 have been adopted."

Demmer: "Thank you. And will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Demmer: "Representative Lilly, thanks for your presentation. We had a discussion in committee on this yesterday. First, can I inquire how many appointments are eligibility made by the Speaker of the House and the Senate President, and then how many appointments by the Minority Leaders?"

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Lilly: "In the Bill, we have three for the Speaker, three for the President, and one for the Minority Leader in both chambers. It's two total for the Minority Leaders."

Demmer: "Okay. And I think it's actually four Members appointed by the Speaker, four by the... so, it's a four to one ratio. Just interesting, it's pretty different from most of the task forces we have, and it begs a question of why that would be necessary. But let me focus more on this... on the community health worker portion of this. Right now, what services in the Medicaid program are eligible for reimbursement when provided by a community health worker?"

Lilly: "As mentioned early on, that this particular language is to clear up technical concerns or clarifications for the Department of Illinois Public Health. And a lot of those services are being worked through and will be talked about through this review board, along with the Department of Public Health and the Health and Family Services."

Demmer: "But, right now, there's no reimbursement eligible for community health workers, correct?"

Lilly: "This particular Bill does not deal with that, correct."

Demmer: "Right. And no other Bill deals with that either, other than being subject to appropriation, correct?"

Lilly: "Correct."

Demmer: "Okay. So, I just think it's important that we point out that what this Bill is creating is a program for which there's no eligible services and no appropriation to provide any funding. We're creating a group of community health workers who will... I don't know. Where will they go to provide services and be paid for those services? Nothing exists so far. We

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talked about, when this program was discussed last spring, that in order to implement a program like this statewide, in order to provide that funding, make an appropriation, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services estimated anywhere between \$960 million and \$2.9 billion to implement the community health care worker... community health worker program statewide. Where are we going to come up with anywhere close to that amount of money?"

Lilly: "Again, this particular Bill does not address any appropriation of funds."

Demmer: "And neither did... neither did previous Bills. And... to the Bill. I..."

Lilly: "So, that's why we wanted... can I just make one point? Any estimates or guesses, anything of that occurred as we were putting this Bill together, that's all it was. What we're doing now with this type of board and creating partnership between the Department of Public Health and HFS allows us to move forward disbanding silos to make sure that we are tapping into community health work, which already exists in providing services across the state to improve better health outcomes. This initiative, through the pillar, the health and family service pillar, will... human service pillar will allow state to tap into resources that exist in their state already, which is those community health workers who are doing a good job that allows them to create better health outcomes for the people they touch."

Demmer: "To the Bill, to wrap up. We're not creating community health workers here. We're creating a task force to make recommendations to DPH, who will then choose whether or not

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to accept those recommendations, impose administrative rules to create a certification for a community health worker program for which there is no funding, no eligible services for reimbursement, and no appropriation. And in order to put all those pieces together, we would have to come up with hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars. We've got to get this right. We've got... if we want to offer a service, we've got to back it up. This does nothing. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Bourne for discussion. Representative Lilly to close."

Lilly: "I appreciate an 'aye' vote, and thank you for the debate. We are continuously putting forth energy, collective partnership to make sure we have better health outcome and quality of life for all Illinoisans. And the Black Caucus has really taken a step forward to work for... with everyone to get that done. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 336 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'no'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'no'. Representative Tarver."

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Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'.

Speaker Evans: "All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 72 voting in 'favor', 43 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 3 in the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 1041, Leader Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1041, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Flowers."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Flowers on the Amendment."

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Amendment #3."

Speaker Evans: "Representative... Leader Flowers moves adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor vote (sic-say) 'aye'; all 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1041, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 1041 is a gut and replace, and it includes most of the language that was in House Bill 3084, with some

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changes. It should be noted that the Illinois House passed House Bill 3084 on April 23, with a margin of votes from 75 to 33. The Bill, as amended, direct the Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, to implement the consumer choice in maternal care of African American mothers program. The Infant and Maternal Mortality and African American Task Force is required to partner with the Holistic Birth Collective to develop rules and regulations for the consumer choice and maternal care of African American mothers. The Medicaid voucher program would seek to expand coverage of a homebirth services, in-home services regarding prenatal care, and postpartum care services provided by the nationally accredited professional midwives. This Bill specifies that the program must be implemented by a maternal episode payment model that provides a single payment for all services across the maternal intrapartum and postpartum period, which covers the 9 months of pregnancy, plus 12 weeks of postpartum. The payment model shall include the following elements: limited exclusion of selected high-cost health conditions and further adjustments to limit service providers risks, such as risks adjustments for stop laws; durations for the initial entry into the prenatal care through the postpartum and newborn period; and also, single payments for all services across the episode. Also, this Bill would include midwives providing services under this Medicaid program are to be both licensed and registered with the Illinois Department of Public Health, as well as HFS. And must make available to the task force all relevant data that relates to maternal care expenditures made

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under the Medicaid program. And with that... so that the budget neutral reimbursement rates can be established for a bundled maternal care services. And I would be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have. But if I may just read briefly the purpose of this program. The purpose of this Bill is to address the major health care disparities experienced among black mothers. In 2018, the Illinois Department of Public Health reported that black women were six times as likely to die from pregnancy-related conditions when compared to white women. And, in addition, the report noted that 72 percent of the pregnancies-related deaths, and 93 percent of the violence pregnancy-associated deaths, were deemed preventable. The task force was created under Public Act 101-0038 and housed under the Department of Public Health. The task force was established to work to establish best practices to decrease infants and maternal mortality among Africa American women in Illinois. And finally, the Holistic Birth Collection is a partnership with women across the Chicagoland area. All attended holistic birth care in various ways. The overall goal of the collective is to work together to empower women to make informed decisions that will lead to thriving and healthy birth outcomes. And I'll be more than happy to answer any questions you may have, and I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Is there any discussion? Leader Demmer is recognized."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, please let the record reflect that Representative Halbrook is excused for the remainder of the day. And would the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Demmer: "Thank you, Leader Flowers, for the discussion on the Bill. My first question is, you're establishing, with this Bill, a task force on infant and maternal mortality among African Americans. And they're..."

Flowers: "Excuse me. No. The task force... you voted for the task force in 2018. That was House Bill #1. So, that was already established."

Demmer: "Okay. So, you're charging the task force with creating... is it creating administrative rules?"

Flowers: "For..."

Demmer: "That they will have administrative rulemaking authority, this task force?"

Flowers: "No. The task force is to investigate and find solutions to the problem as to the reason why African American women and infants are dying at a higher rate when the studies have shown that the deaths are preventable."

Demmer: "But I see in the analysis here, it says that the task force would be required to develop rules for a Medicaid voucher program to expand consumer choice. Is the task force charged with creating rules to create this Medicaid voucher program?"

Flowers: "No. This is not going to be a program. The initial Bill was... it was going to be a pilot program. But now, it's just a regular program that will be created. And, yes, to your question..."

Demmer: "But created by who?"

Flowers: "That will be created by the Department of Public Health, as well as Health and Family Services."

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Demmer: "And so, we are... what's the interaction between this task force and the department who's creating the program?"

Flowers: "The task force is within the Department of Public Health. The Department of Public Health is the one that's responsible for the task force. They put a bunch of group of people together. And obviously the task force, in collaboration with the Holistic Birth Collective, work together..."

Demmer: "But the way that I read this is that, that group is actually responsible for creating the rule, and that... it's not the Department. It would be a rule within the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, but one that was created by a task force in collaboration with the Holistic Birth Collective, not rules that are authored by the department."

Flowers: "Pardon me? The... now remember, it is the Department of Public Health."

Demmer: "But they... in order to create a Medicaid voucher, it'd have to come through the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for it to expand coverage, right?"

Flowers: "Well, and they're part of it as well."

Demmer: "But the... is the task force charged with creating those rules?"

Flowers: "I... let me just back up a little bit. Not the... the Department of Public Health, under 20... in 2018, House Bill 1 created a task force and it was housed in the Department of Public Health. That's one issue. And this issue is dealing with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in consultation..."

Demmer: "So, just to be... just, yeah..."

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Flowers: "...in consultation with the Department of Family Services, to implement these..."

Demmer: "I'm looking at the top of page 6, Section 10, where it says, 'The Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans shall partner with the Holistic Birth Collective to develop rules and regulations for a Medicaid voucher program.' So, we're... we're giving a task force administrative rulemaking authority instead of the Department?"

Flowers: "You... what line are you looking at again, please?"

Demmer: "On page 6."

Flowers: "I'm on page 6."

Demmer: "Section 10. So, that section there creating the Medicaid voucher program. And then, it says that this task force shall partner with the Holistic Birth Collective to develop rules and regulations for a Medicaid voucher program."

Flowers: "That probably should've been... the task force is within the Department of Public Health. Okay. The task force is the Department of Public Health."

Demmer: "But then Department of Public Health would make these rules that would apply for HFS?"

Flowers: "It will be in consultation with HFS."

Demmer: "I understand, but I guess my point is, the ability to make administrative rules is a pretty significant authority. The departments have that, has to go through JCAR and follow all those procedures."

Flowers: "Right."

Demmer: "But this Bill is delegating that administrative rulemaking authority to a task force that may or may not agree

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with any other decision that the administration or that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services is making. If they put forward of rules that HSF opposes, what happens?"

Flowers: "I think, Representative, I don't... there's a lot of rules that's been made by a lot of agencies that I have not agreed with. And see, it's our job is to pass the Bill. And you and I both know what happens afterwards with the rulemaking and everything else. We really have no control over it. Am I correct about that?"

Demmer: "Well, we have control through JCAR."

Flowers: "Pardon me?"

Demmer: "We have control... we have an influence on rulemaking through JCAR."

Flowers: "We have Members that sit on JCAR."

Demmer: "Yeah. My point is, though, that instead of this being... this is an administrative rule from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, but they don't get to make it. It's made by a separate task force, and then it gets put into administrative rule through the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. I'm not aware of any other circumstances where we delegate to..."

Flowers: "You... Representative Demmer..."

Demmer: "...a task force that authority."

Flowers: "Representative Demmer, you know what I'm not going to do? I'm not going to allow you to..."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Demmer, could you please bring your remarks to a close?"

Demmer: "I will. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I think that this is a pretty significant issue for us, the issue of

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rulemaking. And again, the details and the text of the Bill matters."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Flowers... Leader Flowers to close."

Flowers: "Ladies and Gentlemen, African American women and infants are dying in this state. And the studies around the country and the studies in the State of Illinois says that it is preventable. Preventable. Somebody needs to do something about it. We could leave business as usual, but that means more women and children are going to die. When you look at the amount of monies that HFS and the Department of Public Health is losing every year because babies are not being born healthy... the purpose of this Bill is for a group of people who are called the Holistic Birth Collective, that have received an award from... received the 2021 Chicago Birth Justice award. They're known throughout the state. They have worked with the Department of Public Health. They've worked with HFS. And it's a matter, obviously, of semantics with Representative Demmer. But the fact of the matter is, I'm looking at the broader picture. Now, if there needs to be a fix, we can talk about that later. But that's not reason enough, Ladies and Gentlemen, not to do something to help babies, babies that are not yet born, to be able to be born healthy. It's not enough to stop... for us to consider how we can prevent black women from dying while giving birth, something that should be very natural. I would really appreciate an 'aye' vote on behalf of the women and the children of the State of Illinois, the African American women and children that's dying at a higher rate than any other

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state in the United States of America. And I really would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1041 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'no'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "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 66 voting in 'favor', 40 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received... Leader Flowers."

Flowers: "I would like to place this Bill on Postponed Consideration."

Speaker Evans: "This Bill will be placed on Postponed Consideration. Continuing on page 3, under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 1975, Representative Mussman."

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Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I would like to concur with Senate Committee Amendment #2 to House Bill 1975. As you recall, this is a significant piece of legislation that we worked on last year. It is called Faith's Bill in honor of one of our constituents. It is meant to address the issue of sexual assault and inappropriate relationships between staff and students at a school setting. This... the changes to this Bill basically make minor changes to the dates of implementation and minor description changes referring to how we describe schools, sexual misconduct, and the criminal definition of grooming. This passed unanimously out of the House last year. It just passed unanimously out of the Senate. I'm pleased to answer any questions and would appreciate your support in advocating for protecting our youth in school settings."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? And seeing none, the question is... the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1975?' This is final action. All those voting in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins. Representative Collins. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Tarver's 'yes'."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1975. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 4, under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 3401, Leader Gabel. Mr. Clerk. Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Committee Amendment #1 and Senate Floor Amendment #2. These two Amendments together... one has some slight changes to the Illinois Midwifery Board, and the other is a result of an agreement between the hospital association, the doctors, and the trial lawyers. And it also changes the effective date. So, I am thrilled to be presenting this Bill, which is the midwife Bill. We've worked for over 20 years on this Bill. And I really want to thank Leader Flowers, who first... first started to run this Bill. And then, also, my colleagues Leader Hernandez. And also Representative Moeller, who also worked on this midwife Bill. We will finally have a midwife licensed in Illinois who can provide home births, certified professional midwives. This Bill came out of here last time with 105 votes, and I would thank you all for an 'aye' vote this time as well."

Speaker Evans: "Is there any discussion? Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Batinick: "Representative, I know this was a long haul. And we got everybody to neutral or supportive, I believe. If that's correct?"

Gabel: "Yes."

Batinick: "It's a pretty good looking cosponsorship board up there. I'll just go straight to the Bill and close with this is certainly your best Bill of the week. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? We have Representative Moeller for questions."

Moeller: "I just want to speak to the Bill. I want to thank our lead Sponsor, Leader Gabel, for her incredible work this... for the past several years on this issue. I really never thought I would see the day that we would be voting to make this happen, and it wouldn't have happened without her leadership. It wouldn't have happened without the leadership of Leader Flowers and all of her efforts for many, many years. Leader Hernandez and so many others who have worked tirelessly to bring it to this point. I also want to thank the midwives who've been performing this... have been performing births in our state, often in the shadows, helping women to have healthy... healthy births and working in other states to do that. They... this is a huge victory for them today. So, thank you, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Represent... Leader Gabel to close."

Gabel: "So, this Bill will finally make a home birth safe in Illinois. And thank you, Representative Moeller, for all of your work. And also, you are thanking the midwives, 'cause they have really been just incredibly persistent in pushing for this Bill. And I really appreciate all the work that they

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have done all these years. So, this is a victory for women in Illinois. It will give them more choices. And thank you all so much."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 3401?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "A very happy 'yes'."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Sorry. Tarver's a 'yes'."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 1 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 3401. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 2, under the Orders of Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 828, Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, please move this Bill back to the Order of Second Reading."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 828, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. Amendments 1 and 2 have been adopted. Floor Amendments 3 and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Ford."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the committee. I'd like to move to adopt House Amendment #3... House Floor Amendment #3 and 4. So, go in order of 3 and 4. Is that right?"

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ford moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor vote... 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. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Ford."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the Body, I move to adopt House Amendment... Floor Amendment #4. House Floor Amendment #4 to Senate Bill 828 is a nonsubstantive page and line Amendment to clarify language. And I can discuss it..."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ford moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #4. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 828, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Body. I first want to thank the Members that have agreed to support Senate Bill 828 and for all their willing to listen to Chicago Votes as they came down to Springfield to really show us what democracy look like. So, Senate Bill 828 has the proponents of the Chicago Votes, Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Indivisible, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, the National Coalition of Jewish Women, She Votes Illinois, and Women's Justice. We worked with the State Board of Elections. We worked with the Secretary of State. And we worked with the Department of Corrections. And we're happy to report that everyone is prepared to implement this measure, if it passes the House. Senate Bill 828, as amended, restores voting rights not later than 14 days after conviction to persons convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, or are sentenced to serve a term in prison or jail. Article 3, Section 2 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution provides, 'A person convicted of a felony, or otherwise under sentence in a correctional institution or jail, shall lose the right to vote, which right shall be restored not later than upon completion of his sentence.' Notably, in the 1970 Constitutional Convention, delegate told me sponsor this language. The delegates robustly debated the section of the Suffrage Article. And the sponsoring delegate and others were in favor of the language because it would provide further and future generations and Assemblies to legislate, in a flexible way to restore voting rights earlier than the end of one's sentence or release from confinement in jail or prison.

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Significantly, before the convention voted to adopt this language, delegate told me... stated, 'So, the not later than is simply intended as a final cutoff for automatic restoration and does permit early restoration.' You can find that on page 1085 of the 1970 Constitutional Convention verbatim in the transcript dated May 19, 1970. With that, I'll take any questions as it relates to Senate Bill 828 to restore voting rights for men and women in Illinois' prisons."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative Ford. Is there any questions? Seeing none, Representative Ford to close."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill, as amended, is a straightforward Amendment, simply. As the delegates told me, and other delegates of the 1970 Constitutional Convention contemplated, the Members of the 102nd General Assembly must ask ourselves whether being convicted and serving a sentence in jail or prison should preclude a citizen from voting. This Body cannot deny the discriminatory reasons for taking away a citizen's fundamental right to vote because of criminal convictions and imprisonment, nor the racist history in trying in the penal statutes that were designed to keep people inferior, to maintain as second class citizenship. This Body cannot deny the discriminatory sentencing where people of color are disproportionately sentenced to incarcerations in jail or prisons for the same offense that others, white people or either wealthier people, more often are subjected to. This Body cannot deny the lack of justice, or injustice, perpetrated for far too long on a systematic racism disinvestment and disenfranchisement. Communities that those in power before have failed. This Body can no longer ignore

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the injustices, nor the positives that re-enfranchisement of the voting rights will have on society. Just like we've restored the right to vote earlier than upon completion for the sentence for those on probation, those released on MSR and those on electronic monitoring, this Bill makes it so early restoration than upon completion of sentence occurs and is no longer withheld solely because a person is behind bars. It's that simple. It's that simple. I urge an 'yay' vote. And a 'no' vote simply means that you support suppression of voting. Thank you so very much, Mr. Speaker. And I want to thank Speaker Welch for his support in this effort. I don't think we could've gotten here to this place without Speaker Welch's support. Thank you so very much. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 828 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'no'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'no'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'."

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Speaker Evans: "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 57 voting in 'favor', 48 voting 'against', and 1 voting 'present'. Representative Ford."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker, postpone."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please place this Bill on Postponed Consideration. Moving to page 3 in the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 1139, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1139, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman on the Amendment."

Hoffman: "Yes, I would ask that we adopt Amendment #2 and Amendment #3, and then describe it on Third Reading."

Speaker Evans: "Representative... Leader Hoffman moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Please adopt Floor Amendment #3."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it."

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And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1139, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is the omnibus TIF extension law. It contains several TIF extensions for individuals on both sides of the aisle. It moves from 23 to 35 years for Homer, which is in Representative Halbrook's district, for Greenville, which is Representative Meier's district, and the Kinzie Industrial, Northwest Industrial, Pilsen Industrial, and several others in the city. It also would extend an additional 12 years, from 35 to 47 years, for Belleville, as well as Pekin. Belleville is Representative LaToya Greenwood and my district. Pekin is Representative Luft's district. Also, Amendment #3 added an extension for Enos Park, which is here in Springfield. That is currently located in Representative Sue Scherer's district and, I believe, is going to eventually be in Leader Butler's district. I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Evans: "Is there any discussion? Leader Butler for questions."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Leader Hoffman, I just want to thank you for your indulgence to allowing us to get a much negotiated TIF extension for the Enos Park TIF here in Springfield in this Bill. This is something we've talked about

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for many, many years. There's some serious concerns that were raised by Capital Township and some other taxing bodies, but we were able to negotiate. I got the letters this morning. So, I appreciate your work. Appreciate the work of Representative Scherer and everything that she's done on this, and Representative Murphy and Senator Turner as well. So, I thank you for holding off so we could get this in there. I truly appreciate it."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? We have Representative Scherer is recognized."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I just wanted to reiterate what Representative Butler said and to thank you to Leader Hoffman for squeezing us in at the last minute. It's a true example of where Republicans and Democrats working together, both at the state level and the county level, the township level, the city level. We really all came together, and it worked out. And it's a great moment for the City of Springfield to have a very important TIF district. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "Well, thank you. Once again, this is truly bipartisan, and I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Evans: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1139 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Yes."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting in 'favor', 3 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving on to page 4, under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 3416, Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I move to concur with Senate Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 3416. Senate Floor Amendment 2 is a gut and replace Amendment that allows the Department of Agriculture to submit a hemp production plan to the United States Department of Agriculture, as is required under Federal Law. This is an initiative of the Department of Agriculture. And I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Seeing none... Representative Batinick for questions."

Batinick: "Sorry, Sir. I'll be real quick, Mr. Speaker, if I can ask the Sponsor a question."

Speaker Evans: "Sponsor shall yield."

Batinick: "Unanimous in committee, correct?"

Harper: "Yes."

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Batinick: "That's all I needed. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Leader. Representative Meier for questions."

Meier: "Just... just to the Bill. This is a federal requirement. Hemp is a young industry in the State of Illinois, and it will be a good industry in the future for us. So, I appreciate Representative Harper working on this Bill with us and getting us to this point. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? We have Representative Swanson for discussion."

Swanson: "I'll be real quick. I concur with my seatmate here and also certainly thank the Representative carrying this... Representative Harper for carrying this. As my seatmate said, hemp is a growing industry in Illinois. It may not be the number one or two crop you see going down the field, but there's a lot of opportunities for some farmers to expand their operations and be a part of the hemp revolution. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Harper to close."

Harper: "I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 3416?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Yes."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "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 115 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 3416. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On Supplemental Calendar #1, on the Order of the Resolutions, we have House Resolution 485, Representative Mussman. Representative Mussman is recognized."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Thank you. I'd like to call House Resolution 485 in recognition of October as Hindu Awareness Month... Hindu Heritage Month. I apologize. Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world, and we have more than a billion followers worldwide, 6 million in the United States alone, and over 250 thousand in Illinois. I know many of us have many proud Hindu residents all throughout our communities, which is reflected in the large number of cochairs that we see on the board. I'd like to give a special shout out to my colleague, Mr. Seth Lewis, who has also sponsored very similar Resolution recognizing this year... and I know that he also would like to make a few comments. And I would like to acknowledge my constituent,

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name is Johnny, who has had the privilege to come and give a prayer on the House Floor. Also, previously, in his efforts to make sure that he and his fellow Hindus are recognized and their proud heritage is celebrated. Thank you so much for this consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? We have Representative Lewis for questions or discussion."

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

Speaker Evans: "She'll yield."

Lewis: "So, it is an honor... thank you, Representative Mussman, for allowing me to be a chief cosponsor of this Bill recognizing the importance of Hindus here in America and Illinois. I, personally, have been married to my wife for 24 years who is Hindu. Her family emigrated here from India in 1970, with my wife following in 1972 with her mother. The Hindu culture is important. It is a major contributor to our society, and it is an honor to represent the many Hindus in my district, as well as a special privilege to give a shout out to my wife and family. To those who celebrate Diwali here in Illinois and around the world, happy Diwali. And thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 485. 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. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution... correction, Senate Joint Resolution 34, offered by Representative Kifowit, is referred to the Rules Committee."

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Speaker Evans: "Continuing on Supplemental Calendar #1, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 491, Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Resolution 491 is actually a special request of the Trickster Cultural Center in my district. They recently hosted an exhibit highlighting the struggles of families experiencing the loss of their baby, which was curated by native veteran Jen DeBouver. Across the U.S. and internationally, October 15 is recognized as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in honor of the challenges faced by these families and as a positive means of establishing support and awareness. I do hope that you will join me in recognizing October 15 as Pregnant and Infant Loss Awareness Day in the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 491. 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. Continuing on Supplemental Calendar #1, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 501, Representative Hurley."

Hurley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 501 designates November as Family Court Awareness Month. Family Court Awareness Month is to increase awareness of the importance of education and training on domestic violence, childhood trauma, and post-separation abuse for all professionals working within the family court system. I'd appreciate your support. Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Hurley moves for the adoption of House Resolution 501. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Continuing on Order of Resolution, on Supplemental Calendar #1, we have Senate Joint Resolution 27, Representative Mazzochi."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I come before you in connection with Senate Joint Resolution #27, which honors the life of Illinois State Police Trooper Nick Hopkins who was killed in the line of duty of August 23, 2019. It was an ordinary day for him. He was serving a search warrant and, regrettably, in the place where he was, the response that he got at the door was a bullet to the head. This demonstrates the dangers that our law enforcement officers go through each and every day. He was a... he loved the line of work that he did. He was very much beloved by his family and his community. And I hope that this Resolution... this SJR27 will be a very small thing that we can do to honor the memory of a fine officer and for his ultimate sacrifice. I urge an 'aye' vote. And I believe some of my colleagues would also like to speak on this as well."

Speaker Evans: "Chair recognizes Representative McCombie. Prior to the vote, please have a moment of silence. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver. Representative Tarver."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. The Clerk is in receipt of Motions in Writing to waive the posting requirements for a Bill. Leader Harris on the Motion."

Harris: "Speaker, I move the posting requirements be waived so the following Bill can be heard in committee. Senate Joint Resolution 34 to State Government Administration."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Harris has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the posting requirements are waived. Returning to Supplemental Calendar #1, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 533, Representative Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 533 designates the month of October as Menopause Awareness Month in Illinois. Early this year, we considered Representative Stuart's House Resolution 236, menstrual hygiene Resolution... excuse me. Thank you. Earlier this year, we considered

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Representative Katie Stuart's HR236, menstrual hygiene Resolution, which was designed to break the silence, raise awareness, and change negative social norms around menstruation. Today we're raising awareness about another phase of reproductive health, menopause. Just as getting your period is a natural and normal part of life, so is menopause. For those of you don't know, menopause is defined as the time 12 months after a woman's last period. So, you're probably wondering why we're talking about it. This is not a topic we talk much about, and I can't recall in my 20 years hanging around the Capitol ever having it mentioned on the House Floor. But the goal of this Resolution is to raise awareness and demystify this natural, biological process by talking about it out in the open, to dispel the myths and shatter the stigma, to ensure understanding, compassion, and support, and to understand what menopause is and what it isn't. It's something we don't talk about in the open. Women sometimes talk among themselves, often in hushed tones. But why? I think it's partly because we are all used to aspects of reproductive health from menstruation, to fertility issues, to menopause being taboo subjects, something to be embarrassed about. But menopause is also something a little bit different. It's all tied into our societies view on aging and its relationship to our value as women. With the premium we place on youth applied especially harshly to women, who can blame us for not wanting to talk about this natural part of the aging process? So, no, women don't want to talk about it until you ask them. Yesterday before Session, I asked on my Facebook page for people to share their thoughts about menopause in preparation

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to talk about this Resolution. I have almost 80 comments. Let me share a couple of them with you. Many women who commented were concerned about the cost and access to treatment. One said, 'Health care becomes even more important as you age. Tests are costly and often not covered.' Another said, 'The medical community is not well versed in menopausal issues.' That she's had to do her own research and make suggestion for own medical care. Another said, 'Menopause is poorly understood by my own doctor. It's difficult to find a practitioner to treat it.' Young women, too, expressed significant lack of information on the topic. One of them said, 'No one talks about it. I have no idea what to expect.' Another said most of her awareness is based on jokes about hot flashes. Others mentioned that it's a mental and emotional issue for them. We need to remove the negative messages about women and aging. This should not be a taboo subject for women to whisper to each other about. Some people were more short and sweet. One of our former colleagues said, 'It sucks.' Others used terms and phrases not appropriate for the House Floor. Other comments were more affirming and positive. 'A milestone in the human journey,' said another of our former colleagues. Another said, 'It's not a one size fits all experience, but suffice it to say it is life-changing and life altering.' So, I know we're not going to change the world view of menopause through one Resolution. But here's my ask of everyone in this chamber today. If you're not well-versed on menopause, this important phase of a woman's reproductive life, please consider educating yourself on the topic, please consider asking the women in your life about the topic, and

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please help us normalize this conversation and other conversations about women's health. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. I want to thank my friend, Representative Williams, for bringing this Resolution forward. Things like this are vitally important. I've brought things like this before the Body because, from a young age, people with a uterus are taught to deny and whisper about what happens with their body. We're taught to say the word period, but only to other girls. And don't make any men uncomfortable having to think about what happens to our bodies. The same thing happens... those of us that are lucky enough to age to the point to where we go through menopause, we're taught to be embarrassed about it. We deny when we're actually going through it 'cause God forbid we become a woman of a certain age or we become a woman who is older. It's aging. It happens. Changes happen to men's bodies. Changes happen to women's bodies. It's time to stop keeping it in the shadows and talk about it. Use the words, speak them fully, speak them loudly. There's no shame in menstruation. There's no shame in menopause. Thank you so much, Ann, for bringing this forward. I appreciate your friendship, and I appreciate this Resolution."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Williams moves for the adoption of House Resolution 533. 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. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

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Clerk Bolin: "The following committees will meet at 5 p.m. The Executive Committee in Virtual Room 1, Judiciary - Criminal Committee in Virtual Room 2, State Government Administration Committee in Virtual Room 3. And at 6:00 the Ethics & Elections Committee will meet in Virtual Room 3."

Speaker Evans: "The House shall stand at recess 'til the call of the Chair. Thank you. The House shall be in order. The House shall be in order. Leader Harris for a Motion."

Harris: "Mr. Speaker, I move the following Representatives be allowed to participate and vote remotely. Representatives Welter, Sosnowski, Ammons, Mayfield, Jones, and Harper."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the stated Members be allowed to vote remotely?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs. Representative Jacobs. Representative Morrison."

Jacobs: "Jacobs is here."

Clerk Bolin: "How do you vote, Representative Jacobs?"

Jacobs: "I'm going to have to hold. I'm going to have to hold. Present."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver. Representative Tarver."

Jacobs: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Speaker Evans: "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 90 voting in 'favor', 10 voting 'against', 2 voting 'present'. This Bill having... and this

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Motion, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby passed. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Senate Bill... is Floor Amendment(s) 3 for Senate Bill 217, and Floor Amendment(s) 4 for Senate Bill 1041. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 for House Bill 3293. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted is Senate Joint Resolution 34. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Ethics & Elections reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 536."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Is Representative Harper present? Is Representative Jones present?"

Jones: "Yes, I am present. Trying to fix my... I am present."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jones is present."

Tarver: "Tarver's present."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative... is Representative Mayfield present?"

Mayfield: "Yes, Mayfield is present."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Mayfield is present."

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Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republican Party would like to excuse Chris Miller and Blaine Wilhour for the rest of the evening."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. The record will reflect. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Is Representative Ammons present?"

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Is Representative Sosnowski present?"

Sosnowski: "Present."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Sosnowski is present."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Is Representative Harper present?"

Harper: "Rep Harper's present."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harper is present."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Is Representative Ammons present?"

Ammons: "Yes, I'm present."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons is present."

Speaker Evans: "On page 3 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills... under Postponed Consideration, we're going to go to Senate Bill 1041. Leader Flowers is recognized. Leader Flowers, Postponed Consideration, Senate Bill 1041."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Thank you for indulging me. I would like to move for adoption for Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 1041."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please move this Bill to the Order of Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1041, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. The Bill's been read a second time, previously."

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No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3 has been adopted. Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Flowers, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Flowers on the Amendment."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I've read the Bill earlier with Amendment #3, and Representative Demmer was kind enough to point out some mistakes that was made in the drafting of the Bill. And so, the Bill has been corrected, and now I would... now Section 10 reads, 'Medicaid voucher program. The Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans shall partner with the Holistic Birth Collective to advise the Department of Healthcare and Family Services on the federal dollars to expand consumer choice for Black mothers that include planned home birth services and in-home prenatal and postpartum care services provided by racially concordant nationally accredited certified professional midwives who are licensed and registered in Illinois.' And the other part of the new language is, 'The Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Department of Public Health are authorized to adopt rules to implement this Section. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services must apply for a State Plan Amendment no later than December 31, 2022.' And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Demmer, can we debate the Bill on Third? Thank you. Leader Ford... excuse me. Leader Flowers moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #4. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1041, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. The Bill was read for a third time, previously."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Once again, the purpose of this Bill is to address the major health care disparities experienced among black mothers. In 2018, the Department of Public Health reported that black women are six times more likely to die from a pregnancy related condition when compared to white women. In addition, the report noted that 72 percent of the pregnancies related deaths and 93 percent of the violent pregnancies associated deaths deemed preventable. This... the task force was created under Public Act 101-0038 and housed under the Department of Public Health. The task force was established to work to establish best practice to decrease infant and maternal mortality amongst African American women in Illinois. The Holistic Birth Collective is a partnership with women across Chicagoland area, whom all attend the holistic birth care in various ways. The overall goal of the collective is to work together to empower families to make informed decisions that will lead to thriving and healthy birth outcomes. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote and be more than happy to answer any questions. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Demmer is recognized."

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Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Thank you, Leader Flowers, for the work that we've been able to do over the last couple of hours. I share your concern about the issues of maternal mortality among African American mothers across Illinois. And I think the Amendment that we've landed on today is a good fix. It empowers the department to develop rules, ensures that we're able to draw federal matching dollars back to Illinois to support these critical missions. I appreciate your willingness to work together on this Amendment. And I encourage a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Representative Willis."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Willis: "Representative, I'm trying to wrap my head about this. So, the Bill is now strictly your Amendment? Is that correct?"

Flowers: "Yes."

Willis: "And so, your Amendment puts forth a task force. It does not... am I incorrect on that? That's what I'm trying to figure out."

Flowers: "Representative, the Bill was... the Amendment became the Bill."

Willis: "I understand."

Flowers: "And then, I amended the Amendment for some corrections."

Willis: "Okay. So, does this Bill pay for all pregnancies for all women throughout the state no matter what their financial status is?"

Flowers: "Representative, that part is not in this Bill. You're talking about the section that I wanted..."

Willis: "Okay. That..."

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Flowers: "...in the Bill that dealt with all women of childbearing age. That's not here."

Willis: "Okay. That's the clarification I was looking for."

Flowers: "Not a problem."

Willis: "So, this is really more to look further into infant and women mortality..."

Flowers: "That is correct."

Willis: "...and to come up with a response to it?"

Flowers: "Absolutely. Yes."

Willis: "Okay. Thank you very much for clarifying that."

Flowers: "My pleasure. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "For further discussion, Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Once again, Leader Flowers has shown not only her leadership but her passion for women's issues and children and her willingness to work with others on both sides of the aisle to work out some complications, some differences, to figure it out and get it done. Thank you, Leader Flowers. And I urge an 'aye'..."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Flowers to close."

Flowers: "Representative Ammons, thank you, thank you, thank you. And, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would really appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1041 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons votes 'yes'. Representative Collins."

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Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Harper."

Harper: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harper votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Jones. Representative Jones."

Jones: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'. Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Mayfield votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Sosnowski votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'. Representative Welter."

Speaker Evans: "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', 0 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having

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received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted for the Motions to Concur... Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 2 and 4 for House Bill 594, and Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3512."

Speaker Evans: "Returning to page 4, on the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 2791, Representative Slaughter."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to concur on Amendment #2 to House Bill 2791. In the spring we passed the Reimagine Public Safety Act which established the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention within the Department of Human Services. And with this, our state took a significantly more comprehensive and holistic approach to gun violence by recognizing this issue as a public health crisis. The Amendments in this Bill reflect several technical changes in the Act to ensure that its purpose can be achieved. Most importantly, new provisions regarding the eligibility for grant funding are put forth to ensure our state utilizes evidence-based data-driven approaches to deliver violence prevention resources to the most impacted communities across Illinois. Under these Amendments, we were able to expand the number of communities eligible for violence prevention resources from 17 to 22 in Chicago and from 10 to 15 communities outside of Chicago. In addition, this initiative provides for five additional areas to be added anywhere in this state. These Amendments also make accommodating program

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changes to address the expanding number of communities that will be served under this initiative. The Reimagine Public Safety Act promotes best in emerging practices. This undoubtedly means an unprecedented emphasis on integrated behavioral health services, economic opportunities, youth development services to address mental health and trauma recovery needs. This Bill came over 52 to 0 with no 'no' votes. Let's take this critical step forward and address gun violence in the communities that need it most. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Is there any discussion? Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates that he will."

Batinick: "You said 62 'yes' votes last time? So, this was partisan in committee, correct?"

Slaughter: "No. I said that this came over 52-0 from the Senate."

Batinick: "Right. This is a Senate Concurrence?"

Slaughter: "Yes."

Batinick: "Okay. You're going to ask for more money for it eventually, and in committee, what... it was a partisan vote in committee, I believe. And you want to put it..."

Slaughter: "That's correct. But to that first part, this is not an appropriations. This is subject to appropriations."

Batinick: "Right. It's not appropriations... okay. It's subject to appropriations. You don't have money for it, you want to get it in. So, we voted against it in committee because we, our side, thought it was bad. Correct."

Slaughter: "We thought that addressing the most..."

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Batinick: "The way this Bill is drafted..."

Slaughter: "...impacted communities throughout the state..."

Batinick: "...to the Bill."

Slaughter: "...in regards to gun violence is a bad Bill?"

Batinick: "Boy, I got to tell you, if you want to have a discussion on our approach to addressing gun violence, I'd like to do that. And I'd like to do that instead of some of the circus games we play around here. There's a lot... there's a lot of things I'd like to do with this. This Bill, we didn't agree with. We're going to go ahead and vote 'no'. It was partisan in committee. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Representative Willis."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Willis: "Representative, this Bill is expanding something that we've already put into place, correct?"

Slaughter: "Right. We've already voted on the Reimagine Public Safety Act, which was in the..."

Willis: "We've already voted on it. The chamber felt that this was a worthy cause to look into it. And with the expansion, am I correct that part of this is really recognizing that gun violence is not limited into the City of Chicago. It's a statewide issue, correct?"

Slaughter: "It's a... it's a statewide issue. That is correct."

Willis: "And gun violence doesn't affect just Democratic towns. It affects Republican towns too, right?"

Slaughter: "There are some Republicans where they will be impacted in a positive way by the Bill."

Willis: "By this Bill..."

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Slaughter: "But they may be... they may be 'no' up there though."

Willis: "All right. To the Bill. I urge everybody... yes, it's always been a difficult issue when we're talking about how to breakdown and stop gun violence. This is one step that we're looking at it, how to protect and give communities the work and the tools that they need. I urge everybody to think hard on... especially those that are thinking about voting red on this, think about this. This is a way we can empower our communities to fight back. And I urge everybody to do 'yes' on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Is there any further discussion? Representative McCombie."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

McCombie: "You just stated to the previous speaker that this will help all of Illinois?"

Slaughter: "It will help communities across Illinois, yes."

McCombie: "Okay. So, will it help communities across Illinois with 35 thousand less population?"

Slaughter: "Yes."

McCombie: "How so?"

Slaughter: "By getting violence prevention resources into those communities."

McCombie: "But isn't... isn't it 35 thousand population the number in the Bill?"

Slaughter: "It's the minimum, Representative. It's 35 thousand."

McCombie: "So, if it's less than 35, it won't apply? Thirty-five thousand, it would not apply."

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Slaughter: "No, it actually could. What we also did when I presented the Bill, I articulated that there's also room for five more areas. Outside of the areas that would be chosen, you would also get five additional areas throughout the state, anywhere in the state."

McCombie: "So, for my district, and I think probably a lot of people, I don't necessarily even have a community with 35 thousand people in it. So, this is a... concerning on that limit. So, everybody just vote how you feel you need to vote, but that's a... certainly is a concern. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Slaughter to close."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let's take this critical step forward and address gun violence in the communities that need it most. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 2791?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons votes 'yes'. Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Harper."

Harper: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harper votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "No."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'no'. Representative Jones."

Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'. Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "I had my hand up to debate on this. You know, I had some things I'd like add. I am a definite 'no'. The Bill was moved out of Public Safety-Approp. It's a hundred million dollar appropriation, people. A hundred million dollars. This is not free money. It is not just a Bill. It's a hundred million dollars that will be appropriated in January without benefit of going through either Public Safety-Approp or Human Services-Approp. They're just going to take the money and spend it. So, I'm a 'no'. I didn't get to speak on the Bill, but I don't think we should pass this today. I think it's going too fast. I talked to the Sponsor. There was no real reason to rush this through without it going through the proper committee process. It did not go through that. It was rushed through. There's no reason other than to do... give them that money in January..."

Speaker Evans: "Please continue to vote... the roll."

Mayfield: "Okay. Well, I have to get my point out because you wouldn't allow me. My vote is 'no'."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Mayfield votes 'no'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'no'. Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "No."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Sosnowski votes 'no'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yeah."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'. Representative Welter."

Speaker Evans: "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 71 voting in 'favor', 41 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Redoing the Motion, on this question, there are again... the House does concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 2791. And having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 2, under Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 3490, Leader Hernandez. Leader Hernandez."

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have... I'd like to Motion to Concur with Senate Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3490. This is the healthy kids' meal. Basically the Amendment clarifies and takes opposition off, just making some changes to the definitions, and just making some other clarifications. Open to any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Is there any discussion? We have Leader Hammond for discussion."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Evans: "Sponsor yields."

Hammond: "Leader Hernandez, it's my understanding... first of all, thank you for your work on this Bill. And I appreciate you working with the opposition to clean it up. It's my

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understanding that, as far as a milk product is defined in this currently, it is a milk product 130 calories or less. Is that correct?"

Hernandez, L.: "Correct. Yes."

Hammond: "And for the penalties, it is a 'may', not a 'shall'."

Hernandez, L.: "Correct."

Hammond: "Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any further debate? Leader Batinick for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Batinick: "Representative, my understanding is, is this takes off the opposition of the underlying Bill that had about... votes in like the mid-80s?"

Hernandez, L.: "Yes. Yes."

Batinick: "So, IRMA, I believe..."

Hernandez, L.: "It takes it off. IRMA is actually who reached out and asked me if we're a go."

Batinick: "Oh, I get... okay. All right. I just wanted to clarify that 'cause we had some Members that voted 'no' on the underlying Bill that might be checking through the past. So, there were changes that remove the opposition, correct?"

Hernandez, L.: "Yes."

Batinick: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hernandez to close. Leader Batinick, any further questions? Oh, Leader Hernandez to close."

Hernandez, L.: "I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 3490?' This is final action."

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All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons votes 'yes'. Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Harper."

Harper: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harper votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'. Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Mayfield votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Sosnowski votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'. Representative Welter."

Speaker Evans: "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 'aye', 1 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 3490. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April... taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1, 2, and 4 to House Bill 3136."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Caulkins, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Caulkins: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Please continue."

Caulkins: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to have your attention for a second. You may have noticed that Representative Halbbrook has been missing today. Want to announce the passing of his father this afternoon. Howard 'Ed' Halbbrook passed away at 5:02 this afternoon surrounded by his family. Howard turned 86 2 years ago... or 2 weeks ago on the 14th. Howard was from a Christian family, where his God, family, and others were his priority. Howard was married to his wife Carolyn for just over 61 years. Howard was the father to Brad and Brian, grandfather to four, and a great-grandfather to one. Howard grew up when things were tough. He

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never knew when to quit. He was the first one to show up and always the last one to leave. I'd ask that we take a moment of silence and remember Howard 'Ed' Halbrook and keep his family in our prayers."

Speaker Evans: "Please take a moment of silence. Thank you. On Supplemental Calendar #2, under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 3136, Representative Rita. Clerk, read the Bill. Rep Rita to present the Amendment."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, I... I move to concur with House Bill 3136, Senate Amendments 2, 3, and 4, I believe it is. 1... 1, 2, and 4."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Rita, you want to describe the Amendments?"

Rita: "Well, hold on. We're going to make sure we got the Amendment numbers right here. All right. So, we're going to move to concur in Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 4. I misspoke when we went there. Would you like for me to go through all these Amendments? This is a provision that we had passed late May. It was part of Senate Bill 521, which is a small gaming package that was presented before us. It passed with 36 votes out of the House on the last day of Session. What we have done in these Concurrence Amendments is changed a couple parts. And I'll go through the whole Bill so we can all be a reminder what was part of it, but we changed a couple dates. And the intent of the original legislation wasn't changed, except for some dates. What this provision does is it eliminates the push tax for VGTs, or video gaming terminals, and it puts a date of... grandfathers those that have passed it before November 1. It also clarifies some language in the

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BIMP Bill that was passed for the education fund from the lottery so that the transfers of... money could be transferred for the Education Fund. It also allows for the Chicago Sky, for the Windtrust Arena to be eligible for the... only women's professional sports team in Illinois to be eligible for a sports betting license. It allows for the firefighter raffles for fire protection districts so that they could participate in their organization for organizational raffles. It also has a fix for the Illinois Horse Breeders for the... that the Horse Breeder's... that semen could be used for Illinois breeding for Illinois horses. That's for Representative Hammond. Let's see. It has a provision that came... that Representative Zalewski worked on to allow to vote on Illinois collegiate teams. This has a two-year sunset, and you will be allowed to vote on Illinois collegiate teams on the outcome of the performance but not on player performance. It allows for a fix that was an unintended consequence from COVID for the Casino Queen and their metrics, allowing that the Casino Queens' employment numbers that they had to maintain from the 2019 gaming Bill, allows for that provision because of the casinos being shut down for the period of time in the years of 2020. It has some requests from the Illinois Racing Board, deals with the surety bonds and sets them at higher amounts, and it allows to consider an amended applications for the south suburban racino. It has a license harmonization from the Illinois Gaming Board, this request to harmonize licenses so that they all expire at the same time for various gaming license. It also creates a license for the VGTs' sales agents and brokers. And it allows for VFWs in a couple areas where

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municipalities have banned VGTs to allow VFWs that have liquor licenses to allow to have video gaming for the veterans' organizations. There's some cleanup language for the casinos that relates to dual licensing for sports betting and casino employees so that they're licensing... employees are... eliminates the dual licensing. I'd be happy to answer any questions. Again... and actually, it has one more provision that clarifies from the original 2019 gaming Bill that allowed for in-person registration. There was an 18-month period. Instead of outlining the 640 days from the issuance, it actually puts a date, a set date, to lift off the in-person registration. It doesn't change when that date, which is March 5... it spells it out March 5 in case the Gaming Board has asked for an extension in issuing these master general licenses so that the in-person registration would be lifted. Doesn't shorten it or lengthen it, just what the original intent of 2019. Again, it grandfathers those that have passed the push tax before the date of November 1 of this year. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative Rita. There any discussion? Leader Butler for questions."

Butler: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. And just... just so... 'cause I've had a few questions on my side over here, and I'm going to pull a Mark Batinick here. So, for my folks on this side, the legislation that we passed in the spring was Senate Bill 521, 521. If you want to look up your vote in the spring, Senate Bill 521. It passed with 96 votes, not 36 votes, Bob. You said 36. We're not the Senate. So, we had 96 votes in the spring. So, we had 20 something Republicans on it, if you

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guys want to look it up. I just want to, first of all, say thank you to everyone who's been involved with this. I appreciate the approach that Chairman Rita has brought to this, that gaming is a complex issue, that we shouldn't wait 10 years to do a gaming Bill, that we should try to address some of the issues that we have with gaming in intermediate times. So, I appreciate the fact that we've got a smaller gaming Bill that can address some of the issues. And I think we're going to continue to talk about issues throughout next spring if there's things that come up. One of the things I want to address, 'cause we've had a lot of folks ask about it, the date for in-person registration for sports betting in this Bill respects the agreement that we had coming out of the legislation in 2019. The date for in... when in-person registration at the casinos would expire is March 5, which respects what we did two years ago. And I appreciate everyone's work on that to make sure that we respect what we did two years ago. This has a lot of good things in here that I'm happy to see are in this Bill, but it never comes easy on gaming Bills. But the most important thing is the fact that Representative Hammond finally gets her horse semen legislation to pass the House, once again, and hopefully be enacted, which is a very important thing. So, I would urge an 'aye' vote on this. And again, if anybody wants to look up, it's Senate Bill 521 from the spring. Thank you, Chairman Rita."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, Representative Rita, I sincerely want to thank you for this. And I'm not going to be

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flip about this because, as you know, this is an issue that is extremely important to me, but it is extremely important to the horse industry in the State of Illinois, and particularly for standard breeds, if we are going to keep our county fairs viable. We have had some fun with horse semen on the House Floor now for a number of years. And I am very hopeful that after this we're not going to be counting numbers on how many times we say horse semen on the House Floor because we will finally be done with horse semen. But in... in all sincerity, you have been more than accommodating, you have always communicated with me. And I sincerely, sincerely appreciate that. And the fact that you worked on this, and while that was a very small part of the Bill, you worked extremely hard to get this passed. And I appreciate all of your efforts so very much. And I would urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Wheeler is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Wheeler: "Thank you. First of all, let me say I'm so glad to see that Representative Hammond and Representative Rita have the horse semen issue all cleaned up on the House Floor here finally. But I want to say thank you, as many have, for the work that's gone on. It's been very bipartisan. It's been very collaborative on how we've approached this. I think it's healthy to demonstrate that these Bills can work like that. I have one question that came to me just a moment ago that I couldn't answer, Representative Rita. So, I hope you can do

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it for me. With the Windtrust Arena fix and the 10 thousand seat arena limit, did we apply that to the city or the county? I can't remember."

Rita: "To the city, not the county."

Wheeler: "Okay. That's what I wanted to make sure I understand."

Rita: "To the City of Chicago."

Wheeler: "All right. And again, to the folks on my side of the aisle, take a look at Senate Bill 521, as the previous speaker mentioned. That's how we voted before. I concur with the previous speaker. This is something we should be in favor of. This has been a collaborative effort, and this would be good for the state. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "For further discussion, Representative Carroll is recognized."

Carroll: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I want to commend Chairman Rita on this legislation. Illinois has become one of the envies in this country around sports betting, and I think he is the major reason for it. I think we're now third in the country in this area, and we're moving up. So, I just want to compliment him on his hard work, taking the feedback from people that have been needed on this. And I would encourage everyone to give an 'aye' vote. This is something we've done extremely well, something we should be very proud of. And Chairman Rita should certainly take a bow for it. So, thank you. And I have no comments on horse semen, by the way. I think we've discussed it enough. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "For further discussion? Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin is recognized."

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Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To Representative Rita, just one question. Well, first of all, let me thank you for the work that you've done on the gaming Bill because, thanks to that, one of the municipalities in my district is down to the final two finalists for the south suburban casino. So, I thank you for that. But my question is about horse racing. Why every... every time we visit the gaming Bill, it asks for horse racing in one of six townships. South suburban townships, Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Orland, Rich, or Thornton, or Worth. And I'm just curious why they always ask for horseracing in those south suburban townships when we're trying to support the casino."

Rita: "So... when we passed the 2019 gaming expansion, not only did we authorize for a casino in the south suburbs, we authorized to have a standard bred racetrack with the hope that a dual development would take place in the south suburbs. So, it helps all the municipalities in the south suburbs, along with the casinos. So, it was intended to have a casino and a south suburban racetrack, not to compete against each other, but to make the south suburbs a better place to provide additional funding and jobs for the south suburbs. And I know your stance and position that has taken place over Tinley Park. This measure only allows for an application to be accepted year round. It doesn't allow for a specific site for a racino."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Representative Rita."

Speaker Evans: "Chairman Rita to close."

Rita: "Before I... we go to a vote here, and I did misspoke. Hopefully, we're going to get 100 votes over the 96 votes on this one. But for some legislative intent here, House Bill

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3136 provides licensure, registration, and regulation authority to the state as it pertains to video gaming. As a matter of legislative intent, I'd like the record to reflect that this language specifically permits units of government from enacting a push tax. It is not the intent of this Legislature for this language to diminish, alter, or remove the current authority of municipalities to regulate businesses in matters such as, but not limited to, zoning, the insurance of businesses, permits, or liquor licenses, the performance of the building inspection, and/or normal routine matters that do not specifically relate to the conduct of video gaming. This is a limited and specific preemption, not a broad interpretation of municipal regulatory authority. And so, that's the intent of... to address the push tax when we preempt this for Home Rule units so that we can have a... not a patchwork of taxes throughout there. There's a number of great items that are beneficial for everyone throughout the state in this small gaming package. And I'd ask everybody if they could vote 'aye' so we could get this portion off our plate finally."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1, 2, and 4 to House Bill 3136?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons votes 'no'. Representative Collins. Representative Collins. Representative Harper."

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Harper: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harper votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Jones: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'. Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Mayfield votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'no'. Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Sosnowski votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'. Representative Welter."

Welter: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Welter votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 100 voting 'aye', 11 voting 'nay', and 1 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1, 2, and 4 to House Bill 3136. And this Bill, having received a

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 4 to House Bill 1769."

Speaker Evans: "Returning to Supplemental Calendar #2, on the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 594, Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move that we concur in Senate Amendments #2 and Senate Amendment #4. All this is, is on various issues, that I don't believe are controversial and there's no opposition, it would extend sunset dates on things like... the Whole Child Task Force, would extend their reporting due date from February 1, 2022 to March 15, 2022, and it's a variety of those types of items. In addition, through the agreed Bill process, labor and business, Republicans and Democrats all agreed on moving the unemployment insurance speed bump, which was set for January 1, to July 3 of 2022, so we could work on addressing the deficit in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. It also would ensure that single prime and design-bid-build procurement extensions were in place for the Capital Development Board. Would allow school districts interfund transfers by just extending a date that expired on June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2024. There are a variety of other items, sunsets are extended. I do not believe any of those are controversial. And I ask for a bipartisan 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, Leader Hoffman to close.
Representative Caulkins, do you rise for a question?
Representative Caulkins is recognized."

Caulkins: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Caulkins: "Representative Hoffman, can you go back and talk about
the uninsurance part of this Bill?"

Hoffman: "Yes, the... you mean the Unemployment Insurance Trust
Fund? Yes."

Caulkins: "The... the workman... yeah, the unemployment..."

Hoffman: "So, as I believe, Leader Wheeler would know. I think he
is your Representative on the agreed Bill process."

Caulkins: "I don't..."

Hoffman: "We have Republicans and Democrats, business and labor,
and for unemployment insurance issues, we go through an agreed
Bill process. When we do that, we normally put what's called
a speed bump, something that will bring all of the individuals
back to the table to negotiate. We had a speed bump that would
greatly increase taxes on employers and greatly reduce
benefits to employees that would've went into effect on
January 1, 2022. Rather than have that go into effect, we
believe that we want to try and use some of the CARES Act
money to take care of the deficit. So, we wanted to give
ourselves, for the agreed Bill process, up and through July
3 of 2022 so next spring we can all work together in a
bipartisan manner in order to solve this problem."

Caulkins: "So, this just moves the date from January to July?"

Hoffman: "Yes."

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Caulkins: "And what... what's the cost of us not addressing this between now and July?"

Hoffman: "It actually saves us money because we won't have the speed bump be in place, which would greatly increase the taxes on employers, which I don't want to do, and greatly decrease the benefits to employees."

Caulkins: "But that speed bump, Sir, was put in place to force us to do our work."

Hoffman: "If you have an answer, figure it out. I don't. Okay. So, we have an agreed Bill. It's agreed for business and labor. It is agreed with Republicans and Democrats, Senate and the House, in order to try an address this issue in the spring. If you have an answer, put it up on the board. We'll vote on it. But I don't think you do."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional questions?"

Caulkins: "You know, I guess I'll end with this. To the Bill. We've had a lot of these discussions about the unemployment fund being... not addressing it. We've turned our back on this problem. We're paying interest on the money starting in January, is my understanding. This is just another example of us not doing our work. I'm very disappointed. I think that this is... you know, this does kick the can down the road. We're going to be paying interest on this. We've talked about it. I'm not been a part of that discussion, but we have talked about it, and we've talked about using the CARES money to do this. I'm very disappointed."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative. Any further debate? Representative Reick for questions."

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Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. My friend from Decatur, I think, spoke very well on this matter, as a matter of fact. We are kicking the can down the road. There's money there to be used to pay this back so we don't have to worry about speed bumps. We should be doing that instead of giving ourselves six more months to decide how we're going to inflict pain on one side or pain on the other side when the money exists to do it. I think we're... what we all know is the fact that there's somebody else in this building who's waiting for the Federal Government to decide that this money is not... that money will come from someplace else so that we can use this money for whatever purpose we choose. But that is not the proper way for this money to be used. That is not the proper way for this government to be run, and that is the reason... that is part of the reason why we're in the condition we're in right now. We do kick the can down the road. And I think that extending this speed bump is wrong. We should have... we should put our feet to the fire. We should hold our feet to the fire, figure out what's going to be done with this. Pay the interest until we actually pay it off, but let's pay it off now. Representative Caulkins, you spoke well. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "So, if you vote 'no'... if you vote no on this, you can... if you vote 'no' on this, you are voting for a huge increase on the taxes on employers and a huge increase on taxes on employers. You want to vote 'yes' on that, go ahead. I'm voting 'aye'. Vote 'no' on that... if you want to vote 'no', go ahead, but I'm voting 'aye'."

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Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #2 and 4 to House Bill 594?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons votes 'yes'. Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Harper."

Harper: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harper votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'. Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Mayfield votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Sosnowski votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

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Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'. Representative Welter."

Welter: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Welter votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "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 'aye', 2 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #2 and 4 to House Bill 594. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on Supplemental Calendar #3, on the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 1769, Representative Vella. Leader Batinick, for what reason do you rise?"

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans request, at maximum, a 30-minute caucus."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. And again, to confirm, it is 30 minutes, Sir?"

Batinick: "If I have my druthers, it'll be shorter than 30 minutes. But, yes, thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank... thank you so much. We appreciate it. The Republicans will caucus. The House will stand at ease to the call of the Chair. Thank you. The Democrats will caucus virtually. Immediately, virtually. The House is in order. The House is in order. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2021: recommends be adopted, Motion to Concur Senate Amendment(s) 1 for House Bill 1291."

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Speaker Evans: "Leader Harris for a Motion."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Representatives Crespo and Wilhour be allowed to participate and vote remotely."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the stated Members be allowed to vote remotely?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons votes 'yes'. Representative Collins. Representative Collins. Representative Harper."

Harper: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harper votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Jacobs, 'yes'."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Jones. Representative Jones. Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Mayfield votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'yes'. Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Yes."

Collins: "Collins is here."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Sosnowski votes 'yes'. Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'. Representative Welter."

Welter: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Welter votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this Motion, there are 95 voting in 'favor', 14 voting 'against', 1 voting 'present'. And this Motion is passed. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Is Representative Crespo present?"

Crespo: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Crespo is present. Is Representative Wilhour present?"

Wilhour: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Wilhour is present."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing on page 2 on the Calendar, on Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 536, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 536, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Stuart."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart on the Amendment."

Stuart: "Can I... can we adopt the Amendment and then debate it? It becomes the Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart moves the adoption of Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed

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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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 536, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. This is a follow up. If you remember, at the end of the spring, Representative West passed a large election omnibus Bill. The House Democratic Women's Caucus spent a lot of time working on issues like these. We discovered that there were some, kind of, clean ups that needed to be done. Some clerks at election authorities pointed out where there were discrepancies in dates and other things that didn't match. So, it corrects a lot of those. It makes a few other changes to the Election Code, which were issues that we had talked about and debated that just didn't get put into that final omnibus Bill but are in here now. And I'm happy to take any questions, and I'd love an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Spain."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Spain: "Representative Stuart, thank you for bringing this Bill forward, and we discussed this in committee a little bit. Same situation in committee, you outlined, with some very broad strokes, some of the changes that would be included in this legislation. But I didn't hear you mention the same thing that I asked you about in committee, which I find to be a

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very unusual change you're making in the category of campaign finance. Can you talk about that issue, please?"

Stuart: "Trying to avoid dark money in elections, I think, is something that we can all get behind. So, the change would stop out of state and untraceable money from finding its way into our judicial races to maintain the integrity of those judicial elections."

Spain: "And we talked about... we have seen, in this country, issues related to campaign finance and decisions made by the United States Supreme Court about the ability to make political donations as an exercise of free speech. I did ask you in committee, and I know we haven't connected, but I have concerns that this provision in your legislation is not constitutional. You said that there were maybe some unusual parameters or changes that apply to races for the judiciary. So, can you help explain that, please?"

Stuart: "Right. What I said in committee was that the short answer is that the Supreme Court has made it clear that First Amendment rights related to judicial elections are different than other political elections. I told you that there were numerous cases, and I have... I can pull out a few if you want me to go through them."

Spain: "Sure. Just very briefly."

Stuart: "Sure, very briefly. The first one is *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*. It addresses campaign speech in judicial elections. The court ruled that judicial elections were not governed by the First Amendment the same way political branch elections are. *Caperton v. Massey Coal*. In this case, the court held that the \$3 million spent by an individual on a

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Supreme Court candidate who won, and then later ruled the individual's company's favor on a case, violated due process. The court doesn't say what the threshold of spending is that creates a due process violation, but it's clear that spending on judicial races, at some point, creates a due process violation. And then *Williams-Yulee v. The Florida Bar*. This one upheld Florida's prohibition on judicial candidates personally soliciting campaign contributions. Illinois also has this rule."

Spain: "Right."

Stuart: "It held that judicial races are different from political branch races. The state has a compelling interest in avoiding the appearance of corruption in its judiciary."

Spain: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I'll go to the Bill. This Bill makes a number of changes, many of which may be appropriate in light of the changing election schedule that we face for the coming cycle in 2022. But it also makes some important changes that I think many of us need to take some time to register. And, for me, I'm not comfortable supporting the Bill here on the last day of Veto Session with some very significant changes that could be coming forward, affecting how we conduct our election for judges in the State of Illinois. And I can't help but notice that the impetus for great changes in how we conduct elections for the judiciary in the State of Illinois, both the remapping of the Supreme Court, the change in campaign finance activities, comes after, for the first time in the history of our state, a Democratic Supreme Court Justice lost his retention in the 2020 election. So, in my opinion, this is another effort for

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the Majority to change the rules of the game because they don't like the outcome. And the voters of the State of Illinois are noticing that the policies and practices and elected officials that they've put in power have not served them well. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Chair recognizes Representative West for questions."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I wanted to quickly thank... over the summer, after the election Bill from back in May, I worked with the Illinois Association for County Clerks and Recorders on certain provisions that they have in place in the omnibus Bill. I want to thank Stacey Bixby from the Rockford Election Authority for bringing it to my attention, along with Julie Bliss, the Boone County Clerks and Recorders Office, along with everyone from the IACCR who brought this to our attention. It is in this Bill concerning precincts. And helping our... helping us to empower voters even more by supporting our county clerks and our election authorities to be as effective as they can be. Representative Stuart, thank you for your work on this. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to go straight to the Bill. I've talked a little bit about this before, but I wanted to give a little bit more of a history. We talk about voter suppression, and I think one of the previous speakers spoke pretty well, that whenever there's an election law change, it seems to favor Democrat constituencies. When we first passed vote by mail years ago... or same... I'm sorry, same

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day voter registration, in an urban area you can walk to any precinct and do same day voter registration. But in a rural area, you potentially have to drive to the clerk's office to do same day voter registration. That is a soft way of denying Republicans the same fair voting that Democrats get. We passed two hours for high schoolers to get out of school to vote, when they have 40 days to vote by mail. They can vote before school, after school. They can vote early, all kinds of options. My guess, if there was polling that show that high schoolers were more likely to vote Republican, we wouldn't give them a free pass out of high school to go ahead and vote. When we passed absentee ballot applications because of the pandemic, you picked a Democratic wave year of 2018 to say, we're only going to mail it to voters who voted in 2018. When we did automatic voter registration, certain welfare things, unemployment checks, you're automatically registered to vote. But by golly, if you get a FOID card or a CCL, and they do a background check on you, and they know where you live, you're not automatically registered to vote. I wonder why that is. Why aren't we passing Bills that, hey, in rural areas, you don't have to live... you have to be... there has to be enough polling locations so people don't have to drive past a certain amount of time to get to a polling location. Why are we putting polling locations in jails but not in public hospitals? I think we all know the answer to that. There's a clear reason. If people were serious about expanding voter access for everyone, not just for the favorite constituencies, you'd see something like my House Bill 4137, the concepts in this Bill. But it's not because you don't

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want somebody that gets their FOID card or their CCL automatically registered to vote because you don't think they'd vote their way. And if 2018 was a wave Republican year, I'm guessing you would've gone back a little bit farther with your vote by mail application laws. That's why we're weary about Bills like this. As one of the previous speakers said, you're changing the law on how we vote, how we fund certain elections right off the heels of somebody, a Democrat, losing an election. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart to close."

Stuart: "Thank you. I just... I think it's important to recognize, as we saw in May, which side of the aisle is working to make elections more accessible to folks. Things in this Bill that make sure that we clarify vote centers to make it that somebody can go on Election Day and make sure that they have a place they can go where they can get the appropriate ballot if they have any confusion as to where their assigned polling place is. Making sure that we make it easier for people to register for permanent vote by mail, which many of our elderly and those who lack transportation and those who lack mobility want to take advantage of. And we want to make sure that they have every opportunity to get themselves on that permanent vote by mail list. We want to make sure that people can register to vote and match the gender identity on their U.S. Passport or their driver's license. And we're making sure that we make that change. I think it's pretty telling if you believe that high schoolers want to vote Democrat. Maybe that shows you that the Democratic Party is paying attention to what the young people in this country, and what their future,

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what they care about. And I'm pretty proud of that. I think if this was so problematic it would not have been supported by county clerks and election authorities in all corners of this state, rural, urban, Republican, Democrat, you name it. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 536 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons votes 'yes'. Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Crespo."

Crespo: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Crespo votes 'yes'. Representative Harper."

Harper: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harper votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'no'. Representative Jones. Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Mayfield votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "No."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'no'. Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Sosnowski votes 'no'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'. Representative Welter."

Welter: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Welter votes 'no'. Representative Wilhour."

Wilhour: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Wilhour votes 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 72 voting in 'favor', 42 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 2 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 217, Representative Zalewski. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 217, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1, 2, and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Zalewski."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Zalewski on the Amendment."

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Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 becomes the Bill. It's a revenue omnibus that has several component parts to it. I'm happy to explain it on Third Reading."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Zalewski moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Zalewski."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Zalewski on the Amendment."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #2 removes some language and it also clarifies the lease language related to trade schools."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Zalewski moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Zalewski."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Zalewski on the Amendment."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment 3 is for the South Suburban Mayors and Managers. They asked for a limit to the tax exemption, so we accommodated them. And I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Zalewski moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 217, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 217 is a revenue omnibus. There's several timely issues that we're addressing in this Bill. We are extending the sunset on municipal bans... municipal taxes... bans on municipal taxes on generation. We are adding an exemption for lease property related to trade schools for property taxes. This is already happening. The stakeholders believe that codification in statute is a way to just make the assessment... assessor officers more comfortable with the way this works. We are changing something for the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, relates to tax sales. We did a notice provision in the spring. Cook County handles tax sales a lot different than others. And then, with respect to TIFs, the IML has asked us to consider a provision that allows TIF funds to go for COVID relief for a limited amount of time. Very clear, a limited amount of time. With that, I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Chair recognizes Representative Reick for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated that he will."

Reick: "Mike, first of all, the parking tax issue..."

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Zalewski: "Oh, that's right. I..."

Reick: "...would you... could you explain that as it was originally done? What the problem was? Why it was taken out? Why it was brought back and that sort of thing?"

Zalewski: "I forgot to mention that, Steve. In 2 we took the original 217, which is an exemption of municipal owned parking garages. On the tax re-imposed in the 2019 Capital Bill, we exempt municipal owned parking garages. That was also a request of our mayors. That's in the Bill. What's your question?"

Reick: "Are we looking at a tax increase or a tax decrease?"

Zalewski: "No, a tax decrease."

Reick: "We're looking at a tax decrease. Thank you very much."

Zalewski: "Or a..."

Reick: "I've gotten a couple other questions since we had committee yesterday, and I'd like to ask those, please. Why was the exemption for property leased by educational trade schools limited to Cook and Will County? Why wasn't this applied statewide?"

Zalewski: "Downstate assessment officers asked for that. They were concerned about the scope... they were concerned that it could be used differently than what's intended. There's only two trade school that would benefit from this. So, we just decided to codify the two that are... where this is occurring."

Reick: "Can you explain further why they were concerned about... the downstate assessors were concerned about this, please?"

Zalewski: "They think that it's a difficult thing to enforce, for a lack of a better way of saying it."

Reick: "Even though it might result in a tax decrease?"

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Zalewski: "Correct."

Reick: "That was a question."

Zalewski: "What was your question?"

Reick: "Even though it might result in, ultimately, a tax decrease to those..."

Zalewski: "That's... and I said correct. Yes."

Reick: "Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't hear that. Why the provisions creating the special purpose trust companies were removed? Can you answer that, please?"

Zalewski: "The Senate wouldn't concur."

Reick: "The Senate wouldn't concur so it came over here without it. Okay. Those are my questions. Thanks very much."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Butler for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "Sponsor yields."

Butler: "Mike, we had a little conversation earlier about the parking tax, and there's a specific issue that has come up because of the rules that were implemented by the Department of Revenue. They did not make exceptions for, I think, charitable organizations or school organizations. So, if your high school booster club pays 5 bucks, you can park your car closer to the football stadium, that's subject to the parking tax, according to the rules from Revenue. I've used the example here in town with the State Fairgrounds. We have a lot of folks who have... who park people in their yard for \$20. And that, according to the Department of Revenue, is subject to the tax. And by the way, the parking within the fairgrounds, the state owned parking, is not subject to the tax. So, does it... is it unfair competitive advantage for the

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State of Illinois, actually, versus the mom and pop operations. So, I hope that we can work together this spring to maybe address that situation. That's not something I was very happy of when Revenue decided to make that in their rules. So, hopefully, we could have a commitment to try to address that this year, especially for these mom and pop operations that are trying to do a little thing in their... with the parking and everything."

Zalewski: "You have my word we'll work on that."

Butler: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Zalewski to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill...' excuse me... 'Senate Bill 217 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Present."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons votes 'present'. Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Crespo."

Crespo: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Crespo votes 'yes'. Representative Harper. Representative Harper. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Jones. Representative Jones. Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Yes."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Mayfield votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Morrison votes 'no'. Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Sosnowski votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'. Representative Welter. Representative Welter. Representative Wilhour."

Wilhour: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Wilhour votes 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "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 109 voting in 'favor', 2 voting 'against', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On Supplemental Calendar #3, under Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 1769, Representative Vella."

Vella: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd ask to concur on Senate Amendment #1 and #4."

Speaker Evans: "Please continue. Speak to the Amendments."

Vella: "Thank you. Senate Amendment #1 helps.. well, the actual Bill is an incentive Bill, would incentivize electric vehicle manufacturing and e-parts manufacturing to locate in Illinois, while at the same time protecting workers' rights. It creates a tier tax enhanced edged tax incentive program for electric vehicle manufacturing, depending on size, and

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it's tied to... prioritized underserved areas. Thereby potentially drawing in, some estimates, hundreds of millions of dollars in incentives, including thousands of new good paying jobs in the area. It would be very hard to outsource, and last and grown in the future. Further cementing Illinois as the center for green energy, low emissions, and green manufacturing, hopefully turning Illinois into Silicon Valley of the electric vehicle world. As many of you have heard, there's an urgency to this Bill. The electric vehicle market is in a period of dynamic growth and much of the decisions about site, selection are being made very soon. If we do not act now, then we will lose the potential for this great opportunity. The mechanism behind this tax credit is based on capital investments and full-time job incentives. It also helps to streamline the permitting process and construction process to speed up the business growth. We are in a unique position here in the State of Illinois. I urge you for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Brady for questions, comments."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates that he will."

Brady: "Representative, to the background of this piece of legislation. This has been something that has been in the works for some time by a number of us. And, in particular, in my district... in part of my district and Representative Sommer's district, a electric vehicle plant by the name of Rivian that has been there for about three years now. A piece of legislation like this is vitally important to them for the purpose of suppliers coming to the state, or those that may

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be in the state, retaining them, keeping them here in this state. Rivian, itself, the way I see things and told and research things, there's not an incentive to them. They're not getting something out of this Bill other than the potential if the state will come up with incentives and couple those incentives with a business that wants to come here, that wants to ante up and invest in Illinois as well, but we have to make it more attractive first. Is that a fair statement?"

Vella: "That is a hundred percent correct. Yes."

Brady: "And with that being said, the situation across the country right now and the lack of supplies, for whatever reason and for whatever purpose is not getting there and being shipped. And so, when we have businesses that have invested in Illinois and when we have businesses, in my particular case, that has expanded, expanded beyond what good paying jobs were first talked about by a couple thousand in this case, not being able to have suppliers that supply is going to be extremely detrimental to the jobs that we all want on either side of the aisle in this state. So, I believe this has good potential for the state, whatever your district is. And that also we look at and understand that this is not some type of giveaway to an existing company at all. And number two... a company that's invested in Illinois. And then, number two, is also something that whatever business would come to Illinois, this Bill... there are certain thresholds that they are going to have to make and come up with as far as employees, as far as investment dollars, before the state's going to be able to ante up with them. But we have to at least, from the

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standpoint of dealing with companies, be more competitive.
And this Bill is a step in that direction."

Vella: "That is true."

Brady: "Thank you very much. I intend to vote 'aye'."

Vella: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Demmer for questions, comments."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. You know, this Bill, this measure comes before us tonight for one simple reason. Because, right now, Illinois is being out-competed by other states across the United States and attracting major investments to add new jobs in a developing and dynamic industry. We need to make Illinois more competitive. That's why last year we stood in opposition to a \$3.7 billion tax increase. And that's why Illinois voters overwhelmingly agreed and rejected that tax increase at the ballot box. That's also why we supported the elimination of the corporate franchise tax, a tax that affects hundreds of thousands of businesses in Illinois, that's paid through the Secretary of State's Office, that's an administrative nightmare, that cost probably more in compliance than it does what it yields the state's treasury. And that's why at first many of you joined with us in eliminating that tax, and why Governor Pritzker signed into law a Bill to eliminate that tax, before he pivoted and decided to score political points by renaming it a corporate loophole instead of what it actually was, which was tax relief to every business in the State of Illinois. Now, I'm going to vote for this Bill here tonight because I think we need to do anything we can to give Illinois a fighting chance to bring new jobs and new investments to our

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state. But the reality is, we have to do more and this thinking has to be with us on every Bill we consider in this House and not just on an occasional Bill to correct a major anti-competitive situation that we find ourselves in. This should be part of our thinking with each Bill we consider. With every Bill we pass, we should ask, what will this do to attract new jobs to Illinois? What will this do to attract new business to Illinois? What will this do to keep the businesses who have invested here, thriving here and succeeding here, instead of moving someplace else? The reality in Illinois though has been when we fight every inch of the way to deliver that kind of relief, it gets held as a political hostage in future negotiations. How can I tell the businesses who are looking at this incentive here tonight that it won't be reversed in next year's budget or the budget after that if the Governor suddenly decides that instead it's a corporate loophole instead of an incentive to attract businesses? He's done it before. Will he do it again? Whatever the case is, this Bill does make Illinois more competitive."

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

Demmer: "This Bill does make Illinois more competitive. And let's vote for it here tonight, but let's not flip-flop six months later."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Representative Keicher for remarks."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to rise tonight and say thank you. Representative Vella, thank you very much. Governor, thank you. And to the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, thank you very much for bringing this forward. In 2019, on a night much like this, some of us were here, and

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I was honored to work with my caucus and present a series of job creating incentives to jolt the Illinois economic engine into gear. Ideas like the Blue Collar Jobs Act, the Manufacturer's Purchase Credit, the data center incentive, and eliminating the Franchise Tax. I voted for that bipartisan package, and we've seen amazing results in my district as a result. Ten months ago, our Governor went on record and said that tax incentives and credits structured like those within this Bill that we're debating tonight and things like the Blue Collar Jobs Act were unaffordable. I'm glad, truly glad that the Governor has seen the error of his ways and realized that GOP ideas are the way to grow the Illinois economy by attracting job creators and not punishing them. Illinois is at its best when we can work together. There are several other ways to attract businesses and jobs to Illinois. And I know that we, on this side, look forward to continuing to use Republican ideas, such as those presented here in this Bill, to help turn our state around. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Representative Bennett, you're recognized."

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the speaker yield, please?"

Speaker Evans: "The Sponsor will yield."

Bennett: "Thank you. We're talking a little bit about... and I really appreciate the comments from our colleagues, tremendous information. But let me ask you a question, if I may. We talked a little bit about the competitiveness of the states around us, but we really didn't get into detail. And I think we really need to bring this out, the importance of

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what this is going to do in the future. Can you take a moment, please? It's really critical."

Vella: "Yes. So, I started watching this when we were really getting into the Energy Jobs Act. And week after week, Indiana, Kentucky, Arizona... there are... we're in a competition right now for these great paying jobs. Now, we... the one thing we have going for us, I truly believe, is that we have great green energy and a lot of the corporations appreciate that. We also have a great infrastructure. We have great roads, we have railways, and we have some of the best workers in the world. So, that incentivizes them, but this additional incentive is what we need to compete with the other states because they're competing with us."

Bennett: "Okay. Thank you. To the Bill. This is really critical going forward. We are struggling with the states around us. It has to do with the economy, jobs... I repeat, jobs. And we need to think about how we can continue to make this better. This is truly important, I think, moving forward. This is not a perfect Bill by any means, but we've got to find ways to be competitive with states around us or we will continue to struggle as we have been in the past. Bottom line, we've got to find ways to move forward on this and be competitive. So, I do ask for an 'aye' vote on this. Jobs, jobs, and jobs. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Halpin is recognized."

Halpin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, Representative. I'm going to be in support of this Bill as well for one main reason, and that is that we'll have a place in statute which says that companies that receive taxpayer money can't turn

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around and then spend that money to interfere with workers' rights to a fair union election. I think we should be doing more on that front, but this is... this is a strong step. But although I'll be in favor of the Bill, we need to have a conversation, and it's a little bit different than what some of the previous speakers have said. To get away from these subsidies as a state and country... you know, we're fighting a battle with each other. We talk about competition with other states, but we're fighting a battle with each other where everyone loses. When there are local governments and state governments throwing money at companies across the country... even the places that win these plants, even the places that win the Amazon HQs, that win the Tesla factories, they ultimately lose out because the money that we compete to give to these companies can't go into roads. It can't go into schools. It can't go into police funding. It can't go into any of those services that people, our constituents, say they want. And I want to... I want to just put one example here. There's a provision in this Bill that allows for municipalities to abate property taxes for these companies when they relocate. And that's fine for the cities and villages that have resources. But what does it do for the villages that might want to offer something but, frankly, can't? There are guardrails on this particular provision, but our code is rife with these type of provisions. Bringing a plant like this requires more local services, more police coverage, better roads. And yet, if the local government abates the property taxes and they have to spend more money on local roads and more schools and more police, who pays

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that? It's the rest of the taxpayers. The rest of the businesses that don't get these incentives, the rest of the residents that don't get incentives to stay there. It's a problem. We need to have a serious conversation about it going forward. We need to work with other like-minded states to end the race to the bottom and work together to attract companies by having better roads, having better infrastructure, having cheap energy, all the things that we have here in Illinois, skilled workforce. So, although we're supporting this Bill today, it's time to have a different conversation about where we're going to go from here as a country. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I want to echo what my colleague just said. I think we continue to find ourselves, over and over again, in a race to the bottom. We all, I think, on this floor, understand the importance having electric vehicles and also the importance of having electric vehicle suppliers and electric vehicle battery manufacturing here. I think these are important elements, and I think we are recruiting them already without giving away the store. We see that in places like Rivian. So, we have seen examples in Illinois where our institution, our foundation is actually a pretty good place for a lot of businesses to locate, despite the dystopian future of the State of Illinois echoed by some of my friends from the other side of the aisle. We actually have a lot of reasons why businesses already locate here. I want to specifically thank my colleague who sponsored this Bill, Representative Vella, who worked with me and the Governor's Office, who heard my concerns. We're going to be

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working on these issues as a high-level policy issue going into the spring. As my colleague, Representative Halpin, mentioned, we have to go back to the policy and make sure that we're reforming these things so we're not in a race for the bottom. The cuts to corporate tax, the cuts to income tax, those are things that are structurally going to impact us. So, we really need to continue to focus on that on a high level. I will support this Bill. I thank the Sponsor for working with me on this. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates that he will."

Cassidy: "Representative, can you just, for the purposes of all of us who've been watching some of these issues, share a little bit about what's happening with this Bill around the issue of electric motorcycles? This was an issue that came up in CEJA as well. And I understand that, through working together and having raised these issues, some of the issues have been addressed in this Bill."

Vella: "It's my understanding... well, initially electric motorcycles were not in the Bill. And that was really just due to the fact that we... there was not a lot of interest at first. But once the Bill came out and manufacturers came forward, and I believe it was Representative Kifowit who brought a motorcycle out for us to see, we were able to get electric motorcycles in the Bill. I think it's going to be a great growth industry. It's my understanding that ABATE is in favor of this Bill. So, thank you."

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Cassidy: "Excellent. Thank you. To the Bill. There are more issues that need to be addressed on the electric motorcycle front. I appreciate that, as we've developed this Bill, we've made sure that the manufacturers are included. And I've had some very good and encouraging conversations with the Governor's Office about ensuring that, where they were left out in the rebate discussion and CEJA, we're going to do our best to get that taken care of in the spring. So, I appreciate everyone coming together on that. This is an unusual situation for me, and I appreciate what my colleague Representative Halpin said and Representative Morgan. I tend to not be a fan of corporate subsidies. I'm not a fan of this race to the bottom, incentivizing, poaching from other states, and all of that. And it is problematic, and I am glad to hear more of us start to discuss the need to end this competition that we're doing. Make our state a more attractive environment, make our facilities more attractive and they will come, and I'm grateful that we are getting there. In this case, I think the ends do help to justify the means. I think that we do need to incentivize better manufacturing and better businesses. And so, I'm grateful that this Bill is one that I can embrace. And I look forward to doing the work to ensure that we stop these really cynical efforts to poach from other states and to... the giveaways to profitable corporations as we move down the road. But I encourage an 'aye' vote on this Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Caulkins is recognized."

Caulkins: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicated he will."

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Caulkins: "Thank you. Representative, these incentives are for anywhere in Illinois, any part of our state? It's not just in our, I guess, Bloomington area?"

Vella: "That is correct."

Caulkins: "That's great, and I appreciate that. And I look forward to supporting this Bill because this is going to be a huge job creator as we go forward. But I want to address the need to stop the race to the bottom, and we can do that. Illinois has the highest tax on cell phones in the country. Illinois' property tax is like the 47th or 48th highest in the country. Our workman comp plan is extremely expensive compared to our neighbors. We have to race to the bottom because we won't address the issues that affect why businesses want to come and stay here. So, yes, we need to do this. I support this Bill. But if you want to get serious about attracting businesses and keeping businesses, we need to address these other economic issues. This is what... this is what is going to improve our economy. So, going forward, yeah, let's have that conversation. Let's stop this race to the bottom. Let's make Illinois more competitive, more attractive. With that, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lewis is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Lewis: "First, thank you to Representative Cassidy for addressing the motorcycles. There was other opposition earlier in this Bill regarding the car dealers. Can you address that?"

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Vella: "Yes. That's... we had some discussion with them, and we put some language in the most recent Amendment. And they are neutral at this point."

Lewis: "So, you confirm they are now neutral?"

Vella: "Yes."

Lewis: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Davidsmeyer: "We had some conversation in committee about this Bill, about the concerns that we had about prior agreements. Have you had a chance to talk to the Governor about his intent to actually fulfill this promise and keep this around?"

Vella: "I didn't specifically ask him, but it's my understanding that he does."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. We... that was our understanding when we voted for some other Bills in negotiations for certain business incentives very similar to this. In fact, when you see somebody... you know, I wear this today, and the next day you see somebody wearing the same tie, you kind of joke around and say, hey, were you digging through my dirty laundry? This is kind of like the Governor's digging through out file cabinet because we already brought this stuff forward. So, it's... I think the sincerest form of flattery is doing exactly what we have done in the past and what we've requested in the past. So, I think this is... this is certainly a step in the right direction. I would urge this Body to think about this, right? We want to provide good head of household jobs, right? We want provide good opportunities for people to stay in the

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State of Illinois, to do well, to thrive. And in order to do that, we shouldn't be picking winners and losers, right? We shouldn't just be supporting those that are competing with Illinois, using Tennessee, Mississippi, all these states that have a lot to offer. We should also be helping those businesses that are currently here, helping them to grow. Right now, it seems like we give... as a friend of mine said, we give them the Heisman, right? We block them, and then we focus on bringing new businesses. But we have to focus on business growth and providing that climate that allows that, that actually will bring in those dollars. If the businesses are doing well, the employees are doing well, the State of Illinois is doing well, and it allows us to do things without punitive policies coming out of this Body. So, I think this is a great idea, obviously, 'cause I think we came up with it a couple of years ago. So, I certainly urge a 'yes' vote. I think it's great. I'm not trying to limit what you've done. You've done good work, and I appreciate that very much. I do appreciate the Governor agreeing to this idea. I really hope that he follows through with his promise on this one. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Meier is recognized."

Meier: "To the Bill. I, too, am one of those that voted for a Bill that had promises like this. And I am in favor of this Bill. I will work hard for this Bill. I hope these promises are kept. Just a few weeks ago, I listened to many promises being offered for an area I live in. You can tell by listening to me, I'm from Southern Illinois. I have the twang. Our coalmines are shut. Our coal-fired power plants are being

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closed. I can look from my front porch and see two different power plant smoke stacks from my house. We were promised jobs for our area. We were promised training. I hope that, that will be remembered as factories and businesses coming to Illinois for our clean energy Bills that, that promise, too, will be remembered because Southern Illinois is down there and we need help. And those promises were made recently to us, not the ones that were broken two years ago. This is a good Bill. I am for it. I am happy with it. I hope promises are kept. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "For further discussion, Representative Scherer is recognized."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I just wanted to mention briefly, in regards to the race to the bottom, my understanding is that this Bill will bring hundreds of good paying jobs to central Illinois. And in regards to parts made with electric cars, they're not being made in other states. They're being made in China. So, if we can bring these opportunities over from China, it would be a great opportunity for our people. I urge an 'aye' vote. And it's another good, bipartisan Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The Chair recognizes Representative Wheeler."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates that he will."

Wheeler: "Representative Vella, I just want to look at a couple things here very quickly. I don't want to take too much more time. I'm... specifically I want to ask you about the REV Construction Jobs Credit. Can you tell me where the inspiration for that language came from?"

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Vella: "Well, I worked with the Governor's Office, and we prepared it."

Wheeler: "So, the Governor's Office gave that to you?"

Vella: "We worked on it together."

Wheeler: "All right. You didn't steal it from another piece of language that already existed in code?"

Vella: "No, I like to write my own stuff."

Wheeler: "You know, that one came straight from the Blue Collars Jobs Act and just enhanced it a little bit. So, as the author of that part of it, I'll take a little credit for you... with helping you on that part of it there, Sir."

Vella: "Thank you."

Wheeler: "Well, I appreciate that. I mean... when we're talking about this so-called race to the bottom, we're talking about an industry that doesn't really exist. So, we're not poaching jobs from anywhere else. We're trying to create them here in Illinois. We have to listen to the people who are going to create these jobs, and they've told us that we are not competitive enough with other states that offer other things right now. We are at a deficit on some things. We should be at a tremendous advantage. This state has every single thing we need to be successful, except we've let government get in the way. This is a chance for us level that playing field and doing it in a way that still benefits State Government, still benefits local government. To my knowledge, there's only a couple of situations in here... and correct me wrong, Representative, if I don't have this right... where there's a split in this tax credit where withholding still comes back to the state. There's only one opportunity I saw where it's

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a 100 percent opportunity for it to go straight to the company, but most of it is a 50 or 75 percent split goes to the company. The rest of it goes back to the state. Still a benefit to the state. There's still going to be increased property taxes for the people who are moving and building in these areas. The sales tax is going to develop and pay for some of those roads. Those don't exist right now, and they're not going to exist here if we don't do something. This Bill is the answer to that. I applaud the efforts been made to do this. I'll be voting 'yes'. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Chairman Zalewski is recognized."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I know the hour is late... (unintelligible) isn't to prolong this. But based on some of the things we heard, this is an... this is an excellent indication that Illinois is coming back. The Governor's Office has laid out to us that because of our stable budget situation, because of our access to global markets, because of our access to an excellent transportation system, community colleges that produce the best talent in the country, we're in the mix for companies that are going to do business in Illinois, grow jobs in Illinois, have people that raise their families in Illinois, and this is something that can be sustainable over multiple generations. So, in the interest of being magnanimous, we've heard a lot of critique tonight about what should've happened and how great ideas were and this could've been done a long time ago. But the narrative that should come from this is that Illinois is in a position to turn the corner, change the perception of the state, and make everyone realize that in the Midwest this has

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a... we have a chance to be the EV hub of the country, and it's an excellent thing. Congratulations to the Governor, to his team, Christy George, Andy Manar, Jessica Himes, everyone who worked on this. Congratulations to Dave Vella. This is an excellent Bill. It deserves your 'aye' vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "The final speaker, Leader Durkin is recognized."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Durkin: "Representative, is there a duration or sunset on this legislation?"

Vella: "There is."

Durkin: "There is?"

Vella: "Yes."

Durkin: "What is it?"

Vella: "I believe it's 15 years."

Durkin: "Okay. I read... I was briefed yesterday by members of the Governor's staff, and they said there's going to be approximately a billion dollar capital investment made at this... whatever location is selected. How is that capital fund going to be... where is that money going to come from for the capital projects?"

Vella: "The billion dollars?"

Durkin: "Yes."

Vella: "From private investment."

Durkin: "Okay. So, that will not be coming out of the state treasury. It won't be any indebtedness at the state 'cause the state is going to take before that capital... well, when they said we're making a \$1 billion capital investment, it

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sounds like they said the state's making a capital investment."

Vella: "No, It's not coming from the state."

Durkin: "All right. Who would be the private investors that would be making that..."

Vella: "Well, I think there's going to be various."

Durkin: "All right. I'm not sure if I can agree with you based on the way I was briefed yesterday. But if you're telling me that it is going to be from the private sector, I'll have to take you at your word. I've taken some Democrats at the word over the last couple of years, and it hasn't worked out that well. But in any event, is this legislation dealing with only one manufacturing facility or is this something that can be used... let's say that we have something that pops up next to Rivian over... and takes advantage of this and they... this battery cell group that they start... they pick McLean County. Is there another group that can use this law to develop another battery cell operation?"

Vella: "It is. It's not just for one site, one corporation. It's for the whole chain. Not only for car manufacturers, battery manufacturers, charging stations, the whole infrastructure of electric vehicles. Hopefully, and it's my hope, that'll be dozens of companies with multi-billion dollars' worth of investments and tens of thousands jobs."

Durkin: "This is a business tax incentive, correct?"

Vella: "Yes, it is."

Durkin: "The Governor has portrayed it as a business tax incentive, correct?"

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Vella: "I'm not sure the Governor did, but I think it's a business tax incentive, yeah."

Durkin: "What the difference between a business tax incentive and also a corporate loophole?"

Vella: "I think a corporate loophole is bad and incentive is good."

Durkin: "Oh, okay. Now, let me ask you this, and this is not a joke. Now, listen. How do you turn a tax incentive in Illinois into a corporate loophole?"

Vella: "This is a joke, or no?"

Durkin: "No."

Vella: "Oh. I'm not sure."

Durkin: "Well, here's the answer. What you do is you get the Governor mad at you."

Vella: "Okay."

Durkin: "He retaliates against people who had negotiated with him in good faith. He loses his pet project and decides that, you know what, I'm going to take that out on some of those Republicans. On something that we negotiated on two years ago with me. When we put votes on the Capital Bill, we made him look good. We had a hand shake agreement and also agreements that were inscribed into law. Two years later, after he loses the fair tax, he tells me that we can't afford these anymore. So, I'm not quite sure if this is an act of retaliation or if this is just another episode the Governor's having with short term memory loss, or as they call retrograde amnesia, when it comes to these issues. So, I'm just going to give you some advice of what I've gone through. If the Governor gives you his word that he is going to support this and that he is going

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to stick with it and make it work well, I would just say that history shows that the Governor can change his mind. Maybe it's because it's your party that the Governor's of, he won't. But the Governor needs to realize that he's the Governor for the State of Illinois. He's a Governor for Democrats. He's a Governor for Republicans, Independents, and he's forgotten that. So, I will just tell you this, is that the way that the Governor has handled this whole issue of business development in Illinois has been very sad. I'm glad that we are doing this. I had reservations. I thought we could've done more. I made a request that we reinstate something that he deemed a corporate loophole, which is a franchise tax, which two years ago was a business incentive. And why he changed his mind on it, it's pretty obvious to me. But it's good to see that the Governor is actually pro-business. I haven't seen this in quite a time. I... I feel like I'm in *The Twilight Zone* and Rod Serling's going to walk out of the gallery... the door in the gallery. But I hope that this is a sign of things to come. But my personal experience is, is that we could've done a lot better. It's good to see that we have pro-business Democrats over here. It's the first time I've seen it in the last... in this General Assembly. I would just recommend, don't go back to your old ways when you come back in January. Do more for this state. And sometimes we can do things that are outside of the Governor that we should work on together. We always have. We've done good things together. So, I will just say that I will support your legislation today, but understand that we do have a voice in this process. We represent millions of Illinoisans. But we're also... men and women on this side of

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the aisle will tell you that if we give you our word, we stick to it. The guy on the second floor needs to realize that."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Vella to close."

Vella: "Thank you, Speaker. I want to just say thank you to the Governor, to all my colleagues, especially Representative Zalewski, the Speaker of the House. This is not a perfect Bill. There's still work to be done. I plan to spend as much time as I can in this. This is about jobs, jobs, jobs. It's going to keep being about jobs, jobs, jobs for me and for all my union brothers and sisters. So, please, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 4 to House Bill 1769?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Ammons votes 'yes'. Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Crespo."

Crespo: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Crespo votes 'yes'. Representative Harper."

Harper: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Harper votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Yes."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Jacobs votes 'yes'. Representative Jones. Representative Jones. Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Mayfield votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison. Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Sosnowski votes 'yes'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Tarver votes 'no'. Representative Welter."

Welter: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Welter votes 'yes'. Representative Wilhour."

Wilhour: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Wilhour votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'aye', 2 voting 'nay', 1 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 4 to House Bill 1769. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving on to Supplemental Calendar #4, under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 1291, Leader Hernandez."

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you, Speaker. I rise to present House Bill 1291, which establishes boundaries for Illinois' Congressional Districts for the coming decade. This map comes to us after months of public input through more than 60 public hearings, hundreds of emails from residents, and a public

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drawing portal then generated substantial input during this congressional map process. I want to thank the Members of the committee, especially vice-chair Tarver and spokesperson Butler, for your enthusiastic participation. Obviously the loss of a congressional seat following the 2020 Census loomed large over this process. Tough decisions had to be made, but I believe the Bill before us provides the strongest possible representation at the federal level for communities across the state. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any debate? Representative Keicher for questions."

Keicher: "To the Bill. What's been proven, yet again, is that there are two very different redistricting processes in Illinois. One process for the citizens of this state, and then the real process behind closed doors for insiders and politicians. While the citizens of Illinois spend early mornings and late nights trying to sincerely participate for the betterment of their communities, the real process is taking place outside of the public eye. Democrat politicians have been huddling for months behind locked doors, choosing the voters they want to represent for the next decade. Sure, at times the wishes of political insiders may have coincided with the public testimony, and if it did, it was likely included in the maps. But where public testimony varied and did not fit the political objectives of the backroom politicians in this state, we all know which resulted in the final map that we see tonight. The redistricting process that Governor Pritzker and your side of the aisle insisted on using has been called cynical, self-serving, and tone-deaf by

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editorial boards. Good government leaders have said you disrespected and disregarded constituents and have had an utter disregard for the will of the people, while your maps make a farce of democracy and the process is a charade. And three federal judges have ruled already this year that you and Governor Pritzker have violated the constitutional rights of the people of the State of Illinois. That's the legacy of this transparent, so-called process. At every opportunity you have put your own partisan interest before everyone else's. Many of you have twisted yourselves into pretzels, defending and voting multiple times for a process you supposedly at one time opposed. But as long as your personal political interests were served, I guess reform can wait for another day, for another General Assembly. This will be the most gerrymandered map in the country, and this process will be used as the poster child for why politicians should never be allowed to draw their own maps ever again. Your maps will only cause further polarization that I hear time and again you have heartache over. Voters will have fewer choices, elections will not be competitive, and the need for compromise will exist less and less. And that's the real tragedy of your maps and your process. The citizens of Illinois deserve better. They have repeatedly demanded better. And thank you for letting them know that you so clearly do not care for their opinion in this matter."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Spain is recognized."

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Tonight we reached the culmination of a very sad process, one that literally breaks my heart, has ruined friendships irreconcilably, and

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delivered a shameful outcome to the people of the State of Illinois. It's midnight on the final day of Veto Session, with months and months spent this year on a path towards this outcome. And I would remind everyone, this is not the way we had to get here. We had an opportunity to do this process differently, to work in a bipartisan manner, to come together to create the kind of government that the people of this State of Illinois deserve. The people will get the type of government, though, however, that we have designed for them. A government that is based in gridlock, acrimony, noncooperation, and for the State of Illinois, nonsuccess. We are one of only three states in the nation that lost population over the last three years. That is an indictment on all of us, on the way things have been done in the State of Illinois and the type of leadership and design that we have created in our government and now, through this action tonight, the people that we send to congress. We have talked through the redistricting process about what is important, about diversity, about the competition of ideas, about having districts that make some logical sense based on an alignment of geography and communities of interest. But we know the truth. The only communities of interest that matter in the drawing of this map are communities of Democrats. That is not how our state is organized. That is not how we live amongst each other. Communities of interest are not only communities of Democrats. And the drawing of this congressional map enshrines the very most awful and deadly part of our politics today, that we are dividing people up. We are creating outcomes where only the most extreme people that run for

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political office have any chance to prevail. It is an epidemic that is destroying our democracy. It is wrong when Republicans do it in other states, and it is so awfully wrong how the Democrats have double downed on this strategy in the State of Illinois. A state that so badly needs help to get turned around, to grow our population, bring businesses, and keep our talented families here in the State of Illinois. I am so embarrassed, so ashamed of this entire charade over the last year. Vote 'no' on this map."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Bourne is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Bourne: "Thank you. Representative, since we haven't been able to have a committee hearing on this final map, I have a quick question. How many counties are split in this map?"

Hernandez, L.: "I don't know."

Bourne: "You don't know?"

Hernandez, L.: "No. I can get that to you. I don't know at the moment."

Bourne: "That'd be great. I'd love to have it before we vote on it, if you could get that answer for me. Somebody drew this map. They should... they should know. Could you go through your process for me of how you determined communities of interest?"

Hernandez, L.: "So, based on the feedback that we have received at the committees, we heard them out and took everything that they submitted into consideration."

Bourne: "As you know, the hearings that we had on congressional maps were sparsely attended because they saw how fruitless they were in the state legislative process. Did you take into

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account the feedback of the state legislative hearings, those hearings, in order to determine communities of interest under this map?"

Hernandez, L.: "Excuse me. The initial hearings were available for everyone to be able to give their thoughts, their feedback. So, it was open."

Bourne: "I... I know that. I'm just asking what input you took for these maps in particular. Was it all of the hearings? Or was it just..."

Hernandez, L.: "Yes. Yes."

Bourne: "...post..."

Hernandez, L.: "Of course. Yes."

Bourne: "That's great. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to turn everyone's attention to a Resolution we passed, you passed that talks about how they determine communities of interest for the state legislative maps. On page 98, it's talking about House District 104 in the new district maps for the Statehouse. And it says this district, which includes Oakwood, Belgium, Muncie, Fithian, Royal, Savoy, Thomasboro, Westville, Tilton, Danville, this district was drawn to keep surrounding communities around Champaign-Urbana together. That was an important priority for this Statehouse in the state legislative maps. Guess what it looks like in the congressional maps? We had to keep them together for a district of 108 thousand. We had to draw that area into four different Congressional Districts. Four. I love how you tried to pretend you took community input for the state maps. You don't even try in the congressional maps. We all know this is

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about keeping Nancy Pelosi in power, and it has nothing to do with the people of Illinois. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar for questions."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have a question. I want to speak to the Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Speak your point."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "I have had a very honest conversation with all my colleagues, everyone. And I have not lied to anybody. And I have always said, and one of the first things I said when I got here is that I'm here to work and work with you. That has been true, both sides of the aisle. And I have been very honest with that. So, when I said earlier that I did not support the map, I still don't support the map. Hold on. I'm going to tell you why I don't support the map. I was brought here because my district, my district, RD22 has an increased population of Latinos in it. I am that representation, me, my name, Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar. That's who I am. That's who I'm representing. And there was something done to that district, intentionally, to exclude Latinos and that representation. So, when someone tells me, hey, we're here to represent the Latinos on the southwest side, I'm going to say hold on. That was not the case. I spoke up and I said, hey, I'm here to work. Let's come to some kind of agreement. But when someone says, I think I know more about politics than you do, when you haven't walked that door, you haven't knocked there, you haven't talked to those people, and I have, that's disrespectful and that is unprofessional. So, it's not that I'm saying I'm against the Democratic Party. Of course not. What I'm saying is there's a level of professionalism that

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was not taken into account. I am a representation of the increase of the Latino population in the State of Illinois, and that was not respected. From not just who are here, but people who are above me in terms of higher elected offices. And I don't appreciate that. There was a letter issued by Members of this House asking for Latino representation because it was just in RD22. That request was granted. It was there. I'm here. And I'm no longer respected because my word means nothing. So, again, I am the representation of my district, and I think I know what's best and what should be included in what map. And that didn't happen."

Speaker Evans: "For final discussion, Representative Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar, thank you. You are a proud Representative of your 22nd District. And thank you for speaking the truth, and that took a lot of guts to do what you just did. And I hope all of us, all of us, appreciate what you just stood up on this floor and did. So, thank you. You know, first of all, just one quick question of the Sponsor, if you don't mind, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Sponsor will yield."

Butler: "Leader Hernandez, have we had a hearing on this legislation?"

Hernandez, L.: "The Senate has had a hearing today."

Butler: "Has the House of Representatives had a hearing on this legislation?"

Hernandez, L.: "We did meet earlier this week."

Butler: "We didn't... we have not had a hearing. To the Bill. We have not had a hearing on version four... version four of this

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congressional map. You know, we just got done with the debate just a few minutes ago. Just... just a few minutes ago that shows what we can do as a Body when we work together to attract business to the State of Illinois. And, hopefully, provide thousands of jobs in the Chicago area, the Rockford area, in the Bloomington-Normal area. We showed what we can do as a Body. And we immediately move on to this, which shows how bad this Body can be. It's an incredible dichotomy that is on display here, literally, as the clock strikes midnight. Maybe we'll get a new Bear's stadium tonight instead of a new White Sox's stadium. You know, these congressional maps are tremendously important. As someone who has worked for Congress... I have worked for Congress for almost 20 years... I know personally what it means to draw these lines, what it means to the 758... 800 thousand people, whatever it is... 758 thousand people that are going into these districts, and where you draw these lines, it matters. It matters on how they're represented. It matters how casework gets done. It matters how their views are represented on Capitol Hill. And you know, I look at our current congressional delegation and the Democratic Members, in unison, the Democratic Members of our Illinois Congressional Delegation all support, are on record with their votes in Washington, supporting a nonpartisan commission to draw congressional maps across the country. All of them are on record supporting that. Sean Casten, he's on record supporting nonpartisan commission. Bill Foster, he's on record supporting a nonpartisan commission. Marie Newman. Whatever you guys have done to Marie Newman, I'm not sure, but she made somebody pretty mad. She supports a nonpartisan

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commission. Lauren Underwood, she supports a nonpartisan commission. But you know what? There's this little term called Potomac Fever. You do one thing in Washington, and when you come back here to Illinois, you do another thing. This is almost kind of the reverse of it. They're out there in Washington talking about doing the right thing. They come back here to Illinois, and they call the Speaker, and they deal with you all, and they try to cut the deals to figure out what district is going to protect them and their own partisan political interest. And it's not that hard to figure out because, boy, it's been on public display over the last several weeks, in print, on the radio, on TV stations. It's not too hard to find all the stories where the Democrats of the Congressional Delegation of Illinois have done all they can to draw their own districts. You know, when I look at this map, and as I said in committee a few weeks ago, or a week or so ago, it's an amazing feat of cartography when you look at these things. And when you go in the district that I live in, the district that this very building lives in, which is a district that... there's no bones about it, 'cause it's pretty easy to figure out. You have a high ranking member, former member of the Governor's administration who has decided to move back to Springfield. I don't know if she's actually ever lived in Springfield. Moved to Springfield and run for Congress, and announce against a guy who got drawn out of that district. I mean, it's a pretty amazing thing to think. And now, my friends and neighbors here in Sangamon County are going to get divided between a couple Congressional Districts. And you're going to have split communities. And

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you're going to have people who want to find moderation in our politics. And, boy, that's a hard thing to find these days, to find moderation in our politics. But what you're doing is drawing a map that polarizes our politics in Illinois. It polarizes our politics in Illinois at a time when we don't need polarization in this country. And you're taking people from wide swaths of the state and throwing them in from Missouri to Indiana, from the Wisconsin boarder to the central part of the state. And why are you doing it? For your own partisan political reasons. That's why we're here. It's the only reason. It's the wrong way to do it, folks. There's a better way. I said that during the debate on the legislative maps. And we've talked plenty about these issues over the last several months. There's a better way to do it. You all know it. We could've done it a different way. We actually could've done the congressional maps a lot easier, a different way, because we don't have the constitutional constraints we have on the legislative maps. We could've done, easily, a nonpartisan commission to do the congressional maps. But, no, that's not the way we decided to do it. We decided to go back to the secret map room and get folks on the phone and..."

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

Butler: "...and get folks on the phone and figure out how we're going to draw the maps. There's a better way to do this, folks. Mr. Speaker, an inquiry. How many votes does this take to pass?"

Speaker Evans: "Seventy-one."

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Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If this vote should reach the requisite number of votes, I would ask for a verification."

Speaker Evans: "Members, Representative... Leader Buckner... Butler has requested a verification. Please be at your chairs. Leader Hernandez to close."

Hernandez, L.: "Yes, thank you, Speaker. I just would like to close by saying that... I first want to thank the committee and the team who have worked out painless hours to really... and worked really hard to put this together. I do really believe that this map really reflects the diversity of this state, and it gives access... it expands access for Latino opportunity representation. No matter how you interpret the map to be laid out, it's a map that reflects that diversity, that gives opportunity, and I just truly believe it's a good map laid out. I ask for your 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1291?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Ammons votes 'yes'. Representative Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Collins votes 'yes'. Representative Crespo."

Crespo: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Crespo votes 'yes'. Representative Harper."

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Harper: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Harper votes 'yes'. Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "No."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jacobs votes 'no'. Representative Jones."

Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'. Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Mayfield votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Mayfield votes 'yes'. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "No."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Morrison votes 'no'. Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "No."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Sosnowski votes 'no'. Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Tarver votes 'yes'. Representative Welter."

Welter: "No."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Welter votes 'no'. Representative Wilhour."

Wilhour: "No."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Wilhour votes 'no'. Representative Collins, would you turn on your camera and vote?"

Collins: "It's on. Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Thank you, Representative Collins."

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Speaker Evans: "All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting 'aye', 43 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. Mr. Clerk, please read the names in the affirmative."

Clerk Hollman: "A poll of those voting in the affirmative. Representative Ammons. Representative Andrade. Representative Avelar. Representative Buckner. Representative Burke. Representative Carroll. Representative Collins. Representative Conroy. Representative Costa Howard. Representative Crespo. Representative Croke. Representative D'Amico. Representative Davis. Representative Delgado. Representative DeLuca. Representative Didech. Representative Evans. Representative Flowers. Representative Ford. Representative Gabel. Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Representative Gonzalez. Representative Gordon-Booth. Representative Greenwood. Representative Guzzardi. Representative Halpin. Representative Harper. Representative Harris. Representative Barbara Hernandez. Representative Lisa Hernandez. Representative Hirschauer. Representative Hoffman. Representative Hurley. Representative Jones. Representative Kifowit. Representative LaPointe. Representative Lilly. Representative Mah. Representative Manley. Representative Mason. Representative Mayfield. Representative Meyers-Martin. Representative Moeller. Representative Morgan. Representative Moylan. Representative Mussman. Representative Ness. Representative Nichols. Representative Ortiz. Representative Ramirez. Representative Rita. Representative Robinson. Representative Scherer. Representative Slaughter. Representative Smith.

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Representative Stava-Murray. Representative Stoneback.
Representative Stuart. Representative Tarver. Representative
Vella. Representative Walker. Representative Walsh.
Representative West. Representative Ann Williams.
Representative Jawaharial Williams. Representative Willis.
Representative Yang Rohr. Representative Yednock.
Representative Yingling. Representative Zalewski. And Mr.
Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Butler."

Butler: "Representative Ammons."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ammons was on the video, and I
observed her."

Butler: "Inquiry of the Chair. What's the... what's the verification
rule for virtual?"

Speaker Evans: "The Chair determines whether they're present."

Butler: "Shocking. Representative Collins."

Speaker Evans: "She's present on the video. I observed her."

Butler: "Representative Crespo."

Speaker Evans: "Was present on the video, and I observed him."

Butler: "Representative Harper."

Speaker Evans: "Present on the video, and I observed her."

Butler: "Representative-Mayor Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jones was present on the video,
and I observed him."

Butler: "Representative Mayfield."

Speaker Evans: "Present on the video, and I observed her."

Butler: "Representative Tarver."

Speaker Evans: "Present on the video, and I observed him."

Butler: "I withdraw my Motion."

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Speaker Evans: "On this question, there are 71 voting 'aye', 43 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1291. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to Supplemental Calendar #2, under the Order of Resolutions, we have Senate Joint Resolution 34, Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am honored to present to the Body today Senate Resolution 34. Senate Resolution 34 recognizes the Korean War Veterans. The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, and it ranged for three bloody years. One point five million members of the United States Armed Forces, including thousands from the State of Illinois, answered the call to arms during the war. The war is often called the Forgotten War because the United States joined with the UN Security Council to help defend Korea, primarily South Korea. Because the... the battles against the Chinese forces took place throughout autumn, including the Battle of Inchon, the Battle of Naktong Breakout, and the Battle of Seoul's Second, and the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, which tested the capacity of U.S. and allied forces against both the enemy and the elements. I was honored when I served in Okinawa to go to South Korea. And as I walked with the... and talked with the Members of this Body, many have loved ones and family members that are Korean War Veterans. This Senate Joint Resolution urges Congress to authorize the President to present Congressional Gold Medals to Korean War Veterans in recognition of their service and their sacrifice. It's also asking that one Congressional Gold Medal be given to the

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Smithsonian Institute, and one Congressional Silver Medal be given to the War Memorial of Korea in Seoul, where they shall be available for display as appropriate and made available for research. I ask, and I've talked to many Members of the Body, that all Members be added as cosponsors to this important Resolution so that we honor those that fought in Korea, that gave their lives in Korea, so it will no longer be thought of as the Forgotten War and that the State of Illinois will forever remember the Korean War."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative Kifowit. All Members will be added to the Resolution. Representative Kifowit moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 34. 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. Representative Morgan, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, while we were voting a few hours ago, a few of us encountered and observed a medical emergency. It was not on the House Floor, but a few of us were there. And, in particular, one of our colleagues saw it and immediately rushed to the aid of somebody. That was our colleague, Angie Guerrero-Cuellar, who stood up and immediately rushed to protect somebody who needed medical attention. So, I really wanted to... I know we have a lot of drama in this chamber tonight and in general, but this was... this was truly a medical emergency, and I think it's just important to take a moment and say thank you for somebody

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who rushed to someone's aid. So, Angie... if you could please give her a round of applause."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 540, offered by Representative Davis. House Resolution 541, offered by Representative Niemerg. House Resolution 542, offered by Representative Severin."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Greenwood 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. Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Joint Resolution #37, offered by Representative Harris."

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, October 28, 2021, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 4, 2022, or until the call of the President; and the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 4, 2022, or until the call of the Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Greenwood moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Greenwood moves that the House stand adjourned until January 4, 2022. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say

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'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. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 302, offered by Representative Robinson, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1420, offered by Leader Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."