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Speaker Hoffman: "The House will come to order. Members, please be in your chairs. We are honored today to have a true American hero. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Willard L. Fruits, Chaplin at Roosevelt-Aurora American Legion Post 84 in Aurora, Illinois. Reverend Fruits is the guest of Representative Kifowit. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Fruits."

Reverend Fruits: "All I can say right now is saying wow. I'm 90 years old. I served in Korea. I landed in Inchon in 1951. Left a lot of good buddies there, never came back alive. Bothered me for a while. I've spent 13 months, 21 days, and 21 seconds in Korea, and I'm glad to be out of there. My father was in World War I and came through Camp Butler right here. Took his basic training in Montgomery, Alabama. I had three brothers in World War II. I was in Korea. I have a brother that served in Vietnam and two other brothers that served in stateside during those years. I had two cousins that were twins that were captured by the Germans and prisoners of war for a little over two years. I've been through a lot, but God seemed fit to bring me here. And all I can say is, wow. I'm in awe. Let me pray for you. I'm going to be using George Washington's prayer. This touches my heart. We make our earnest prayer that Thou will keep the United States in your holy protection; that Thou will incline the hearts of the citizens to peace, a spirit of subordination, and obedience to our government, and to entertain a brotherly affectionate love for one another and for their fellow

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citizens. And finally that Thou would almost graciously be pleased to dispose us of all our justice to those who have served in the United States service in every branch, and we thank you for those men... men and women that did not come back. We owe them a great honor, and their families. So, I pray for them. And we just ask that you would keep them in your heart, oh Lord. And we grant that you would ask this supplication in your name, through your Lord and neighbor. Amen."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you, Reverend. One more round of applause for the Reverend. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Kifowit."

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

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Barbara Hernandez is excused today."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Welter... 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 Charlie Meier is excused for the day."

Speaker Hoffman: "The record shall so reflect. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 113

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Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action on April 6, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2969; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 3910; recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4313. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 4988 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 3866. Representative Mah, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4430, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4629, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4665, and House Resolution 780. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 87 and 88. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill... and #2 to House Bill 625, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 3205. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education

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reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5464 and Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5506. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4243, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 3 to House Bill 4256 and also #4 to House Bill 4256, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4257, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4813, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5016. Representative Greenwood, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Accessibility reports the following committee action taken April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 and 3 to House Bill 1409. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Ethics & Elections reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 829. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4170. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4126 and the Motion to Concur to Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4489. The

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Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5496. Representative Ammons, Chairperson from the Committee on Small Business & Tech Innovation, reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5575. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4382 and Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 4973. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4998 and Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5184. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 812, offered by Representative Robinson. House Resolution 817, offered by Representative Hirschauer. House Resolution 819, offered by Representative Lewis. House Resolution 824, offered by Representative Weber. These are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, please read House Resolution 810."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 810."

WHEREAS, In accordance with the established tradition of the Illinois House of Representatives, it is fitting that we honor our brothers and sisters who have given their lives in service

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to our country as the guardians of our long-held freedoms;
and

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

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vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."; and

WHEREAS, Those words from long ago still speak to the sacrifice of the brave men and women whom we now honor; it is all together fitting and appropriate that we, with heavy hearts, again accept the honor of reading the Roll Call of those American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines from the State of Illinois who have made the ultimate sacrifice; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the families of the fallen heroes honored on April 6, 2022."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ness."

Ness: "Sings *Amazing Grace*."

(Playing of *Taps*.)

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On this Memorial Day service, I'd like to recognize two of my friends I lost 14 years ago today, served in Iraq. Colonel Stephen Scott. I worked with him every day. He was from Huntsville, Alabama. He was nearing retirement, didn't have to be there, but he wanted to be there. Colonel Scott's job was to coordinate for military sales of equipment from many different nations to bring it into Iraq and then it would be issued to the Iraqi soldiers. A great friend, and a great American. He died in a Katyusha rocket attack on our fitness center on a Sunday afternoon. With him, and another soldier who I worked with, Major Wolfer.

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Major Wolfer served in Iraq. He was an Army Reservist. His unit was deployed. He was doing what his country had called him to do. Served in Iraq as a transportation coordinator. I relied on Major Wolfer to help me when I needed to travel across the country, whether by Black Hawk helicopters or ground transportation in up-armored Humvees. His operation shop was maintained 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and always was there willing to serve. Major Wolfer was from Iowa, Iowa Reserve Unit. I still make contact with his mom, who has set up a special Major Wolfer organization to keep his memory alive. And just... it's hard today because 14 years ago these men were doing what they enjoyed doing, not only serving the military, but they were in the fitness center on a Sunday afternoon. That Katyusha rocket went through that... stripped through the tin roof on the building, killed them and injured many other. But I would like to pause today to remember them as they perished this day, April 6, 2008, in Baghdad, Iraq. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The Body shall observe a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Avelar."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Avelar: "Today, I'm honored to have with us in the chambers the Jimenez family that owns and cofounded Carnicerias Jimenez. They're actually standing right there. Carnicerias Jimenez being one of Chicago's first successful Mexican grocery businesses, which has expanded to many locations in the Chicagoland area, including West Chicago. We have introduced House Resolution 816 to commemorate and celebrate the legacy

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of one of the cofounders. We have filed HR816 to commemorate the legacy that Ms. Jimenez had left in the Latino community here in the State of Illinois. So, I want to say thank you for coming today to Springfield. [Spoken in Spanish]."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hirschauer."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Hirschauer: "Today, we are joined in the gallery by a group of AFS international exchange high school students. They are here with leaders Rolland and Robbin Lang from Batavia and Gandi Falcon from Aurora. The 10 students attend various schools in Northern Illinois this year, including St. Charles East, with two students from Egypt and Indonesia; Geneva, with three students from Lebanon, the Philippines, and Pakistan; one student from Batavia who is from Jordan; two students from Kaneland, from Germany and Malaysia; and one student from Rockford East, from Albania. Nine of the ten students are scholarship students participating for a program of the U.S. State Department. They are required to participate in a variety of program elements, including leadership, volunteering, government study, and diversity study. We are really fortunate to have them here today to observe our lovely Memorial Day ceremony. And behalf.. on behalf of those who represent their areas, Representative Ugaste, Representative Wheeler, Representative Keicher, Representatives West and Vella, and myself, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Springfield."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Collins, for what reason do you rise?"

Collins: "For a moment of point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like for my guests in the gallery to rise. As we enter into the last 72 hours of the Legislative spring Session, I want to take a timeout to acknowledge a very special group of individuals who have been in Springfield for the last several weeks tirelessly bringing awareness to the dangers of permanent punishments. The Fully Free Campaign under the Heartland Alliance works to dismantle the laws and regulations that govern permanent punishments, which are barriers that deny or restrict rights and opportunities for people with a record long after their involvement with the criminal legal system is over. In Illinois, 3.3 million adults who have been arrested or convicted of a crime since 1979 were people of color who are mostly impacted. There are 1,189 permanent punishment laws and regulations in Illinois, mostly denying.. mostly denying people from housing, education, and employment. Currently, Illinois have over 600 thousand, and I repeat, over 600 thousand people of all races, ethnicities, and backgrounds with a felony conviction on their record. Most of these individuals have paid their debt to society and are law-abiding citizens who experience everyday hardships like you and me. One of these hardships involves serving out the last wishes of a loved one or a family member who has passed on. The Families' Right to Estate Equity, which is the FREE Act, also known as House Bill 4490, removes language in the

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Illinois Probate Act that prohibits anyone with a felony conviction from serving as an executor of administrator of an estate. It brings Illinois one step closer to dismantling permanent punishment constructed from years of punitive and misguided policies. The Fully Free Coalition is also advocating for the SAFER Communities Act for Illinois that will remove barriers to employment and establish a living wage job creation program up to 20 thousand formerly incarcerated workers. House Bill 3215 is Sponsored by our very own Rep. Slaughter. I want to thank each and every one of you for doing your civic duty to come to your Capitol to advocate for change. The Fully Free Campaign is based in Chicago, that has partnered organizations across the state in Peoria, Rockford, Champaign, DeKalb, Bloomington, Joliet, Aurora, and Carbondale. You represent our neighbors, family members, colleagues, and friends. We salute your work, and I look forward to getting these Bills and many more over the finish line. I'd like the chamber to join me in a round of applause and welcome them to their Capitol. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason seeks recognition."

Mason: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Mason: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I have a very special guest here today in the gallery. My dear friend and district director, Maggie Roche, is here up behind me. Maggie's dad is a proud Marine, and Maggie is the mom of Madelynn, Jay, and Grant. Please help me wish her a big welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Speaker."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome back."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you very much. It's great to be back. I wanted to take this time... this person is part of my district office. This is his first time in Springfield. This is his first time being involved in government. And I want to ask the Body if you can give a round of applause for Eddie Guillen, my chief of staff, right up there in the gallery on my left side. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech."

Didech: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to welcome a couple of very special guests to the gallery today. If they can stand up. My district director, Fabbi Vasquez, and her son, Aiden. Those of you who are familiar with Fabbi know that she has played a significant role in me being able to build such a successful district office operation that serves the needs of every single person in our community. So, thank you, Fabbi, for all of your hard work, and please give her a very warm welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Batinick."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point of personal privilege."

Batinick: "Can we give a big round of applause for Representative Ness and her wonderful rendition of *Amazing Grace*?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to speak slow and distinct so I do not have any plivileges. But point of personal privilege, please."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With me today is... I've got two great, wonderful students from a local community college, Carl Sandburg College. Carl Sandburg College is located in Galesburg, Illinois. It has 1800 students. Of the current enrollment in Carl Sandburg, 150 of those students are international students coming from all across the world to Galesburg. Galesburg, last fall, had the... was ranked in the National Junior soccer competition, and they actually... the college went to the national competition level. With me, to my far right, is Josue Bashombe. Josue is from the Congo, one of those 150 international students. He's a second-year student. He came here by himself, not with a group, but he came here by himself. He's a student worker for Diversity and Inclusion Office at Carl Sandburg College, member of Blackhawk (sic-Black) Student Association, Captain of the Man of Distinction GLOBAL IMPACT Line. This is how much he's interjected himself in the community. He's a volunteer with United Way. Volunteers with the Illinois Department of Public Health. Volunteer with Galesburg City Council, volunteering at the 30th Annual St. Pat's Mexican Fiesta, volunteering as a crew member for the Great Balloon Race pilots. Helps at the YMCA Solution at Churchill High. Help set up the West South Street Block Party, which is a big party of... a great time. Helps sets up for Galesburg's own Big Bang Boom. Help set up for Galesburg's Chamber Annual Dinner. Participates in the Freezing for Food, Annual Kiwanis 'Shop with the Kids'. Participates with the WGIL Community Food Drive, a local radio station. His special recognition is he's a 3.0 GPA, Spring

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Semester 2021, making the honor list. This fall semester, he rose that up to a 3.77 GPA, making the dean's list. He's an outstanding member reward of the Black Student Association, fall of 2021. His goal is to be an aerospace engineer. Wow. Thank you, Josue. To my immediate right is Jasmin McDaniel. She's from Galesburg, attends Carl Sandberg College as a freshman. She's a student athlete on the volleyball team, intern and student worker for Marketing and Public Relations Office at Carl Sandburg College, vice president of the Black Student Association, vice president of the Women of Character. She helps with grade school volleyball at Churchill, coaches freshman and sophomore AAU Club Volleyball team in Galesburg, volunteers for Christmas programs and bike rides, Ride for a Safer Tomorrow to help with violence within the community, volunteer counselor for Camp Kirk, which is a special needs camp, camp counselor for volleyball camps at Christ Lutheran School over the summer. She maintains a 4.0 GPA and is on the first semester dean's list. Her current part-time work is a Walmart cashier. She's also a Chick-fil-A crew member from 2018 to 2020. Her next step after college, junior college, is to go into pre-med sports medicine and physical therapy. Welcome, Jasmin. Thank you. And if I could have Anthony Law... he's the one up there taking all the pictures. Anthony Law, he brought these young men and women here. He's a coordinator of Diversity and Inclusion Student Services at Carl Sandburg College. He's one of the greatest mentors I know of the young men and women within the community. All their community work is because his philosophy is, if you're from a community, give back to that community.

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And that's Anthony Law. Thank you, sir. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Severin."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Severin: "I know you'll find it hard to believe, but I have a Page today. It's Emersyn Clark, and this will be our final Page for the season. So, I know it's... we've had national Severin be a Page for the day week, so we're finishing up with that. Emersyn Clark is from united... from the Unity Christian School. She's an 8th grader. She participates in the Junior Beta Club, newspaper, history club, softball, cheerleading, volleyball, track, science fair. Her community activities are she is very active in her local church, involved in service projects through her school. She also, I appreciate this today, and she got to participate and be a part of some interesting things on the floor today as far as for veterans. She volunteers at the local cemeteries to place flags on veteran graves. Her recognition is Junior Beta Club President, high honors earned superior at her school science fair, and then she moved on to the regional science fair and participated in that. She wants to be a lawyer, and so all you lawyers listen up. She is the catcher on her softball team, so she is one tough cookie. This is Emersyn Clark from Unity Christian School. Let's give her a warm welcome to the House Floor."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome. Representative Kifowit."

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Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we can all admit that Chaplain Fruits is amazing. He's hanging out down a little bit longer on the floor, if you want to say hi to him and hear a story or two, but he wouldn't be here today without our colleagues from the Aurora American Legion. So, Commander Mike Eckburg and John Montesano are in the gallery, and we just give them a warm welcome and a thank you for bringing Chaplain Fruits to us today."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have some guests here today. They are in the gallery. Today, we have my district director, Jessica Scott. We have my outreach director, Steph Hallgren. And we also have an intern in our office, Megan... sorry, Morgan Blank. And if they could all stand and we can give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a point, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Davis: "And actually a favor. Representative Swanson, thank you for bringing your guests to visit with us today. Obviously, diversity, equity, and inclusion is something that's important to me as a Member of the Black Caucus. And if it's okay with you, I would respectfully ask if you and your guests would meet Members of the Black Caucus in the well. We'd love to take a picture with your guests today. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative McCombie."

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McCombie: "Just a point, Speaker. I just wanted to make sure to remind everybody in the Body that this evening the Township Officials of Illinois are going to be at the Illinois State Library from 5 to 7 p.m. They would like to personally thank all of you for voting for their Bill. So, please join them, again, tonight 5 to 7 at the Illinois State Library. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Members. Members, we will be going to the Order of Second Reading. On page 2 of the Calendar appears House Bill 1022, Representative Mayfield. Out of the record. Moving to page 3 of the Calendar, appears House Bill 1170, Representative Meyers-Martin. Representative Meyers-Martin. Out of the record. Order of Second Reading. On page 3 of the Calendar appears House Bill 1172, Representative Katie Stuart. Out of the record. House Bill 1462, Representative Yang Rohr. Out of the record. Moving to page 4 of the Calendar. On House Bill 1688, Leader Hernandez. Out of the record. Moving to page 5 of the Calendar, appears Senate Bills on Third Reading. Senate Bill 1847, Representative Harper. I apologize, Senate Bill 3847, Representative Harper. Out of the record. Representative Slaughter on Senate Bill 3936. Out of the record. Moving to Senate Bills-Second Reading. On page 6 of the Calendar, appears Senate Bill 257. Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. Members, we may not get back to these till later. Representative Robinson, Senate Bill 302. Out of the record. Leader Evans on Senate Bill 705. Out of the record. Representative Zalewski on Senate Bill 1534. Representative Zalewski. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1534, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read 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 Hoffman: "Representative Zalewski on Floor Amendment #1."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to adopt Floor Amendment #1. It deals with cemetery trusts. We're going to hold the Bill on Second, but we're going to adopt the Amendment."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, Representative Zalewski moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1534. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Zalewski."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "This is technical cleanup for the Comptroller. Adopt... again, we wish to adopt it."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Zalewski moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1534. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Zalewski."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Zalewski."

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Zalewski: "This is further technical cleanup. I wish to adopt the Amendment."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Zalewski moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 1534. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Hoffman: "This shall remain on Second Reading. On the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading appears Senate Bill 3096, Representative Buckner. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3096, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No... the Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3096, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Buckner."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 3096 is a version of a Bill that we've carried for the last two or three years. What it does is it asks the Illinois Secretary of State to go through the process of creating a system and apparatus to offer digital driver's licenses in the State of Illinois. There is a study that's attached to this and a effort to understand the technology involved to do this the right way. I will be happy to answer any questions, and I urge a 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Batinick."

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

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

Batinick: "Representative, you said we tried to get this moving the last couple of years. Is that correct?"

Buckner: "Yes, Sir."

Batinick: "What was the hang up the last few times and what's changing now?"

Buckner: "The Secretary of State's Office didn't feel ready to move forward with this, but they have been extremely helpful and cooperative in this partnership during this Session."

Batinick: "Okay. They're... they're a proponent?"

Buckner: "They are."

Batinick: "Was there any opposition in committee?"

Buckner: "No, Sir."

Batinick: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking further recognition, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3096 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk. 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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Bourne, for what reason do you rise?"

Bourne: "A quick point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point, Leader."

Bourne: "Thank you. Since Charlie Meier is participating remotely, I'd like to introduce our 4-H guests this afternoon. They're

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up here in the gallery. As a proud 4-H alum, I'm always excited to welcome them to the Capitol as they talk about the benefits of 4-H and the projects that they're taking. Most of them are in leadership, which is totally unsurprising because 4-H teaches such great leadership to our young people. Please welcome them to their Capitol."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Andrade."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Speaker, I move that Representatives Conroy, Costa Howard, Cassidy be allowed to participate and cast their vote remotely."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Andrade has made a Motion that Representatives Conroy, Costa Howard, and Cassidy be allowed to participate and cast their votes remotely. This is a roll call vote. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 76 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no', 4 voting 'present'. And the Motion is adopted. And they shall be allowed to vote remotely. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Is Representative Cassidy present?"

Cassidy: "Cassidy is present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy is present. Is Representative Conroy present?"

Conroy: "Conroy is present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy is present. Is Representative Costa Howard present?"

Costa Howard: "Costa Howard, present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Costa Howard is present."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Going to page 8 of the Calendar, appears Senate Bills on Second Reading, appears Senate Bill 4028, Representative Stoneback. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4028, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Stoneback, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stoneback."

Stoneback: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to adopt House Floor Amendment 2 and debate the Bill on Third."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stoneback moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 4028. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4028, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stoneback."

Stoneback: "Thank you. I'm here today to present SB4028, as amended. The intent of the Bill is to improve children's access to mental health services. It has two components that work to improve mental health in our state. The first component focuses on the expansion of instruction on how and where to find mental health resources and specialized treatment. It provides that under the Comprehensive Health Education Program curriculum for elementary and secondary schools in the state are required to discuss how and where to access mental health resources. And the second is in regards

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to the Children's Mental Health Partnership and the creation of an adjunct council, a student mental health council that provides recommendations to the partnership about youth mental health. The Bill passed the Senate unanimously, and I'm happy to answer any questions. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Bourne."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Bourne: "Thank you. Representative, I know we talked about this in committee, but I want to share the questions for those on the floor who may have missed the committee debate. Could you let me know... I know that you adopted the Amendment. Could you turn to page 9 of the Bill, please? And I totally understand your intention of this Bill. We know that youth mental health is something that we need to address, but I have very specific concerns as it relates to page 9 of your Bill when we're talking about this partnership and the community-based organizations that you'll engage in them."

Stoneback: "Okay."

Bourne: "When we look at line 2 through 8, I have concerns about the legality of this. Have you gotten any legal opinions on whether or not this goes against anti-discrimination laws that we have in place?"

Stoneback: "Yes. We consulted with attorneys both in the House and Senate, and they're comfortable with the language. We added, as we discussed in committee, that there will be a fourth spot for a community-based organization that is at-large, opens it up to anyone with any ethnic criteria. So, they were both comfortable with it, and I'm sure..."

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Bourne: "They're comfortable with it or they're sure that it's legal?"

Stoneback: "It's... it's legal. That's my understanding."

Bourne: "Is there any precedent for this in law already?"

Stoneback: "Not sure."

Bourne: "Okay. So, my concern, I understand wanting the council to be diverse and to represent the diversity of the state, and certainly understand and respect the fact that there could be groups that need to be represented that might be more impacted by mental health issues. However, I have a major concern with putting in state statute... I think this is important for the Body to understand. I have a major concern with putting into state statute the fact that the leaders of the organizations on this shall be led by an LGBTQ identified person, a person of color, and a woman. If we were to reverse that, if there were any Republican in the country who introduced a Bill that said the organizations on this board must be led by white men, there would be an outrage the likes of which we have never seen. And yet, when you write it this way, you say it's legally okay. I want there to be diversity on this board, and I actually think that the next line I'm fine with, that the partnership shall reflect the racial, gender identification, sexual orientation, ability, socioeconomic, ethnic, and geographic diversity of this state. Totally agree with that. But our concerns in committee were the fact that it's so prescriptive in the line before that I think it gets in discriminatory language. And so, my question is, why... why be prescriptive and discriminatory when

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that next line, I think, covers the diversity request that we would all have?"

Stoneback: "So... we discuss many times here when Bills... about childhood trauma, adverse childhood experiences, or ACEs that are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. And they're linked to chronic health problems, mental illness, and there is actually a new study led by researchers of Vanderbilt University Medical Center that found that 83 percent of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer individuals reported going through adverse childhood experiences such as sexual and emotional trauma and worse mental health when they become adults. This study was just published in February. There are also studies that support that more females than males experience ACEs in their first 18 years of life and at... the same goes for racial discrimination. So, really, the intent of this Bill is to make sure that those voices are lifted on this adjunct council. The adjunct council is adjunct and also has children, which represent a wide diversity, and the council itself represents wide diversity. We just want to make sure that those voices are heard because they are impacted and have lived experiences that really are very important to capture when discussing their mental health. But I appreciate your question, absolutely."

Bourne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Bourne: "I don't at all question the intent. I think diversity on this board is important. And had you written it, the alternative that I pro... you know, said as a hypothetical, if you had said that it must be represented by all white men, I

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would equally be as disgusted by this legislation. Because we need to make sure that the right people are on this board and that they need to represent the youth that need the help most. But by being so prescriptive to say that these organizations shall be led by people who are... it's discriminating based on the language in the law. I appreciate the request for diversity. I echo the request for diversity. But the means by which we are doing, I think, is unprecedented in the law. I think it goes against our anti-discrimination laws. And I would ask the people in this Body to recognize the fact that we are putting something into law that if it were done the opposite way, you would say is an affront to the way that we have anti-discrimination laws in this state. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stoneback to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 4028 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'.
Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative
Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Costa Howard votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'."

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Speaker Hoffman: "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 'yes', 13 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 7 of the Calendar, appears Senate Bill 3180, Leader Gabel. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3180, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Gabel, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel on Floor Amendment #2."

Gabel: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 is a technical change to the underlying Bill. It moves the Bill language in the Unified Code of Corrections to the facility section. And it also clarifies how the Department of Corrections will maintain and report on the correspondence received from point of contact."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gabel moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 3180. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3180, a Bill for an act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel on Senate Bill 3180."

Gabel: "Thank you. This is a trailer Bill to the point of contact person that we passed last year. It's a good... it's a great Bill that we are... well, the point is that the point of contact

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person was implemented and then we found some issues with it. So, this trailer Bill is there to clean up some of the issues that we found with the point of contact person. Just the.. we need a little more clarity. We need some reporting so we're sure how this program is working."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3180 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'. Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Conroy votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Costa Howard votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "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 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading appears Senate Bill 3832, Representative Harper. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3832, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3832, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present Senate Bill 3832, which simply exempts unclaimed property sold by the Treasurer from sales tax. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3832 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'.
Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Costa Howard votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 5 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, appears Senate Bill 3847, Representative Harper. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3847, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present Senate Bill 3847. This Bill makes a technical change to the Loan Guarantee Program that was passed into law in January of 2021. This is the Senate version of a House Bill, 5052, that this chamber passed on March 1. Basically, what we're doing to the Loan Guarantee Program is providing a streamlined option for administering the program by allowing the Treasurer to establish one or more loan guarantee accounts with a single financial institution. And it also clarifies that the Treasurer may withdraw funds from the loan guarantee account in the event an institution fails to comply with the program. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Batinick."

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

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

Batinick: "Representative, I just want to give a little bit of debate and give my time... my side time to look at the previous votes. It was House Bill 5052 that was similar to this Bill, correct?"

Harper: "Yes. The exact same Bill."

Batinick: "So, House Bill 5052, which I see passed 72 to 36, correct?"

Harper: "That is correct."

Batinick: "Okay. Do you remember what some of the... I'm missing some teammates right now. Do you remember what some of the opposition was back when we debated that previously? I had some questions of my own, but do you remember some of the opposition previously?"

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Harper: "I think that some of the confusion on the part of the Members was about whether or not there are racial disparities in lending."

Batinick: "Whether or not there's what? I don't..."

Harper: "Racial disparities in lending."

Batinick: "Okay. And how did you clarify that?"

Harper: "I would like to clarify that by saying that there are racial disparities in lending..."

Batinick: "Okay."

Harper: "...and that's why the Treasurer has this Loan Guarantee Program to help to get to some of that."

Batinick: "Okay. Yeah, I don't agree with you on that issue. I think some of the concern that I recall is how much of this is going to be set up by JCAR and rules as opposed to the Treasurer being able to determine what organizations get the guarantee and how much control does he have versus the Joint Commission on the Administrative Rules?"

Harper: "I am not sure."

Batinick: "Okay. I think that's an important question. To the Bill. I mean..."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Batinick: "...it was 72-36, you certainly have enough cushion on it to pass it this time. But I would recommend that my side looks at House Bill 5052 and keeps their vote the same. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Keicher."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Keicher: "All right. Thank you, Representative Harper. You and I had a little bit of a discussion on this. I know Treasurer's

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Office was there helping you out a little bit on the prior discussion that we had on this. And some of the concerns that we raised were valid concerns about expanding scope of the Treasurer's Office outside of what he's supposed to do, putting money at risk at behalf of the Illinois taxpayers, and the underwriting process and premiums and how well we're leveraged on that. Do you recall some of those conversations?"

Harper: "Vaguely."

Keicher: "Vaguely. I love it. All right. So, my first and most important question is, this seems to stand in the place of the Community Reinvestment Act at the federal level that's currently being visited by the Comptroller of the Currency and the fed, can you tell me how this interrelates or stands at odds with that existing program?"

Harper: "Sure. So, despite more than 40 years of the Community Reinvestment Act, racial discrimination continues in the financial industry. Federal regulators are working to modernize the CRA, both to address changes and banking operations, including new technologies as well as to make it more effective in ending discrimination. So, this program compliments the work of the CRA. It provides a tool for banks and borrowers alike to increase access to capital in communities that have been overlooked and actively discriminated against, whether for their race, ethnicity, or income level."

Keicher: "Okay. So, I appreciate that. And I agree with you, the CRA has not met up to its mission, which is exactly why the Biden administration has asked that the Comptroller of the Currency and the fed come together to rewrite and evaluate

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these rules. So, tell me how this Treasurer's program is going to be different than the process and protocols that are already in place."

Harper: "For this Bill, we're just trying to make sure that this program is workable."

Keicher: "Okay. So, and that's part of the other problem, is the Treasurer's Office also indicated that they were not going to take ownership of this because they weren't doing the underwriting. Do you remember that part of the discussion, Representative?"

Harper: "No, I do not."

Keicher: "Okay. So, when we had the initial discussion with the Treasurer's Office, one of my top concerns is that we're putting at risk the money that the Treasurer is supposed to hold on behalf of Illinois taxpayer. So, right now, what he's doing is, he's saying, I'm going to take some of this money, I'm going to put it at risk in very high-risk investments that I'm allowing a bank to go ahead and decide on the underwriting for. How comfortable do you feel trusting banking institutions out there to put the Illinois taxpayer on the hook for this investment?"

Harper: "Comfortable."

Keicher: "Treasurer. How comfortable do you feel allowing the Treasurer's Office to trust banking institutions to do the right thing to satisfy what you're saying you want to satisfy? Because I've heard a lot of distrust in that process."

Harper: "I have faith in the Treasurer's Office to administer the CRA."

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Keicher: "Okay. And the Treasurer's Office said that they would not be doing any independent underwriting, that this protocol would be in place and they would backstop the banker's decision on who to lend to."

Harper: "All I know is what's in the Bill, and this Bill is making sure that the Treasurer is able to administer this program."

Keicher: "Okay. Do you remember the premium that we talked about that the banking institutions would pay as an assessment in order to participate in this program?"

Harper: "No."

Keicher: "Okay. So, the Treasurer's Office said that the premium that would be paid, that they would match for this program, would be up to five percent of the loan. Okay? So, let's imagine a scenario where we have a stand-alone banking institution that the Treasurer has committed to backstop. We have 10 loans of \$100 thousand a piece totaling a million dollars of exposure on behalf of the bank. Okay? We bring in \$5 thousand for each of those loans to backstop it, so we have \$50 thousand. One of those \$100 thousand loans collapses. The Treasurer has guaranteed the note. The taxpayers of the State of Illinois are on the hook for \$50 thousand of exposure. Now, I find the program worthy and I'm very excited about what the CRA is happening at the federal level. But do you think it's worth us trusting that the Treasurer's Office is going to find these loans fine without doing the underwriting themselves as being a good fiduciary steward of the taxpayer dollars?"

Harper: "Yes. I trust the Treasurer, and I trust the CRA."

Keicher: "Okay. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Keicher: "Sorry to get you back up. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, I think this is a very important thing that we need to decide as a Body right here. The Treasurer's Office is expanding the scope of their office, putting our taxpayer funds at risk by going into programs that are arguably already preempted by federal discussions that are ongoing. I think we take a good and judicious look at this once the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the fed has finished their work. Because part of that work that's being undertaken at the direction of the Biden administration is to find how we repair these disparities and actually help our black and brown communities recover and have access to capital to be successful in this country. I strongly encourage a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you. The Chair would like to welcome to the House Floor the Treasurer of the State of Illinois, Mr. Michael Frerichs. Seeing no one seeking further recognition, Representative Harper to close."

Harper: "I just want to say, this Loan Guarantee Program will not solve all of these issues on its own, but this program will make a difference by increasing capital for borrowers in low-income communities and communities of color. So, I am proud that the Loan Guarantee Program is actually making the market freer. The Treasurer's Office is working hard to launch this program to increase access to capital to low-income communities and communities of colors throughout the State of Illinois. This Bill merely makes technical changes to an existing statute that we passed in January of 2021. There is no opposition to this Bill. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3847 pass?'
All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed 'nay'.
The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'.
Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Conroy votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative
Costa Howard. Representative Costa Howard."

Speaker Hoffman: "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 'yes', 41 voting
'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a
Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to
page 7 of the Calendar, on Senate Bills-Second Reading,
appears Senate Bill 3889, Leader Manley. Leader Manley. Mr.
Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3889, a Bill for an Act concerning
health. The Bill was read a second time previously. No
Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 5 and 6 have been
approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #5 is offered by
Representative Manley."

Manley: "I had to ask him to get out of the way."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Manley on Floor Amendment #5."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to adopt House Floor
Amendment 5 and 6 and discuss it once those are adopted,
please. 5 is technical changes to House Committee Amendment
3."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Manley moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #5 to Senate Bill 3889. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #6, offered by Representative Manley, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Manley."

Manley: "I want to adopt the Amendment. Basically, these Amendments are just adding stakeholders that wanted to be part of this effort, and it seems to be a very popular thing and a good issue for people to be involved on. And I wanted to be as inclusive as I could, so I kept adding people."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Manley moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #6 to Senate Bill 3889. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3889, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Manley."

Manley: "Senate Bill 3889, in its entirety now with the Amendments, speaks to the Children's Mental Health Partnership Act of 2003. What we've done is we've decided we're going to modernize it and update it. First of all, it provides funding for children's mental health prevention, early intervention and treatment. There's a whole list of things that the committee's going to do. Most importantly, we are bringing together people that are around this issue. The

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partnership is currently comprised of individuals representing various state agencies, Legislators, child focus and health organizations, practitioners, school and others, and we've added statewide Association of Pediatricians and community-based mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment providers. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Batinick."

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

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

Batinick: "Representative, I see you have six Amendments along the way. You adopted 5 and 6. That's correct?"

Manley: "Correct."

Batinick: "Okay. Just in my notes... I just had a note here, we were up on the Bill, but it needed an Amendment. So, everything's all good with the Bill now, ready to go?"

Manley: "Yes. I am very inclusive. Anybody that wants to join in my efforts, I let them join. And I was going for the record for the most Amendments ever on a Bill."

Batinick: "I remember a ComEd Bill a few years back that had a few more Amendments, but thank you for that."

Manley: "Yes. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Manley to close."

Manley: "Please vote 'yes'. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3889 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'.
Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Conroy votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative
Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Costa Howard votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "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 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting
'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a
Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr.
Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "The Executive Committee will be meeting in Room
114 and Virtual Room 1. The Executive Committee will be
meeting in Room 114 and Virtual Room 1."

Speaker Hoffman: "Members, the Executive Committee will be meeting
at 2 p.m. The House will stand in recess to the call of the
Chair."

Speaker Manley: "On page 14 of the Calendar, under Order of
Resolutions, we find HJR83. Leader Hoffman. One moment,
please. Leader Hoffman, HJR83."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Speaker... thank you, Speaker, Ladies and
Gentlemen of the House. Obviously, I wouldn't be calling this
if I thought there was opposition. This would ask that the
Department of Natural Resources do a study on what would be
called the Abraham Lincoln Golf Trail. Other states have
linked their courses into a trail, such as the Robert Trent
Jones Trail that was done in Alabama. Iowa has done similar,

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and Ohio. And we would ask them to do this study to allow for electronic tee times, allow for housing to be linked in together. And I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Manley: "So, you want to link the links."

Hoffman: "Exactly. That was..."

Speaker Manley: "All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'.

In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On page 15, HR763, Representative Mason. Out of the record. On page 14, HJR84, Representative Haas. Mr. Clerk. Representative Haas."

Haas: "Thank you, Speaker. House Joint Resolution 84 designates the section of Illinois Route 50 from intersection of North Greenwood and Fair Street to North Hobbie and Brookmont Street as 'Trooper Glenn Gagnon Memorial Highway'. Trooper Glenn Gagnon was killed in an automobile accident while pursuing a car that had passed his patrol car at 80 miles per hour on Route 54 near Kankakee. As Trooper Gagnon and his partner attempted to overtake the vehicle, they crossed into the inside lane. As they rounded the curve, an oncoming car forced the patrol car to swerve to the other lane and lose control. The car struck a tree and both Troopers were thrown from the vehicle. Trooper Gagnon was killed upon impact with the ground. His partner was injured but recovered. His end of watch was Sunday, December 28, 1952. Trooper Gagnon was born in Clifton, Illinois on October 14, 1924 to Mr. & Mrs. David Gagnon. He attended Clifton School District and graduated from Clifton High School. He served in the United States Navy in World War II. Trooper Gagnon served in the Illinois State Police for six years and was assigned to District 6. Trooper

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Gagnon was survived by his wife, parents, and one sister.
Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Haas moves for the adoption of
House Joint Resolution 84. All those in favor vote 'aye';
opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Cassidy votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'.
Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Conroy votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative
Costa Howard."

Speaker Manley: "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 15 voting in 'favor', 0 voting
'opposed', and 0... sorry, 115 voting in 'favor', 0 voting
'opposed', and 0 voting 'present'. This Resolution, having
received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House
Joint Resolution 81, Representative Harper. Representative
Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm pleased to present House
Joint Resolution 81, which creates the Heirs' Property Study
Task Force to examine the current and perspective methods to
address heirs' property issues in the State of Illinois. I
encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Harper moves for the adoption of
House Resolution... House Joint Resolution 81. All those in
favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting is open.
Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'.
Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative
Costa Howard."

Speaker Manley: "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 in 'favor', 0 voting
'opposed', and 0 voting 'present'. This Resolution, having
received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. Leader
Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Two quick things. Could the
record reflect that Representative Ozinga is excused for the
rest of the day? And I did want to let the Body know that I
did start relabeling the numbering the rooms on the first
floor. However, I'm only halfway done. So, it might be a
little confusing for now 'cause we had to come back to the
floor. So, if there's a break, I will complete them during
the next break."

Speaker Manley: "My guess is you'll have plenty of time."

Batinick: "Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Manley: "Continue on your mission. And the record will
reflect Representative Ozinga's excused absence. House Joint
Resolution 86, Representative Windhorst. Representative
Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Joint Resolution 86
designates Illinois Route 34 within the city limits of

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Harrisburg, Illinois as the 'Trooper Sutton and Chief Law Memorial Highway'. In June of 1932, Trooper James Grady Sutton and Chief Daniel Law of the Harrisburg Police Department were shot and killed during an arrest. As Trooper Sutton and Chief Law were escorting three suspects in a stolen car to jail, the violators drew weapons and opened fire on the officers. The officers stopped the vehicle at Poplar and Vine Streets, directing the driver to City Hall for further questioning. Trooper Sutton stood on the left running board and Chief Law on the right running board of the vehicle as the vehicle approached City Hall. The driver accelerated, and the men in the car drew weapons, killing both officers. Trooper Sutton was struck in the chest and fell to the street near City Hall, before being shot in the head and body. Chief Law was able to cling to the vehicle for four blocks, exchanging gunfire with the suspects and killing one of them until he was finally dropped from the vehicle. Trooper Sutton died from his wounds following emergency surgery shortly after midnight. The suspect killed by Chief Law was found in the abandoned vehicle 10 miles north of Harrisburg. The other two fugitives were later captured in the State of Virginia and returned to Illinois for trial, where they received life sentences. Trooper Sutton and Chief Law were buried in adjoining plots in Sunset Lawn Cemetery in Harrisburg. Trooper Sutton was a three-year veteran of the Illinois State Police and was survived by his wife. The service and sacrifice of Trooper Sutton and Chief Law to the people of Illinois should never be forgotten, and we ask that this Resolution be adopted."

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Speaker Manley: "Representative Windhorst moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 86. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'. Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative Costa Howard."

Speaker Manley: "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 in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present'. This Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Resolution 692, Representative Hamilton. Representative Hamilton."

Hamilton: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Resolution 692 declares April 5, 2022 as Gold Star Spouses Day. As most of you know, the Gold Star Mission is a nonprofit organization that honors and supports Gold Star Families by preserving the memory of our fallen heroes through service to others in need. Members conduct many events to raise both awareness of the service and sacrifices of our fallen service members. The origins of the Gold Star organization dates back to 1936. In 1947, the Gold Star Lapel Button was approved by the U.S. Congress, and the pin is a gold star on a purple background. It represents service members... it represents service members who died in combat, and it is presented to the spouse or next of kin.

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This was brought to me by a constituent who is retired from the U.S. Army and the Illinois Army National Guard. I ask we express our gratitude to Illinois Gold Star spouses for the sacrifices they have made on behalf of our nation. And please join me in declaring April 5, 2022 Gold Star Spouses Day."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Hamilton moves for the adoption of House Resolution 692. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'. Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative Costa Howard."

Speaker Manley: "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 in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present'. This Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Resolution 743, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. As with the previous Resolution, House Resolution 743 declares March 29 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day, and I ask all in the Body for their support."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of House Resolution 743. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed

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say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Leader Hoffman in the Chair." Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hoffman in the Chair. On page 15 of the Calendar appears House Resolution 760, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity. We've done this Resolution in the past. This is looking at post-traumatic stress as an injury instead of a disorder, and it recognizes June 27, 2022 as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, Representative Kifowit moves that House Resolution 760 be adopted. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. On page 16 of the Calendar appears House Resolution 771, Representative Didech. Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 771 declares June 29, 2022 as OMNI Youth Services Day. OMNI is an organization that provides mental health and counseling services to the community in the Buffalo Grove, Wheeling, and Arlington Heights area. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, House... Representative Didech moves for the adoption of House Resolution 771. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On page 15 of the

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Calendar appears House Resolution 754, Leader Demmer. Leader Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 754 declares next week, April 11 through 15, 2022, as Prescribed Burning Awareness Week. Prescribed burns are part of the ecology of Illinois. They are a controlled fire that help ensure that Illinois' famous prairie lands can be returned to their natural state. I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, Leader Demmer moves for the adoption of House Resolution 754. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Moving to page 14 of the Calendar, appears House Resolution 704, Representative Conroy. Representative Mason shall handle House Resolution 704 for Representative Conroy. Representative Mason. Representative Mason."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 704 declares the month of March 2022 as Rare Kidney Disease Awareness Month in Illinois. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason moves for the adoption of House Resolution 704. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Again, on page 14 of the Calendar appears House Resolution 705, Representative Mason for Representative Conroy. Representative Mason."

Mason: "Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 705 declares the week of May 1, 2022 as Tardive Dyskinesia Week... Awareness Week and..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 705."

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Mason: "...and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason moves for the adoption of House Resolution 705. Seeing no one seeking recognition, Representative Mason moves for its adoption. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment (sic-Resolution) is adopted. Moving to Orders of Resolution. On page 13 of the Calendar appears House Joint Resolution 59, Representative Halbrook. Representative Halbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Joint Resolution 59 designates a piece of Illinois Route 36 as it travels through Newman in Eastern Douglas County as 'Earl Riggins Memorial Highway'. Just a few things here about Earl Riggins, was born in Champaign back in 1924, graduated from Champaign High School in '42, enlisted in the U.S. Marines. He served abroad on the U.S.S. Indianapolis, which was torpedoed and sank while out to sea in July 30, 1945. Earl Riggins survived for four nights... I'm sorry... five nights and four days in shark infested waters off the South Pacific. He was one of 317 survivors out of a crew of 1197. He was an active Member of the U.S.S. Indianapolis Survivor Organization and participated in many reunions and numerous events to tell this 'Indy' story. He's also active in the American Legion in Newman and the VFW in Oakland, where he developed special bonds with many members in all those different groups. Earl Riggins passed away on February 23, 2011. At the time of his passing, Earl Riggins was survived by his wife, Dorothy, and his children, Steve Riggins and Judy Riggins Whalen, three grandchildren, two great-

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grandchildren, and his brother, Richard Riggins. Again, HJR59 designates a section of Illinois Route 36 in Newman in Douglas County as 'Earl Riggins Memorial Highway'."

Speaker Hoffman: "This will be a recorded roll call. Representative Halbrook moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 59. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'. Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this Motion, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. Moving to page 14 of the Calendar, Representative Halbrook has House Resolution 740. Representative Halbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 74 (sic-740) just simply urges the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to examine transportation restrictions in the United States to insist.. to assist in the eliminating of supply chain shortages. I ask for a favorable passage."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, Representative Halbrook moves for the adoption of House Resolution 740. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. The Resolution is adopted. I apologize. Thank you. Moving to the Order of House Bills-Second Reading. On page 3 of the Calendar appears House Bill 1172, Representative Stuart. Out of the record. On page 4 of the Calendar appears House Bill 1688, Leader Hernandez. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1688, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Lisa Hernandez, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hernandez."

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you, Speaker. So... so, House Floor Amendment 1 is agreed language between the ALC Schools and the Illinois Secretary of State. This legislation establishes two classes of school bus driver permits to conform the Vehicle Code to the way in which the Secretary of State has been processing school bus driver permit applications, by establishing a separate permit for first division vehicles and second division vehicles. The intent of this legislation is to help shorten the overall turnaround time to process applications for school bus driver permits in the first division and second division vehicles, giving school districts more flexibility while upholding existing safety and protocols for all

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drivers. I know of no opposition and kindly ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hernandez moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1688. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1688, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hernandez on House Bill 1688."

Hernandez, L.: "Yes, I explained the Amendment, which is the Bill. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Batinick on House Bill 1688."

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

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

Batinick: "Representative, I think some of us were still... you're on Second, I know you explained it, but can you do another brief intro on what the Bill does on Third?"

Hernandez, L.: "So, it... what it essentially does is the legislation will establish two classes of school bus driver permits to conform the Vehicle Code to the way in which the Secretary of State has been processing school bus driver permit applications. And that is... they have established a separate permit for the first division, which are those vehicles that are like minivans, Suburbans. It's essentially for 10 people and under. And then the second division are the school buses, you know, the yellow big buses, which is more than 10 folks. So, the intent of this... the legislation is to

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help shorten the overall turnaround time to process applications for the bus drivers in those two divisions."

Batinick: "Got it. Did we change the age for either one? Our analysis says, 'be of age 21 or older.' Was it 25 previously, or are we keeping that flat?"

Hernandez, L.: "It was always 21."

Batinick: "And then this might be a little bit dated. It said the Secretary of State and the Illinois Association of School Boards are neutral and currently waiting position from the Regional Superintendents of Schools. Have you heard back from any of those folks?"

Hernandez, L.: "As a matter of fact, yes. Talked to the folks from the ROE and... they're the ones, actually, that conduct the training, and they're working in collaboration with ISBE to get this done."

Batinick: "Excellent. Any opposition in committee?"

Hernandez, L.: "Pardon me?"

Batinick: "Was there any opposition in committee?"

Hernandez, L.: "No opposition."

Batinick: "All right. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Brady."

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

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

Brady: "Representative Hernandez, just a quick question. What's the financial impact, the cost? Do you know?"

Hernandez, L.: "Interestingly, after speaking with the ROEs, it sounds like there is a benefit to the cost. If they put the curriculum together, they are able to actually pull people...

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as they were explaining, there is a possibility that there'll be some savings actually."

Brady: "So, it's not as if there's an individual cost of the permit itself, correct?"

Hernandez, L.: "No."

Brady: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking further recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1688 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Cassidy votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'. Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Conroy votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Costa Howard votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "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 'yes' 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 3 of the Calendar appears House Bill 1463, Representative Scherer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1463, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read a second time previously. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Scherer, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer on Floor Amendment #1."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1463 is an insurance Bill. And what it does is it provides for network adequacy and removes transparency. It was an initiative of the Department of Insurance. I'd be happy to answer any questions and appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1463. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments, but a state mandates note has been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "I move to make that unapplicable."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer has moved to make the state mandates note inapplicable. On that question, Representative Friess."

Friess: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

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

Friess: "Representative, what prompted this legislation?"

Scherer: "There have been many issues in my district regarding conflicts with insurance companies. And I have had multiple constituents come to me, as I know so have many of my fellow Representatives on the Republican side. And so, we're trying to make it so that when people pay a premium, they get their insurance covered."

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Friess: "We'll wait till Thirds."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I jumped the gun with my colleague here a little bit. We were just want... we'll want a roll call on the notes. That's all, but we definitely think they apply."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer has moved that the state mandates note to House Bill 1463 be ruled inapplicable. This is a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, please open the roll. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy. Representative Conroy."

Cassidy: "Sorry. Sorry, I... yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'. Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative Costa Howard. Representative Costa Howard."

Speaker Hoffman: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? On this Motion, there are 65 voting 'yes', 43 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the state mandates note shall be ruled inapplicable. Any further notes, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1463, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of the House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: Representative Scherer on House Bill 1463."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said earlier, this Bill... the main gist of it is to provide network adequacy to get rid

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of ghost networks and transparency. It was an initiative of the Department of Insurance. Happy to answer any questions and appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Chairman Jones."

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

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

Jones: "Representative, this Bill has gone through a couple of iterations. Can you explain the genesis of this Bill?"

Scherer: "Yes, what it does is it codifies into law what the Department of Insurance is and should be doing. And right now it's very gray, and this will make it very clear."

Jones: "What is your legislative intent behind this Bill?"

Scherer: "So, my legislative intent... and thank you for asking that question. I want to be very clear about it. While this Bill has an immediate effective date, the Department of Insurance will work with insurance companies in a collaborative fashion to ensure the implementation of the Bill."

Jones: "And, Representative, Illinois Life and Health Insurance is against this Bill. The IHIP is against this Bill. Illinois Chamber of Commerce is against this Bill. Illinois Manufacturers' Association is against this Bill. Have you worked to remove their opposition on this Bill?"

Scherer: "Yes, I have. I've had a subject matter hearing on it. I also had a committee hearing. I've also called every single person who ever called me. Some called me back, some did not. And I also offered a stakeholder's meeting, at which we invited everyone to the table that was interested. Some showed

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up, some did not. Actually, two insurance companies showed up."

Jones: "Let's talk about that subject matter hearing that started this Bill. So, this Bill didn't come through an Insurance Committee. Can you explain why it didn't go to an Insurance Committee?"

Scherer: "Yes, I can. Because the Bill was brought to me by the Department of Insurance. And I understand that something happened, that when I asked you to have it as a subject matter hearing in the Insurance Committee, it had to be canceled. And then I never heard anything more about it being rescheduled. So, it was moved to State Government because the Department of Insurance actually wrote the Bill and brought it to me as their initiative and State Government oversees the Department of Insurance. So, I felt it was very appropriate. It could have gone either way."

Jones: "So, you were truthful at all the times with everyone involved why the subject matter got canceled, correct? All your actions were truthful when you did that and had the Bill removed, the subject matter hearing removed from Insurance? And you were truthful when you had this Bill moved to the State Government Committee, even though it's an insurance Bill?"

Scherer: "Yes, I was truthful. And I just explained why, and it can go either way."

Jones: "Okay. So, Representative, can you explain how many network adequacies has the Department of Insurance done in the last five years? Do you know that answer?"

Scherer: "I don't know. I can get back with you."

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Jones: "It goes to the genesis of your Bills. You're claiming that the issue that you presented to this Body dealt with a issue in your community. Can you tell me the amount of times the Department of Insurance has gone through an adequacy review? In the last five years?"

Scherer: "At least one. We just checked with the Department of Insurance, and they said at least one."

Jones: "Can you tell me..."

Scherer: "But see that's private, and we're not allowed to... that's part of... thank you for asking that because that's part of what's going on in this Bill, is that right now... I went to the Department of Insurance and said, 'There are issues between Blue Cross Blue Shield and Springfield Clinic. Are you doing an investigation?' And in my three-plus hour meeting with them, they said, 'By law right now, we can't even tell you if we're investigating them or not.' And so, I'm like, well, that is totally not fair to my constituents because I can't even go back home and tell them if you're investigating. So, that's one thing that this new Bill will do. It will give us, in the General Assembly, the authority to ask the Governor's Office if they are investigating. And now, we get to have an answer."

Jones: "So, let me get this straight. The Governor's own department can't tell you when they're investigating and can't tell you and give you numbers that you're claiming that you're not getting from the Department of Insurance. So, you filed this Bill..."

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Scherer: "That is correct. While the investigation is ongoing, it is against the law for them to tell us. Now, in the new Bill, they will be able to tell us. Now, I might add that..."

Jones: "So, Representative..."

Scherer: "...there's no confidentiality being released."

Jones: "...so, Representative, if it's against the law to tell them, then why are you seeking that authority in this Bill?"

Scherer: "Because Blue Cross Blue Shield got fined almost \$400 thousand because they did settle that issue in the midst of everything that's been going on with this subject matter hearing. That's something good that came out of this, was that they did get fined \$400 thousand, almost. It was less than that, and they did pay it. They also fired their president. They also have, just today, sent a letter from Springfield Clinic to all of our constituents, 110 thousand people, saying that you might be entitled to a premium reimbursement because you have paid for premiums and you did not get your service."

Jones: "You know, Representative... can you stop the long answers, Representative? I'm trying to get to the root of this because I asked you in the beginning if you were truthful in presenting this Bill, and I asked about stakeholders invited to the meeting, and I just got four responses. And the one from the IMA, that they were never invited to a meeting to discuss how this Bill does not even provide a solution to what you're asking this Body to do. And you're asking this Body to pass a transparency Bill and allowing the Governor to have emergency rulemaking authority, and you never invited the four stakeholders that you claim on this floor to the

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meeting. So, were you... did you invite the IMA? Did you invite the Life Insurance Council? And this affects them. So, for the record, did you invite them to the meeting that you claimed you did earlier?"

Scherer: "Okay. The Life Insurance Council was invited and they did attend. And I would assume that anyone who would file in opposition to a Bill would pay attention in the committee. And in the committee, our Chairman Kifowit invited all stakeholders to the meeting, and I agreed very clearly to the stakeholders meeting. We spent a lot of time trying to get it arranged so that people would show up. And if any of those people called me, I would have called them back. Not one person called me that I did not return their call and that is the God's honest truth."

Jones: "Well, Representative, it's hard... you claim that this issue started in your district. Can you tell me how many times the Department of Insurance has issued and levied fines in the last five years and what those companies that they levied fines against?"

Scherer: "They levied a fine against Blue Cross Blue Shield for network adequacy that they said was not a major change. It was a major change. You and I discussed that, Mr. Chairman, and that's why they got the fine. And they paid the fine."

Jones: "So, has Blue Cross Blue Shield the only company that's been levy-fined against? So, you're calling for the Department..."

Scherer: "For network adequacy, which is exactly why we need this Bill. We need this Bill because right now it's very gray. Right now, in some areas, it'll just say that you can fine

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them whatever you want. And we don't know what kind of Governor... we see what we've been through in the past and what we're going through in the future. We don't know what these Governors are going to do. This Bill... and I'm sure you would support this too, Chairman Jones. It spells it out very clearly. You do this, this happens. Instead of this gray of, well, you can do whatever you want. I'm a teacher. When I taught, those students knew on the first day..."

Jones: "Representative."

Scherer: "...you do this, that happens."

Jones: "This Bill is not about teaching, it's about insurance. So..."

Scherer: "I'm trying to teach the people here what's going on."

Jones: "...so, circling you back to the insurance issue, Representative. I asked you, just on the last question, about how many times the Department of Insurance has levied fines. And you just mentioned Blue Cross Blue Shield. In the last five years, the Department of Insurance has done its job. This Bill is not only overkill, but this Bill doesn't solve the problem that you're seeking to resolve, Representative. And, Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Jones: "We are all down here as Committee Chairmans, and we're down here for a reason. The Representative presented a set of facts that were not truthful, that had this matter taken out of the Insurance Committee, and had this matter sent to a committee, State Government Committee, that did not even vet the Bill and bring all of the stakeholders together. This is going to have an impact, not only on the insurance industry,

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but's it's requiring the Department of Insurance, if you look in the fiscal note, it's going to cost \$836 thousand. That fiscal note was just ruled inapplicable, and it applies to this Bill that was passed. It's a shame that we're doing this at this point, where we're talking about insurance and how important it is to the lives. If the Representative's true intent is to save lives, she would take this Bill out of the record, work with the stakeholders, and make sure that we have a better Bill. I would ask that Members really look at your conscience. This Bill was taken out of the Insurance Committee and not vetted properly. Not all of the stakeholders were brought to the table with this. And I would definitely ask the Members to vote 'no' on this Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Demmer."

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

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

Demmer: "Representative Scherer, thanks for the answers to the questions so far. I have one question about... I worked on the Network Advocacy and Transparency Act a few years back when we passed it. I have been dismayed over the last few years to learn that there have not been any rules filed for the implementation of that Act. But in light of recent circumstances, the administration, through the Department of Insurance, has filed rules on the Network Adequacy Transparency Act. How does this Bill interact with those rules that are currently pending before JCAR?"

Scherer: "That's supplemental to this."

Demmer: "I'm sorry?"

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Scherer: "We said that we wanted... in the stakeholders meeting, this was discussed. And I do feel in my heart of hearts that because we started calling for the subject matter hearing, I said to the Department of Insurance, 'You've had five years to get the rules written. When are we going to get them?' And they said they're coming out on April 1, and they came out on March 31."

Demmer: "No, agreed. And in the last JCAR meeting, several Members of JCAR, including me, pushed the Department for offering those rules. My question is not about your heart of hearts. It's about how does this actual legislation interact with the rules that have been filed by the Department of Insurance."

Scherer: "They work hand in hand. One compliments the other."

Demmer: "How so? How so?"

Scherer: "They don't offset each other. They work together. The rules help explain what's going on, and the Bill codifies those gray areas into law."

Demmer: "So, working hand in hand... let me ask, though. This Bill that we're looking at today is not law. They cannot put rules out that don't comply with existing law. So, they've written rules to comply with the existing Network Adequacy and Transparency Act. How does this Bill change or modify or expand or limit those rules?"

Scherer: "The rules implement what's in place now, and then the new Bill will expand on... from this point going forward. So, in a way, one is retrospective and one is prospective."

Demmer: "Well, one's not retrospective. The rules that have been filed are currently pending before JCAR. They've not been... there's been no review by JCAR yet. They're out for public

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comment. We're going through an established and public and transparent rulemaking process. This Bill would make a pretty significant change to rules that have not yet even been implemented. Isn't that correct?"

Scherer: "I'll give you the... if you want to consider it not retrospective, that's fine. I mean..."

Demmer: "Well, it's not retro... they have not taken effect yet."

Scherer: "...Leader Harris put this Bill into law in 2017, and they had a lot of time to do the rules. And I'm not happy that the rules weren't done."

Demmer: "I agree with you on that, but the rules are currently..."

Scherer: "So, I'll agree on the... so, we'll call it current."

Demmer: "...the rules have been offered... the rules have been offered and not yet taken effect."

Scherer: "So, we'll call that current."

Demmer: "That's right. So, that's the current. So, my ask... my question is, in the current application, how does this Bill change, modify, make unnecessary, whatever, the rules that are currently before JCAR for review?"

Scherer: "It builds on the rules that are in JCAR review right now."

Demmer: "How so?"

Scherer: "I don't know how many more times I can say it."

Demmer: "How so, though?"

Scherer: "We're trying to spell it out and codify it in law, not just put it in rules. We have people dying, and that's the elephant in the living room that nobody talks about."

Demmer: "I think people talk about that."

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Scherer: "Well, I know somebody right now dying of cancer, and I haven't heard one person on this floor say that they give two hoots about someone who's dying of cancer or a woman that's pregnant that doesn't have a doctor. And it's time we mention the elephant in the living room."

Demmer: "Yeah, Representative... Representative Scherer, I think it's a pretty long stretch to suggest that when we're asking about how rulemaking and legislation interact, that that somehow discounts a person who's dying of cancer. That is an unfair accusation and one that I think is beneath the dignity of this House. Let me pivot, though, to ask you about... as we go through this established public and transparent rulemaking process, your Bill also allows for the application of emergency rules, meaning rules that take effect immediately before any public review."

Scherer: "Yes, I can answer that."

Demmer: "Okay. So, my question on the emergency rules is, does the provision allowing for emergency rules to implement this Act sunset, or is it permanent and ongoing?"

Scherer: "Let me read the explanation and maybe that will make sense to you. It creates the authority for the Department of Insurance to adopt emergency rulemaking to update time, distance, network adequacy standards, if necessary. And here's the key words, 'based on updated federal guidelines'. So, what we're trying to do is, if the Federal Government changes the guidelines, then we are allowing emergency rulemaking on... just on that from the Governor so that the two pieces match, so there's no conflict in understanding this."

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Demmer: "Forever, though. There's no expiration to the emergency rulemaking authority?"

Scherer: "We wouldn't want that because we don't know when the Federal Government is going to change. It's only when the Federal Government changes."

Demmer: "But we're talking about emergency rules that take effect immediately without any public review or public comment or input, and we're authorizing that to happen forever. Not just one time."

Scherer: "Only when the Federal Government changes the guidelines."

Demmer: "Emergency rulemaking authority is something that this Body should guard very closely and not allow agencies of the Executive Branch to make immediate... immediately effective emergency rules without any public input. We only authorize that in very limited circumstances, usually with time limitations, sometimes to enact a Bill on the initial enactment of it, and not forever. Emergency rulemaking authority is something I think this House should be very, very cautious about authorizing. The last thing I'll ask you before I wrap up is just to say, there are some items in here that require, for example, that directories be updated by insurance companies in a timely fashion. And I think that's a reasonable thing to ask for. We want to make sure that the information they're sharing is up to date and accurate so somebody knows that that's the case. The question, though, is that... insurance companies aren't the ones who are managing these employees. The providers that are part of a hospital or health care system may not update the insurance company in a

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timely fashion. What obligation is there on the provider... or what opportunity is there to go to the provider to require them to notify the insurance company in a timely fashion so they can comply with their requirements?"

Scherer: "I'm going to have somebody run over this fact sheet to you because you don't have it. So, I'll ask staff to run that over to you because most of these questions are answered on this, which some of your Members do have these fact sheets. So, in answer to your question, to update the provider network directory information is part of what this Bill does on both issuers and... I'll just read it straight out. 'Strengthen statutory requirements for both issuers and providers to provide updated network directory information.' This is something we learned in the subject matter hearing. The right hand didn't know what the left hand was doing. It's like nobody knew whose job it was to update the network."

Demmer: "This is the question I'm asking you. What happens..."

Scherer: "The job... this Bill... let me finish."

Demmer: "...what happens if a provider doesn't?"

Scherer: "This Bill will take care of that problem."

Demmer: "What happens if a provider does not provide updated information to an insurer?"

Scherer: "The Department of Insurance can enforce it. They have five days."

Demmer: "The Department of Insurance enforces it against a provider how? What authority does the Department of Insurance have over an M.D. in the State of Illinois?"

Scherer: "That's when they're allowed to implement the Network Adequacy Act, once this Bill becomes law."

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Demmer: "On the insurer."

Scherer: "Right now, it's just willy nilly."

Demmer: "No, on the insurer. My question is, if I'm a doctor and I change where I'm practicing, I change what my office hours are, I change the days that I'm available, whatever, I'm the doctor and I don't report that to the insurance company, what happens to me? What authority does the Department of Insurance have, not over an insurance company, but over the providers who are actually part of that network?"

Scherer: "At that point, the Department of Insurance would have the authority to work with IDFDR to enforce it."

Demmer: "Okay. So, what? I'm going to get my license revoked?"

Scherer: "The Bill doesn't say one way or the other."

Demmer: "Exactly. Exactly. The Bill doesn't have any..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader."

Demmer: "...real authority for enforcing that."

Scherer: "Well, if it doesn't say, then they don't have the authority to do it."

Demmer: "Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer. Representative Scherer. Representative Scherer. Leader."

Demmer: "To the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I think we're pointing out some of the real problems in this. We don't even have an implemented Network Adequacy Act yet, but we're finally, finally the Pritzker administration has decided to offer rules on this. We have an opportunity to go through the rulemaking process. We have public comment. We have agency

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responses. We come to a bipartisan understanding of how the law will be implemented. Should it have been implemented before? I think so. I called for that. I pushed DOI to issue these rules. We're talking about making major changes to an Act that hasn't even been enacted yet and has these major holes about how the enforcement of this... provisions actually take effect. Who's responsible? Where can we hold providers accountable? Where we can hold insurance companies accountable? This Bill is not appropriate given the current circumstances we have. Let's let the rulemaking process play out. Let's enforce it through the Network Adequacy Law that we already have on the books. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you. Representative Friess."

Friess: "To the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Friess: "I was in this subject matter hearing, and this obviously arise. Everybody knows this is a dispute between Springfield Clinic and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. This is a dispute between two private entities, that's it. It is very unfortunate that patients got caught up in this and they may have lost their OB-GYN or their cancer treatment or things of that nature, but that's what this stems from. This is a private contract dispute between two entities. Yes, insurance is maybe one of the most regulated industries in this state, but it still doesn't change the fact that this is simply a contract dispute and this is not the right way to go about this. Unfortunately, people got caught up in it. And having moved all over the United States when I was in the service, and God bless my wife, I drug her everywhere I went, we went

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from provider to provider. Okay? There are other providers out there. I think this is the wrong way to go about this, and I would encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Brady."

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

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

Brady: "Representative, to the previous speaker's point, are there ongoing negotiations that you're aware of between Blue Cross Blue Shield and Springfield Clinic?"

Scherer: "Yes and no. They... once the subject matter hearing came about, they did go to the table. I am not watching that. That's none of our business. I appreciate you asking the question because it's a very important question. I have been..."

Brady: "Most of mine are, but go ahead."

Scherer: "It's 'cause you're a good Rep."

Brady: "Yeah, right."

Scherer: "Okay. So, the problem is we have some insurance lobbyists that are going around to Members, not to me who's, you know, sponsoring the Bill, but to Members, and telling them that this is all about a private contract negotiation. And I am going to add another statement that is some more intent... legislative intent language. This is not about contract negotiations. I am not getting in the middle of Springfield Clinic and Blue Cross Blue Shield. This is not about contract negotiations. This Bill affects all insurance companies. And if you are an insurance company that is following the rules, honestly, this Bill doesn't even affect you. This is for the bad players who don't want to get caught with their hand in the candy jar. It's as simple as that. I

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will repeat. It is not about contract negotiations. I negotiated contracts for 20 years. I know that it is not the state's business to get in between contract negotiations. This Bill came about because there were problems with bad players. And that's what caused the subject matter hearing, but that's different than what this Bill does. This Bill codifies into law the gray areas."

Brady: "Thank you very much. Back to my original question. Representative, are you aware that there's ongoing negotiations between Blue Cross Blue Shield and Springfield Clinic?"

Scherer: "There have been ongoing, but they shut down and then they pick back up. As of this exact minute, I couldn't tell you if they're at the table or not."

Brady: "Okay."

Scherer: "But I know that they... they do on and off."

Brady: "So, do you think the most immediate relief for the people that you're trying to help that are caught in the middle of this, the most immediate resolution would be for Blue Cross Blue Shield and Springfield Clinic to come to some agreement or your Bill become law?"

Scherer: "This Bill that we're talking about on the House Floor right now is not about contract negotiations."

Brady: "Well, many may see that differently, Representative, but... to the Bill."

Scherer: "There's nothing in the Bill..."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Representative. Just simply, Ladies and Gentlemen, if this is the contract issue going on and

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there's negotiations going on, I know the Representative is well-intended here, but I don't see that being the most immediate relief to the people that are caught in the middle of this. I'll be voting 'no'. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Elik."

Elik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If this Bill receives adequate number of votes, I request verification."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Elik has requested a verification. Representative Scherer to close. I apologize. Representative Guzzardi."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Guzzardi: "Representative Scherer, so I was not able to attend this subject matter that you held... that was held recently, excuse me, the subject matter hearing on the particular issue. Can you explain to me how the manner that you're addressing in the substance of this Bill differs from the subject that was discussed in that hearing?"

Scherer: "Yes, and I appreciate the question and being able to answer it. The subject matter hearing addressed the issues that my constituents were going through. And from that, we discovered that there are lots of problems with what's going on in the Department of Insurance that need to be codified into law. So, from that, we came up with this Bill that will actually codify getting rid of the gray areas to help all of our constituents across the whole State of Illinois, not just the people that live here in Springfield and Decatur and Effingham and Peoria and Champaign and Mattoon."

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Guzzardi: "All right. And I think that's an important point to sort of zero in on a little bit 'cause some of the comments from the other side of the aisle seem to be suggesting that your Bill is some manner of special legislation or trying to sort of intervene in the particulars of a contract debate between two specific entities. Is it your representation that your Bill does that or that your Bill applies more generally?"

Scherer: "The Bill is completely a general Bill for all insurance companies. Never once is Springfield Clinic mentioned. Never once is Blue Cross mentioned. People are confused because they keep mixing them up."

Guzzardi: "I'm sorry. Who keeps mixing what up, Representative?"

Scherer: "Well, they keep mixing up the subject matter hearing with the actual Bill. And I never ever said that they were related. I don't... I don't know how that happened."

Guzzardi: "I appreciate that. No, I think it's an important clarification that this Bill isn't about the specifics of this one particular contract negotiation. And.. and, Representative, should this Bill pass, how will the insurance landscape change for customers in the State of Illinois?"

Scherer: "So, if this Bill passes, and I have on authority that the Governor will sign it into law, so then it'll go through the Senate. If this Bill passes, your constituents at home can go to bed tonight and know that you stood up for them, that you had the courage to stand up to insurance lobbyists. And we all know that's not a small thing. So, today you get a choice. See, you can either choose to be with the insurance companies or you can be with Cathy, who now has stage IV cancer, who can't get her insurance coverage, who they say

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they'll give her 80-20 and instead they pay 6 percent. And now she has to worry about that while she has cancer. You can also rest at ease that your pregnant moms can have a doctor."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. To the Bill. I appreciate the work that you've been putting in on this issue. As I said, I wasn't able to attend the hearing, but I know that specific issue was aired in some depth. But I appreciate that you were able to step back from the specifics of that issue and generalize to a solution that will help people across the State of Illinois. Thank you for your hard work on this issue, Representative. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Keith Sommer is excused for the rest of the night."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Elik, I think I had... you had asked for a verification, but I think you may've wanted to speak to the Bill as well. I apologize."

Elik: "Yes, thank you. Besides verification, I did have a couple of questions for the Sponsor. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Elik: "Thank you so much. Okay, Rep. Scherer, could you please review why did the Department of Insurance bring you this Bill and this language?"

Scherer: "Why did the Department of Insurance contact me?"

Elik: "Yes."

Scherer: "Because there was this ongoing conflict with Blue Cross Blue Shield and Springfield Clinic. And so, the Governor's Office said there are a lot of issues going on in the

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Department of Insurance that need to be cleared up and codified into law."

Elik: "Okay. So... so, are you saying that the Department of Insurance is asking for authority that they don't currently have but they believe there's additional authority that they need that this Bill would give them?"

Scherer: "In some parts, but not in others. Right now, it's very wide open of how much the fines would be. So, in this new law, in that regard, yes, it clearly defines what the fines would be. In other ways, they're already doing it, but they want it to be codified and clear. And like I said about if you call and ask about an investigation right now, they can't. In the new law, they can. If this Bill doesn't pass and your constituent calls you tomorrow, you're going to have to tell them... if this Bill doesn't pass, you're going to have to tell them, well, I can't call Department of Insurance and find out if they're investigating. I'm not allowed to do that legally."

Elik: "Okay. So, you mentioned the fine that they have already issued, but you also said that the law... or as it stands now is not clear. So, how did they determine that fine? What was the statutory, you know, ability that they have that allowed them to already issue that fine?"

Scherer: "They had the statutory ability already to put out a fine, but they didn't have an exact amount clearly defined in the current law."

Elik: "Okay. So, you had said that this Bill is not about that contract dispute between Springfield Clinic and Blue Cross Blue Shield. So, if it's not about that, then how is this possibly going to help the constituents that right now are

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being treated for cancer or a pregnant woman looking for a new OB-GYN? How is that actually going to help them tonight when we go to bed after this Bill is voted on?"

Scherer: "Thank you for asking because that's what this is all about, Ladies and Gentlemen. Right now, this is an absolute fact, and those of you in the subject matter hearing heard this. I pointedly asked the question, how many radiation oncologists are in the network, and I was told 10 when I met with them privately. Then at the subject matter, I was told four. And so, we looked it up. And of those four, two were Springfield Clinic, who Blue Cross had terminated. So now, we're down to two. One of them was in Chicago. When you live downstate trying to get to Chicago for your chemo, it just doesn't work. And the fourth one, they could not find. So, the answer was, there were none. None. Zero radiation oncologists. If this Bill passes, they..."

Elik: "To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Scherer: "...can't take you premium and not provide service."

Elik: "To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Elik: "Thank you. I think it's very much worth noting that although the fiscal note was ruled inapplicable, we do actually have a fiscal impact of this Bill to the Department of Insurance. They've stated that the costs will be at least \$836 thousand just this year, multiple staffing changes that they have to make to meet this requirement. We are unclear whether any of that is in the budget or will the Department of Insurance have to cut in other areas to try to comply with

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this Bill that just came up this week. I recommend a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The Chair would recognize, in the chamber, Attorney General Kwame Raoul has joined us. Attorney General, welcome to the chamber. Representative Scherer to close."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want people to please note the screen, that we have Leader Flowers asked me to be chief cosponsor on this. We've got Representative Ramirez, Butler, Hamilton. So, we have Democrats on the Bill. We have Republicans on the Bill. At the end of the day, it boils down to this. Every person that's sitting in a green chair has to decide, am I on the side of my constituents or am I on the side of insurance companies. It's as easy as that. When you go home tomorrow, you can either go home and say I voted for affordable health care for you or you can say I decided we would wait another year and then maybe something would happen. And I hope that nothing happens to you in the meantime. So, you get to pick right now when you push that button. Are you picking insurance companies or are you picking your pregnant moms, your patients with cancer, the ones that have been calling me? I can't even get down the hallway with people saying, please, please pass this. My son can't get any treatments. There's no accountability to insurance companies. Why did they hire every insurance lobbyist that they could find? And half the people that don't even lobby insurance are coming out of... like ants out of the woodwork. It's not a small thing to take on insurance companies. My dad said the right thing isn't the easy thing, choose the right thing. Please vote 'yes'. I need you to vote 'yes' so that tomorrow morning

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you can go home and you can tell your constituents, I voted for affordable health care. And I don't want any person in this room to go home and say, I picked an insurance company over you. How are you going to explain that? How did they build those big fancy buildings? How did the innocent and honest insurance companies keep getting screwed over by the big insurance companies? Because they take all the premiums and they build their mansions and then they leave all the other insurance companies to go out of business. Why are we down to four? There's a reason. Because our good insurance companies are being cheated because of the bad guys. And I hope to goodness people in this room have the courage to stand up to the bad guys. Because it's quite clear, tomorrow, if I want to answer who's owned by the insurance companies, guess what? I'm handing them a roll call vote and you try to explain it. I am doing everything in my power. I have talked to almost every person on this floor trying to explain to you the problem. If you just don't care, then why are you even here? Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "Members, Representative Elik has requested... Elik has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1463 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy. Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative Costa Howard."

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Speaker Hoffman: "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 40 voting 'yes', 21 voting 'no', 7 voting 'present'. And this question, House Bill 1463 is declared failed. The Clerk is in receipt of Motions in Writing to waive the posting requirements for several Bills. Leader Harris on the Motion."

Harris: "Mr. Speaker, I move that the posting requirements be waived so the following Bills can be heard this week in committee: House Joint Resolution 89 in Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges, House Resolution 795 in Transportation: Vehicles & Safety, House Bill 4456 in Executive, House Resolution 578 in Human Services, House Resolution 592 in Human Services, House Resolution 783 in Human Services, Senate Bill 720... I'm sorry... Senate Bill 1720 in Executive, and Senate Bill 1836 in Executive."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Harris has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the posting requirements are waived. On page 3 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Second Reading, appears House Bill 1409, Leader Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1409, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments... Floor Amendment 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Flowers."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Flowers."

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Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move for the adoption of Amendment #2, and #2 becomes the Bill. And House Bill (sic-Amendment) #2 deals with the non-emergency trip for reimbursement for ground ambulances. Also, it addresses critical care transportation, the bariatric care reimbursement, the Medicare car rate, increases that to \$50. And also.."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader."

Flowers: "...fills capacity for.."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader, how about if we adopt it and then we'll do it on Third? Are you okay with that? We'll adopt the Amendment. We'll adopt the Amendment and then we'll do it on Third."

Flowers: "Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. I move for adoption of Amendment #2. It becomes the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you, Leader. Leader Flowers moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1409. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Move the Bill back to Second Reading. Leader Flowers on Floor Amendment #3."

Flowers: "Floor Amendment #3 is suggested language from the Department of Public Health, and I move for adoption of Amendment #3."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Flowers moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 1409. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the

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Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Now, Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1409, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Flowers on the Bill."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 684 has placed a burden on the back of Medicaid consumers, rather than on the MCOs, to schedule their non-emergency transportation and to negotiate with ambulance providers to secure residential rides to critical health services. In regards to care coordination, Medicaid consumers must now call ambulance providers and coordinate their own transportation under fee-for-service. Prior to the carveout, the MCOs were able to assist heavily with the scheduling and the securing of Medicaid consumers' transportation. Many Medicaid consumers may not have the resources or are too sick to call the list of names that was given to them by ambulance providers for a ride to their appointments, expecting Medicaid consumers to secure rides on their own by bringing more confusion for the consumers and decreasing the faith in the already complex health care system that we have. This has been very exasperating for the consumers. This has been very convoluted for the consumers. And as a result, it has been a major problem. Also, House Bill 684 exposed the provider shortage that we have in regards to ambulance and the... and the ambulance services. It is recognized that there is a shortage of ambulance providers across the state. There are currently no ambulance providers willing to take residential pickups for Medicaid consumers. Unfortunately, again, House

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Bill 684 removed all those tools that the MCOs had to secure those trips. And there is a lack of providers available, including paying a higher rate for certain trips to ensure that the consumers would have access and not place the burden back on the backs of the consumers. Disparities between the institution versus community-based care is a major problem. The lack of ambulance providers willing to do residential pickup creates a real disparity between those living in institutions who currently have access transportation and those living in the communities who cannot. For a Medicaid consumer who need transportation to get to their appointments on a regular basis, there is now an adverse incentive to stay in institutions instead of having the opportunity to live more independently in their homes. In regards to medical necessity criteria, the current Medicaid fee-for-service process for determining medically necessary excludes the vulnerable Medicaid consumers from being able to access non-emergency transportation. MCOs determined that medically necessary much sooner in the process, prior to the carveout, and applied a more wholistic approach than fee-for-service in the MCOs. The MCOs paid for trips that didn't necessarily meet the necessity, but it was an issue because it was dealing with access, such as a consumer needing a stretcher to get down the stairs or another factor related to social determinants of health. House Bill 1409 expands the fee-for-service criteria to include those factors, reimbursements for bariatric patients, and patient care transport. The ambulance association proposed language to require reimbursement for an additional base rate for two additional attendants needed for

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bariatric transport as well as specialty care, inter-facilities transport, and the measures are intended to increase transportation options for the patients. Ladies and Gentlemen, the attendees for House Bill 1409 also increase the base rate for Medicare and stretcher vans to help build capacity for two attendants to assist Medicaid consumers to... Medicaid consumers in certain cases, such as picking up a bariatric patient. Low attendance rate have made it historically difficult to secure a second attendant to assist the consumers. And for that reason, we are talking about increasing the pay. The current pay for a medical car now is \$14 and a stretcher van is \$9. Both solutions are important pieces of legislation that's addressing the shortage of ambulance providers across the state and broadening the continuum of care for Medicaid consumers needing transportation to and from their appointments. There's also a BEP program in House Bill 1409. Medicaid consumers deserve access to diverse transportation providers that can rely... that they can rely on to get to and from their appointments in regards to health care. House Bill 1409 creates a grant program focused on supporting the BEP providers of Medicare and stretcher van services. Increasing provider capacity will further the goals of securing more reliable non-emergency transportation for our most vulnerable Medicaid consumers. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions you may have in regards to House Bill 1409. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to go directly to the Bill. It's my understanding, talking to some of the people

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that were in committee on my side of the aisle, that the Sponsor worked extremely hard trying to get something that was agreed upon. Right at the end of committee and after, there was some was some discussions. I guess there was some opposition from Health and Family Services. It removes their... they run on administrative rules. It removes those rules. There's a \$21 million cost. So, I think you'll see some red and green on our side of the aisle, a little Christmas time, but I just wanted to get that information out there for Members on our side. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Brady."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Representative, very quickly, I'm a former ambulance employee myself, an attendant. And what you're referring to is routine transport, meaning trips to a hospital and nursing home, doctor's appointments, a variety of things that the ambulance provides, correct?"

Flowers: "Non-emergency, yes."

Brady: "Non-emergency transports, routine transports, as we call them. With those routine transports, your Bill is simply trying to increase the payment, via public aid, Medicaid, to the provider. Is that correct?"

Flowers: "Yes."

Brady: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Lewis."

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

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

Lewis: "Leader Flowers, always a pleasure and I always listen to you. I have heard you discuss this subject many and many times

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in Health & Human Services, on the floor. The issue today that we're voting on, does it solve the problems you've been so passionate about in all those discussions?"

Flowers: "I'm sorry. Can you please repeat yourself? I didn't hear you."

Lewis: "Okay. In Health & Human Services, I've observed you talking very passionately about this subject. Does this, what you're doing tonight, solve your passion and solve the issues that I've heard multiple times?"

Flowers: "Yes, it does and let me tell you how. So..."

Lewis: "It's okay. We don't need to belabor the point."

Flowers: "Okay. Yes."

Lewis: "I am just happy that you have finally found peace in this subject. Thank you."

Flowers: "Thank you. I appreciate that. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Final speaker, Leader Welter."

Welter: "To the Bill, Members. I know there's been some discussion on this. And, Leader Flowers, you were very diligent this Session in trying to accomplish this goal of yours. It went through the committee in which I'm the spokes on. And you knew there was some opposition there and you took the Bill back and you worked with stakeholders and you came back with a better product, and I appreciate that collaboration. I know there was a commitment made in committee today as well regarding the stretcher vans and that we will continue these discussions and negotiations to ensure that we're having the most safe transportation for these patients across the entire state. So, I will be supporting this Bill and voting in 'favor' of it."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Flowers to close."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I just want to make a few things clear. Stretcher vans are already in use today. So, this is not something out of the ordinary. But can some more work be done on the stretcher vans? Yes, it can. In regards to HFS, I got a call from HFS. My meeting this morning was at 10:00. And at 9:45, I got a call from HFS saying that they were not pleased with the criteria for non-emergency ambulance transportation. And here, I'm reading... I'm reading from Title 89 of the Social Services, and I also have a letter here from the Department of Public Health. Now, the... the table and the definition under non-emergency in Section (a), it says to be eligible for non-emergency ambulance transportation, the services must meet the following criteria. Number one, it says, any other means of transportation, such as taxi, wheelchair, van stretcher, van, or private automobile is... is constrained... is constrained. Number two, it says, the sole purpose of the transport is not for the navigation of stairs and/or the assisting or lifting of a patient at a medical facility. Now, they're saying that that is not the sole purpose of a transportation, and we all agree. And that's the reason why in Section (b), it says, in addition to the adherence to the criteria in subsection (a), at least one of the following criteria shall be met. The criteria selected shall be supported by a patient's diagnosis, the condition or the treatment, as documented in the patient's medical record, and shall establish the need for non-emergency ambulance

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transportation services. Non-emergency ambulance
transportation...

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader."

Flowers: "...services will only be approved when the clinical observation or treatment, as set forth in the criteria of this subject, are medically necessary. That is already in the rules, and it's already in the law. And I would really appreciate your 'aye' votes for the medically ill people who need ambulatory services for their doctors appointments. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill... House Bill 1409 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy votes 'yes'.
Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Conroy votes 'yes'. Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "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 104 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

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Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2022: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 990 and Senate Bill 157; Motion to Concur... recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 1780."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Greenwood for an announcement."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Democrats will request a caucus, after Executive Committee concludes, in Room 114."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "The Executive Committee will meet in Virtual Room 1 immediately. The Executive Committee will meet in Virtual Room 1 immediately."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Batinick."

Batinick: "Inquiry of the... inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your inquiry."

Batinick: "Is it caucus, or is it... you guys are going to have... we're going to have Executive Committee, then caucus, and then we're done?"

Speaker Hoffman: "We're going to adjourn."

Batinick: "We are going to adjourn? Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Unless you'd like to come back?"

Batinick: "No, thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "I don't want too either. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 810, offered by Representative Kifowit. House Resolution 811, offered by Representative Slaughter. House Resolution 813, offered by

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Representative Niemerg. House Resolution 814, offered by Representative Stephens. House Resolution 815, offered by Representative Stephens. House Resolution 816, offered by Representative Avelar. House Resolution 818, offered by Representative Avelar. House Resolution 820, offered by Representative Manley. House Resolution 821, offered by Leader Durkin. House Resolution 822, offered by Representative Ford. And House Resolution 823, offered by Representative DeLuca."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Greenwood moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing for perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Greenwood moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, April 7, at the hour of 10 a.m. At the hour of 10 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 969 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1497. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action April 6, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1582, Senate Bill 1720, Senate Bill 1836, Senate Bill 2432, and Senate Bill 2951. Second Reading of

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Senate Bills. Senate Bill 829, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Senate Bill 1582, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1720, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1836, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2432, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2951, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2969, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of these... Senate Bill 3910, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of these Senate Bills. They will be held on the Order of Second Reading. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5745, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5746, offered by Representative Luft, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1001, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Senate Bill 3926, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 22, offered by Representative West; and Senate Joint Resolution 47, offered by Representative Costa Howard, are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."