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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 54, offered by Representative Buckner, is referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Manley: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Kara Berg, the Pastor at Watseka Methodist Church in Watseka, Illinois. Pastor Berg is a guest of Representative Bennett, Dr. Bennett. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Berg."

Pastor Berg: "Sisters and brothers, all of us gathered here are treasured in God's creation, so let us pray with the confidence of our faith. Our Father, you who brought us light from dark, who set the captive free and brings freedom to the oppressed, who through amazing grace redeems our sinful nature and who in glory sits in the throne of heaven, hallowed be thy name. We ask you now, in this place of grand governance and public policy, reveal yourself to us as that which guides our lives, as that which writes the laws of our hearts and compassion and love fulfilled for your purpose. And we pray for that purpose, oh Great Redeemer. We pray that thy kingdom come, the kingdom of your perfect design, Lord, where lions and lambs lie in peace and no one suffers abuses or neglects, for your provision is abundant and your grace is enough. We seek to do thy will with our lives and our voices, with our gifts and our resources, not selfish desires and egos, Lord, but bring us the humility of your presence so that we can know for sure it is your will for which we speak. Let your

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holy and perfect plan be blessed over all the earth, God, our rock and our peace as you have designed it, as you have designed each of us, all for the good of your treasured creation. Give us this day our daily bread, which fuels our souls, which you give us, which sustains us our very being and breath, and deliver us from evil. For evil lurks, God of all, to dam up your perfect river of justice. It lives in our world and in our hearts, Lord, so please forgive us now and wash us again in your holy water and lead us not into temptation or evil or indifference, but deliver us, inspire us, and renew us in our work, even as the working days wear on and the close of these Sessions draws nearer. Do not let it wear us out. God who sustains through pain and plague, do not let us succumb to evil ways, thoughts, doubts, or deeds. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever, Amen."

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

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

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

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

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Welter: "Madam Speaker, let the record reflect that Representatives Meier and Caulkins are excused for the day."

Speaker Manley: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 112 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. The Chair recognizes Leader Batinick. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Batinick: "Twenty-four years ago on April 7, Brian Batinick was born, and I wanted to wish him a happy birthday. Thank you, everybody."

Speaker Manley: "Happy birthday, Brian. Under the Order of Agreed Resolutions appears House Resolution 715, offered by Leader Hoffman. Leader Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to offer this Resolution, which is a Resolution for a former Member. Harold Byers served in this chamber for two terms, and I just want to tell you, he was a mentor to me. He was a great friend of my father. If it wasn't for Harold Byers, I probably wouldn't be here. You probably curse Harold Byers because of that. But Harold Byers, he left us on December 9 of 2021. He was a great friend, and I grew up with his entire family. Here with us in the gallery is his wife, Nancy, his daughters, Cheryl, Sheila, Keith, Lana, Greg, and Phil. Jeff could not be here. He was a true public servant. He cared about people. He was my Khoury league baseball coach with my father. And if he would have been a better coach, I

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would have been in the Major Leagues and not here. But he cared about civil rights. He cared about fiscal responsibility. He cared about equal rights in a time when people weren't talking about that. And he inspired me, inspired a lot of young men and women in our area to get into politics. When I think of Harold Byers, I think of the service that he provided not only here in the Illinois General Assembly, but the service that he provided to our area. Sixteen years on the Madison County Board. He served as a leader of the Metro East Park District. He, unfortunately, was a Cubs fan, but we're not going to hold that against him and his family. 2016 was, other than, I'm sure, the year that he got married and the years of the birth of his children, was the happiest year of his life. The worst year of my life. But let me just tell you something about him. When I was growing up... and seriously, I very seldom, you know, talk about personal things on this House Floor, but when I was growing up, he was dear friend with my father. And my father and him, they would go to the VFW in Highland, Illinois. I grew up on... at 1633 VFW Lane, right down from the VFW, and the Byers family lived maybe two, three blocks from there. And they would go there, and they would talk about what they cared about. They didn't always agree, but they cared about community, they cared about family, they cared about us, and we lose that so much. And people like my father and Harold, we could learn a lot from what they cared about, less divisiveness, more about public service, more about caring for other people. Harold was a great public servant. He was a great father. He was a great husband. But most of all, he

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was a great man, and we all are going to miss him in the Metro East. God bless you, Nancy. God bless you, the Byers family." Speaker Manley: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you. This Resolution was adopted on a previous day. Thank you, Members. On page 16 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 780, offered by Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Chair. It is certainly an honor to stand here before you to introduce and present House Resolution 780. House Resolution 780 urges the Federal Government to allocate more funding toward finding a cure for Lyme disease, encourage the Illinois State Board of Public Education to begin health education on tick-borne disease, and also declares May 2022 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Before I go any further, I want to introduce to you, some of you may recognize her, up in the gallery is Jennifer Russell. She is the Executive Director of the Illinois Lyme Association and has been very active in helping to pass legislation in Illinois. We presented, back in the General... the 100th General Assembly, House Bill 4515, which presented... and the Bill was named after her daughter, the Lauryn Russell Lyme Disease Prevention Protection Law, which provided immunity to doctors to treat Lyme and also set up a task force within IDPH. Additionally, in the 101st General Assembly, with her help, we were able to pass HB889 which mandated insurance coverage for state-regulated insurance plans to allow for longer term treatment, including IV for Lyme patients. A few statistics on Lyme disease and how it's growing rampant here in the State of Illinois. The data shows today an average of 34 percent,

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or 1 out of every 3 ticks has a... is infected with Lyme disease. Lyme disease has been detected in deer ticks in 36 counties. To compare Illinois to New York, where New York is considered an endemic state, we're at 36 counties and 34 percent of our ticks, where in New York 30 to 50 percent of the ticks carry the disease. Illinois' highest county is Winnebago at 66 percent. Jo Daviess and Putnam counties are at 59 percent infected of those deer ticks detected. Through the task force efforts, the Illinois Department of Public Health has established an absolutely fantastic interactive map where you too can track your county on where they stand with Lyme disease within Illinois. The intent of this map and the intent to illustrate the number of percentages of Lyme cases within of each county of those ticks tested is to educate doctors. You may recall where we talk about Lyme disease as one of the most underdetected, underidentified diseases, where if a doctor could go to that map and see that 66 percent of the ticks infected within his county carry Lyme, then that maybe should be something to look at. Additionally, I have legislation I introduced early in the General Assembly to add a veterinarian to our task force who actually works with small animals. Because what we learn is a correlation between the number of ticks in a count... in a area is very much close related to the number of pets that those veterinarians teach.. or treat. So, once again, I ask for a 'favorable' vote on House Resolution 780. And I already introduced Jen Russell, if she's still standing there. But thanks for being here, Jen, and thanks for your work on this too. So, with that, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Manley: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Swanson moves for the adoption of House Resolution 780. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted are the Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 4 to House Bill 4281, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4452, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4772, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5167, and Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5328. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3949, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4242, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4589, Senate Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 4674, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4999, Senate Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5196, and House Resolutions 578, 592, and 783. Representative Ford, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action on April 7, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3761. Representative Smith, Chairperson from the Committee on Economic Opportunity & Equity reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4818. Representative Greenwood, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Accessibility reports the following committee action April 7,

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2022: recommends be adopted is the Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4645 and Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5013. Representative Conroy, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health & Addiction reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4306. Representative Walker, Chairperson from the Committee on International Trade & Commerce reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 90. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted are the Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1208, and Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4410. Representative Moylan, Chairperson the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 5026 and House Joint Resolution 89. Representative Mussman, Chairperson of the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3296 and Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4716. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Immigration & Human Rights reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 3616 and Floor Amendment(s) 2

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to Senate Bill 3865. Representative Guzzardi, Chairperson with the Committee on Housing reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2775. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 826, offered by Representative Willis. And House Resolution 828, offered by Representative Mazzochi. These are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Greenwood for an announcement."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Democrats will request a caucus meeting immediately in Room 114."

Speaker Manley: "Democrats will caucus immediately in Room 114. The House will stand in recess to the call of the Chair."

Speaker Welch: "Speaker Welch is in the Chair. Members of the General Assembly, I am extremely delighted to welcome to the House chamber today, the Ambassador of Mexico in Chicago, Ms. Reyna Torres Mendivil. Ambassador Torres Mendivil has held various positions in the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including General Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Deputy General Director for Internal International Policy on Human Rights, and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Foreign Relations. Ambassador Torres Mendivil was a resident fellow at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and participated in the Hemispheric Security Program at the Inter-American Defense College in our nation's capital. Like many of you, I'm excited to hear her message today, particularly because of the strong relationship Illinois has with Mexico. Our sister cities partnership allows us the ability to practice cultural

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exchange, learning from one another in the areas of art, history, education, government, and more. And as bilateral trade between Mexico and Illinois has doubled in the past 12 years, we also understand the importance of maintaining a strong economic relationship. I'm also extremely proud to introduce the Ambassador because she is a history maker. She is the first woman to ever serve as the Ambassador of Mexico in Chicago. And so, from one history maker to another, I'm asking you to please, let's give her a warm Illinois welcome and welcome Ambassador Torres Mendivil to the Illinois House of Representatives."

Consul General Torres Mendivil: "Mr. Speaker, Honorable Members of the General Assembly, dear friends, I am truly honored to be here in this magnificent building where centuries of history of the great State of Illinois can be perceived everywhere. I especially thank Speaker Welch and his team for the kind invitation and for such a warm welcome. It is a privilege to finally being able to address this chamber, particularly after the last years that have changed everybody's lives. I was planning to visit Springfield shortly after my arrival almost three years ago. However, we all had to adjust, postpone, or cancel many projects in order to deal with the worst health crisis in our generation. I can report that so far, my experience in Chicago has been rich, stimulating, and above all, extremely rewarding. What I have learned from the people of Illinois has surpassed all my expectations. Illinoisans are as tough as the winters in this land, unafraid, honest, hardworking, and the Mexican community in the Midwest does not fall behind. Let me tell

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you a little bit more about our community and the work that we do at the consulate. But first, allow me a confession. The position of Consul General of Mexico in Chicago is one of the most coveted and at the same time one of the most feared appointments of the Mexican diplomatic service. Let me explain you why. There are two reasons for this. This is not your classic posting where you plan your week around cocktails, cultural events, and courtesy calls. Our operation here is truly massive. We serve around 3 million persons of Mexican origin residing in our jurisdiction. Every day, including Saturdays and Sundays, we provide services to more than 700 people visiting our headquarters in Chicago or our (unintelligible) units. We're issuing more documents today than before the pandemic, close to 200 thousand in 2021, which has positioned our office in Chicago as the second most productive Mexican Consulate in the world. Last year, our protection department assisted around 3 thousand persons in need of legal advice, support to renew DACA, financial aid because they are, you know, in a vulnerable state, as well as victims of domestic violence, or we also help a lot of members of our community who wanted to send the remains of a loved one to Mexico. On a regular week, the consulate's community outreach department manages to distribute books, celebrate civic ceremonies, coordinate COVID-19 vaccination and test centers at the consulate, distribute food in our facilities, and organize Facebook Live sessions on financial literacy, mental health, nutrition, or education. All this while we also promote trade, tourism, as well as culture and academic exchanges. So, there you go. That's your first reason why

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it's so much feared, the position in Chicago. We work a lot. We work hard. We work really hard. But the second one, and many of you will agree with me, has to do with the character of our community. Our community can be a little bit intimidating. We know that Mexicans and Mexican Americans are noble, hardworking, fun, among many other things, but our community here in Illinois, as all Illinoisans, are also warriors. They are outspoken. They are no-nonsense, no tolerance for injustice or incompetence. Believe me, you do not see that kind of community as active and informed in other parts of the country, not even in the big cities like L.A. or New York. So, to respond to the needs of this very demanding community, I am fortunate to lead a team of over 1 thousand.. 100 amazing, talented individuals that work really hard with efficiency and kindness to demonstrate every day a profound love for Mexico and an incredible calling to serve our community. Yet, even with that strong team, we would not be able to do anything without the hundreds of partnerships built with local authorities, elected officials, and organizations, as well as members of the business, health, cultural, and academic communities in this generous and welcoming state. Mexico and Illinois have the most traded, but we have a robust, diverse, and productive partnership with enormous potential to grow even stronger. This solid relationship has, at its core, the millions of family connections that bring together my country with the State of Illinois and it spreads well beyond to include numerous economic exchanges, cultural networks, and thousands of students, tourists, professionals coming back and forth every day. Speaker Welch mentioned this.

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Illinois is the fourth trading partner to Mexico among the 50 U.S. states. The total trade between Mexico and Illinois reached \$24 billion last year, which means that Mexico trades more with Illinois than with Japan. That is the highest among the trade exchange in the last 10 years, already reflecting the positives of an updated framework provided by the USMCA, the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, which supports around 200 thousand jobs in Illinois. I want to acknowledge today particularly our workers, the Mexican workers, our essential workers that have kept our communities afloat during the pandemic. Migrant workers in agricultural fields, farms, and packing industry, in cleaning and delivery services, doctors, nurses, folks in restaurants and shops. After this couple of years, no one can question the fundamental role the community of Mexican origin plays in the well-being of this great nation and how they contribute in many different ways to make this State of Illinois a success. One of our main goals of Consul General in Chicago is to work for the empowerment of our diaspora, to help create the conditions for them to thrive and fulfill their dreams that brought them, their parents, or their grandparents to this country. In particular, we want to bring opportunities to women, and to our young binational, bilingual, and bicultural community. In order to accomplish these objectives, we build bridges with key allies, including those that are part of all the communities sharing similar challenges. Let me give you a few examples of this. We work with the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to organize the first Counselor Entrepreneurship Program, the (unintelligible) tomorrow, almost 20 women that are ready to

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get into business. We're putting together a worship for Jewish and Mexican American activists and leaders next July for the American Jewish Committee. The consulate is also an active part of the Illinois unitas family, still working hard to address disproportionate impact of COVID in our Latinx population. And you noticed that I call Illinois unitas family, that's exactly how we feel. We're extremely proud of these partnerships, many of them not only productive but truly, truly endearing. I am particularly pleased with the results of our first Black and Brown Dialogue that was celebrated last November, our watershed event for the Mexican Consulate diplomacy that is being replicated already in other cities of the United States where we have consulates. In fact, we are currently working with it together with HEAL Initiative of the City of Chicago, all similar events for this year. Distinguished Members of the General Assembly, at the consulate we serve the strong, resilient, hardworking, and creative community. We serve them with pride, with respect and gratitude. With the same gratitude we acknowledge our partners in this endeavor. Among them, the honorable Members of this Legislative Body. Thank you. Thank you for your initiative supporting the rights of all residents in this state, for your support to women, children, and youth and for your willingness to work to make the State of Illinois as safe, as prosperous as it can be for our communities. In particular, I recognize the work of the Legislative Latino Caucus, where we have found friends and also coconspirators in many crazy ideas that we put out there. I have the privilege of representing an amazing country rich in culture,

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history, and opportunities. A country that signifies much more than a trading partner, an ally, or a neighbor to the United States. Our future is tied together by geography, but mainly, by millions of persons of Mexican origin living in the United States and Americans that have found a place in Mexico to call home. In this year, when we celebrate the bicentennial for bilateral relations, I can only be hopeful for our shared future. 'The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time,' said President Lincoln. And one day at a time, we will work together with the people of Illinois to make the road easier for our communities on both sides of the border. Thank you."

Speaker Welch: "Members, let's give the Ambassador another round of applause, please. I want to thank Leader Lisa Hernandez and the Latino Caucus for bringing the Ambassador to my attention and making sure we invited her here for this historic occasion. Let's give our Leader a round of applause, please. And the Ambassador has graciously agreed to take photos with any Member who wishes to have a photo down here in the well."

Speaker Evans: "Evans is in the Chair. House shall be in order. Leader Gabel is recognized."

Gabel: "Speaker, I move that Representatives Conroy, Costa Howard, and Cassidy be allowed to participate and cast their votes remotely."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel has made a Motion that Representatives Conroy, Costa Howard, Cassidy be allowed to participate and cast their vote remotely. This is a roll call vote. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote

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'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this Motion, there are 78 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no', 8 voting 'present'. And the Motion is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Is Representative Cassidy present?"

Cassidy: "Cassidy is present."

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

Conroy: "Conroy is present."

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

Costa Howard: "Representative Costa Howard, present."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard is present."

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

Carroll: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Carroll: "Today is opening day for the Chicago Cubs and... thank you. As a proud member of the Cubs caucus, we're having a get together at D.H. Brown starting at 1:20, which is approximately 15 minutes from now. And Keith Sias is nice enough to host and offer hot dogs and other treats. So, if you want to go by D.H. Browns, it's at 231 East Monroe Street. And enjoy the Cubs because, as we know, there's really only one team in this town considering they're the last team that brought glory here. So, thank you."

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

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Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the record reflect that Representatives Dave Severin and Joe Sosnowski are excused for the rest of the day?"

Speaker Evans: The record will reflect. Representative Niemerg, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Niemerg: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Niemerg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I rise to congratulate Chief Mike Swick of the Newton Police Department. He'll be retiring in... on November 7 of this year after 44 years as a law enforcement officer in Newton, Illinois in Jasper County. Mike couldn't be with us here today, but we have with us commander of the Illinois Secretary of State Police from Newton as well, Michael Guyer, up with us in the gallery. Chief Swick began his career in 1978 as a police officer in Newton. And in 1982, he was appointed chief of police of the Newton Police Department where he served with honor ever since. He's a sitting member of the Jasper County 911 Board and an instructor of the Criminal Justice Program at Olney Central College. Besides law enforcement, another one of Mike's passions is sports. Mike is an IHSA certified official and has officiated two 2A state football championships. Mike has been married to his wife, Kim, for 42 years, has 3 children, Jason, Jarrod, who is also a police officer in Manhattan, Kansas, and a daughter, Miranda. After 40 years as chief of police, Mike Swick takes with him a vast wealth of knowledge and experience that cannot be replaced. Congratulations, Chief Swick."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Morgan: "Though she's not in the chamber at the moment, we'll have to give her credit when she gets back. It is our colleague, Representative Ness's birthday today. So, when you see her, please give her a happy birthday, and you can sing to her as she treated us with some song yesterday. But please wish her a happy birthday."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Caulkins: "Thank you. Today, I have two Pages with me. Michelle Weidner, and she's the executive director of the Family Justice Resource Center. And also, Patty Krueger, who is an advocate with the Family Justice Resource Center. They're here today to observe the proceedings. I hope that you will give them a warm Springfield welcome."

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

Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like for my guests who are in the gallery to rise. They're all the way here from all across the City of Chicago. But I wanted to say this first before I introduce them. When it comes to the African American community across the State of Illinois and even across this country, we continue to fight for access when it comes to equity and inclusion. And... whether it's in the workplace, we

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fight three times harder just to survive. Our communities mirror one another, rather it's on the South Side or the West Side of Chicago, the East Side of Springfield, or even in Cairo and so on. We deserve the same quality education and fully funded schools in our communities just as any other community. We deserve the right to home ownership and businesses that reflect our community so we can truly thrive. We want real investments in our communities. Our votes will no longer be taken for granted. We want real change that we can see, a change that we can feel in our communities. So, when we talk about equity, we mean real equity and inclusion, housing, health care, job creation, so that we can close the generational gap that has been open for far too long. When you uplift the black community, you uplift us all and we all win. And so, I want to give a really big shoutout to the men and women from young to our elders who took time out of their busy lives to come down here to make a statement. There was something that happened to me earlier in Session this year, and they were at home, they were watching. And they said they were going to come down here to show their support for me, and I appreciate you because, as a black woman in any space, no matter what position of power that they hold, this is needed because it sends a message that you have my back and I have your back. And so, I want to give a really big, warm welcome to Maze Jackson and *What's in it for the Black People*, *Black People First*, and *New Era Chicago*. Welcome to your Capitol. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Reick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Reick: "Hardly a day goes by these days that we don't see a story in the news about the failures of the Department of Children and Family Services here in Illinois. Three years ago this month, a child, little A.J. Freund in Crystal Lake, was brutally murdered by his parents and buried in an unmarked grave not a mile from my house. The case made statewide news, national news, but unfortunately, stories like this happen all too often and all too often they fall behind other stories that pop up. McHenry County is a little different. It's a little different because we have one person in our county who decided that she wasn't going to let the fact that this child was treated the way that he was and was buried in an unmarked grave. Several weeks after A.J.'s body was found, Tracy Kotzman, a constituent of mine from McHenry County, came into my office and sat down and said, 'I'm just a mom. I don't know what to do about this, but it's killing me. I don't know what to do.' And I told her, 'You just don't quit.' She has since formed a group called Roar for AJ, which has been tireless in its efforts to keep the memory of A.J. Freund and what happened to him and what happened to so many other children in this state. She's sitting up here today, standing actually, and down in the rotunda she has a display of 347 pairs of shoes, children's shoes, to represent the 347 children who have died under the watch... while in the watch of DCFS since little A.J. was murdered in April of 2019. It's people like Tracy that keep us honest about what our obligation is to the children of Illinois. Too often these

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cases... we just had one that happened in Peoria, and we've had so many in between. Too often we let what goes on in this chamber blind us to what we really have as a responsibility to those who are the most helpless in this state. DCFS is an agency that's beyond redemption. It's been that way for a long time under many, many directors and under many, many administrations. It's our job to fix it. And when the next General Assembly convenes in 2023, whether I'm here or not, I hope that you will take the task, that I will join you in that task if I'm here, to understand what DCFS is supposed to be about. It's not to be about dangling children in front of families so that they can rehabilitate themselves and get together. It's an agency that's sole responsibility is to protect the lives of children who have a limited shelf life. You've got kids that go from abusive homes to foster homes to psychiatric hospitals, bouncing back and forth, go back to their homes because there have been unfounded reports. Kids are abused again. They're taken back out. Every day that goes by those kids are losing their childhood and they're losing what it will take for them to become adults. We have an obligation on both sides of the aisle, we have an obligation to do what's right for the children of Illinois. And if what it takes is to take the Department of Children and Family Services and root it out, root and branch and redo it in a way that takes the child and puts the child first, then we have that obligation. I want to... I want you to stand and thank Tracy Kotzman for doing what she has done to keep A.J. Freund's memory alive. And in so doing, she has kept alive the memory of all those children who have come after her... him

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and now can't speak for themselves, so it falls to us. This is serious work, and this is probably the most serious work I will ever do on the floor of this House, is to make sure that when I leave, I have made child welfare better than what it is. It's a low bar because it can't get much worse. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ammons is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Ammons: "Thank you. First and foremost, I want to thank Representative Reick for making the point to identify the display that's on the first floor of this building. The Department of Children and Family Services has been a item of discussion of mine for probably the last four or five years. Several of us understand that not only is the agency in need of significant reform but the need is so much greater now than it was when they came into my life. The Department of Children and Family Services does not make the decisions that's in the best interest of all children, and we've seen this happen over and over and over and over again. Children whose parents are suffering from the issue of poverty lose their children for longer times if they are African Americans and stay in the system longer. And in some cases, if they are African American teenagers, never get placement at all. The Department of Children and Family Service certainly is not an organization that has taken seriously the calls for reform. In 2018, there was an inspector general report that talked about the conduct of workers, or the misconduct in so many cases in that report, that I have not seen any significant

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reform done by the Department of Children and Family Services to address them. And so, as we continue to look at ways to address this issue, this cannot be a partisan issue. I used to be a worker that worked for an agency that has since changed their name because of religious differences and lawsuits. But we understand that children are caught up in a system that, in some cases, harm them worse than they were in some of the families they were in and not provide support for those families who may simply be suffering from issues of unemployment, lack of job training, or other skills that could get them out of poverty, but we continue to remove children out of their homes. And I believe, just like in the cases that we've seen downstairs, that this has become more of a commodity industry than anything else. It parallels the Department of Corrections when it comes to African American involvement in the Department of Children and Family Services. So, I call on the Governor, and I definitely join my colleagues here on the right, for us to look at ways to significantly form. I believe it's a conglomerate that needs to be broken up. And we need to reshape it and reform it in a regional direction so that people have more control over what is happening in the lives of the residents of our communities and our cities. And I'll just say this in closing. The history has already given us a picture of what happens when we do nothing. Doing nothing is not a solution to the Department of Children and Family Services. And putting out nice press releases, it won't do it. And giving mace to workers ain't going to fix it. And making more penalties for people will not solve this problem. This department is a stain

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on the State of Illinois and must be reformed. I join you, Representative Weber. I join you, Reick. And I hope our leadership on this side of the aisle takes seriously for us to put together a commission to look at not only the disparities in the department but the actual conduct of the department itself. And I call for that to happen immediately. And finally, I'll say, I don't know this director very well, but his responsiveness and lack of responsiveness to me as a Member has been abhorrent. And I call the Governor to take action on not just reforming the department but removing every single one of those nonbargaining people that have not taken affirmative action to address these issues from the disparities all the way down to the deaths of these children. And we should join together to do that work, not just in next Session, but I will be working that this summer. So, anyone interested can contact my office because we intend to look deeply into the function, the operations, and the misconduct of this department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Attention, Members. We'll be going to the Calendar, Senate Bills under Second Reading. On page 5... at the bottom of page 5, we have Senate Bill 257, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 7, 2022: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 1511 and Senate Bill 658."

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Speaker Evans: "Moving forward to page 6 of the Calendar on Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 1693, Representative Yednock. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1693, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #2 has been adopted. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1693, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yednock is recognized."

Yednock: "Thank you, Members of the General Assembly. SB1693 is the biotechnology program Bill, creates Illinois' Industrial Biotechnology Partnership Act. The goal of the program is to foster development of manufacturing and job creation in the biotechnology space in Illinois. After the research has been completed, we want the companies who commercialize the research products to build facilities and manufacture them in Illinois. I'm happy to take any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1693 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Cassidy votes 'yes'."

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

Conroy: "Conroy votes 'yes'."

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

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 7 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 1734, Representative Gonzalez. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1734, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1734, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gonzalez is recognized."

Gonzalez: "Hi. This Bill's a simple quick take for a traffic signal in my district. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1734 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Cassidy votes 'yes'."

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

Conroy: "Conroy votes 'yes'."

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

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting in 'favor', 6 voting 'against', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 7 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2969, Representative Ness. Representative Ness. Out of the record. In the Calendar on page 5, under Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 3865, Representative Avelar. Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, please move this Bill to the Order of Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3865, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Avelar."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Avelar to the Amendment."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3865 is a gut and replace Amendment that becomes the Bill. We've made changes to the Bill based on feedback from the committee. So, we put... remove changes to alien, when alien refers to a company or entity like an insurer. There is no

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opposition to this that I'm aware of, and I'm open to any questions."

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3865, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Avelar is recognized."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As mentioned, Senate Bill 3865, what this Bill does is that it removes the term 'alien' and replaces it with 'noncitizen' or 'individual' in various state statutes. I am open to any questions."

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

Lilly: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak to your... is it regarding this Bill?"

Lilly: "No."

Speaker Evans: "Okay. I'll get you after this Bill's passed. Representative Keicher, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Keicher: "All right. Thank you, Representative Avelar, for working on this Bill with us. If you could, just for my side of the

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aisle, recap what the Amendment did versus the first Bill, please."

Avelar: "Absolutely. So, what the Amendment does is that we actually removed the changes to alien, when alien refers to a company or entity like an insurer. So, we know that there was an issue with the previous iteration of the language of the Bill that had to do with companies. And what we wanted to do in this particular Bill is make sure that we were talking about individuals, not business entities or companies at all."

Keicher: "Awesome. And for my side of the aisle, we had the word alien removed where it didn't have a reference to a person but business entities and how they operated. We cleaned that up. We came up with a much better Bill, and I appreciate the Representative working on that. I think we'll have a few people up and down on this, but thank you for your work on this."

Avelar: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Avelar to close."

Avelar: "I request an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3865 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 94 voting 'yes', 7 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lilly, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Lilly: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Lilly: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to announce that the Senate of these United States has confirmed Judge Ketanji Brown, the first black woman to the Supreme Court. Can we give our America a round of applause? Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing down page 5 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Third Reading. We have Senate Bill 3936, Representative Slaughter. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3936, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Slaughter is recognized."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House (sic-Senate) Bill 3936 is an initiative of the Illinois State Police that creates the Safe2Help school hotline. The Bill is replicating a program in Colorado which was created from lessons learned from the Columbine High School shooting. In the absence of a trusted adult, Safe2Help

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Illinois offers students a safe, confidential way in which to share information that might help prevent suicides, bullying, school violence, or other threats to school safety. The program is not intended to suspend, expel, or punish students. Rather, the goal is to get students to seek help before harm. Safe2Help Illinois will also develop an educational curriculum aimed at changing the culture in Illinois schools while also providing the resources to help parents and educators reinforce the components of this program. Safe2Help Illinois is a 24-7... 24 hour, 7 days a week program where students can use a free app, tele, text, phone, Web site, which is Safe2HelpIllinois.com, and other social media platforms to help report school safety issues in a confidential environment. Once vetted, the tips will immediately be shared with local school officials, mental health professionals, and/or local law enforcement, depending on the nature of the tip. The program also will help local officials by connecting them with mental health resources or other appropriate resources to intervene and help students before they harm themselves or others. HB3936 (sic-SB3936) has a current annual budget of 1.2 million which has been in the past 2 budgets. I did confirm that it's in this budget that is up for discussion right now. There was a soft, really soft, rollout of this in December of 2020. We had a... more of a significant pilot that launched in February of this year. The Web site was launched in October of this year. The legislation is critical to the success of the program, providing much-needed confidentiality protections. As of February 7, 2022, the program has already had upwards of 400

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public interactions. This legislation is supported by various education organizations who have slipped in support of the Bill. I'm asking for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, we're moving to a vote. The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3936 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote '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 Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 8 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3908, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3908, a Bill for an Act concerning natural resources. The Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3908, a Bill for an Act concerning natural resources. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh is recognized."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 3908 is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Revenue. It reconstitutes the Advisory Board for DNR. Very... it's the same exact Bill that we passed. It was 47-13 out of the House earlier this year. What it's doing is broadening the scope and interests of the board members. We had a good debate over this as it was a House Bill. And I'd ask for an 'aye' vote. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

Davidsmeyer: "So, we did have a debate on this prior. Once again, this is purely political. The reason for doing this is because the chairman of the DNR Advisory Board has held every Governor accountable since he's been on there. He was harder on Rauner than he's been on Pritzker. Do you realize that we haven't spent any OSLAD Grants for at least three years? And there's not going to be any this year either. It's going to be 2023 before anything hits. These are for parks and green spaces for Illinoisans to enjoy. We're talking millions of dollars. And the reason a lot of this hasn't been spent is because they're trying to spend it illegally. It's federal dollars that they're trying to use the wrong way. So, quick question. Why are we not doing the same thing to the Arts Council?"

Speaker Evans: "Is that a question directed to the Sponsor?"

Davidsmeyer: "Yes. Yes."

Speaker Evans: "Okay."

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Walsh: "I don't know that. I can't answer that."

Davidsmeyer: "So, we're picking one single board and changing the entire way it's set up, but we're not doing that with other boards that are set up exactly the same way."

Walsh: "Representative, I would say if there's an interest to do that, there's a process of filing a Bill and doing that. That's how I got it. The DNR came to me and asked me to run this Bill and that's why we're here today."

Davidsmeyer: "It's political. For those of you who don't know who's the head of the Arts Council, it's Mrs. Madigan, right?"

Walsh: "Not anymore."

Davidsmeyer: "Well, she left. Okay. But still, you didn't do anything to fix any of that, right? When you could've."

Walsh: "Representative, this isn't political to me."

Davidsmeyer: "It is completely political."

Walsh: "This is an ask by the Department and that's the end of this story."

Davidsmeyer: "We've had this conversation."

Walsh: "I know that, but..."

Davidsmeyer: "It's completely political."

Walsh: "That's your opinion."

Davidsmeyer: "We have a board that literally is probably the only commission that actually holds the department accountable, right? They don't have the authority to stop grants. They can look at them and see where they're going. They don't have any authority to stop grants. But having people in place for oversight purposes, for transparency purposes is important. It is important, and I would argue that we should have more

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boards and commissions over departments throughout the State of Illinois. We should not be changing this. I..."

Walsh: "The board... the board is not going away, it's being reconstituted. And it's going to have a wider diverse spectrum of that board to encompass the diversity of this state."

Davidsmeyer: "Who... who will pick... who currently picks the chairman of the current..."

Walsh: "I believe it's the board and that changes over to the Governor. So..."

Davidsmeyer: "The board themselves. The board themselves. Now after this, who will pick the chairman?"

Walsh: "I believe it's the... it will be the Governor."

Davidsmeyer: "Who will be completely..."

Walsh: "It... whoever the Governor is."

Davidsmeyer: "...completely beholden to that Governor. Completely beholden to that Governor. I implore you, I implore you, please do not make this change. This will hurt many, many areas in the Department of Natural Resources that has been decimated over at least the last decade, at least the last decade. Please, please vote 'no' on this and send a clear message that you want transparency, that you want to ensure that dollars are spent on green, safe spaces for Illinoisans to enjoy their time and not a board that will just let the department spend money willy nilly however they want when there are laws and rules on how this should all be spent. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh to close."

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

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3908 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote '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 Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting in 'favor', 40 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Butler is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Butler: "Thank you. Today, I'd like to introduce a Page for the day. Since Severin didn't have a Page today, I thought I'd bring a Page here today. Madelyn Gilbert is here with us today. She's a junior from Petersburg. She goes to Porta High School. She wants to get into political science. I'm trying to convince her by the end of the day to run away from here and not get involved with politics at all. She's interested in gender equality issues. She's interested... very interested in history. She's looking... going into Illinois College. She

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plays the flute. She's in the choir. She's an accomplished young woman. So, please welcome Madelyn Gilbert here to the Illinois House of Representatives today."

Speaker Evans: "Returning to page 5 of the Calendar, Senate Bills- Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 257, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 257, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit is recognized on the Amendment."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request that we adopt Floor Amendment #2."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Kifowit moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 257, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit is recognized."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment 2 obviously becomes the Bill when its adoption and what House... what the Bill does now is it recognizes orders of protection issued by military tribunals the same as civil orders of

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protections, stalking no contact orders, civil no contact orders, firearm restraining orders, or other substantially similar orders that were issued by their jurisdiction. What we found, and this is an initiative of the Illinois National Guard, is that if a situation happened on base and one of these orders were issued in the context of the base, that it was only enforceable on Illinois national ground property or the base. What this does is, it gives the authority to the adjutant general of the Illinois National Guard or that military tribunal, which could be Scott Air Force Base or could be Great Lakes, to actually go to a judge and submit those orders to a judge and so that it would be statewide. So, this is a Bill that I think is a great initiative from our Department of Military Affairs, and I ask for your support."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Batinick: "Hey, Representative. Thank you for bringing this Bill.

I'm looking at our analysis. The committee vote was 9-6, but that was on the underlying Bill, correct?"

Kifowit: "That is correct."

Batinick: "Okay. So, we sent... and this is... this got changed in the Senate or changed here? No, changed here."

Kifowit: "Changed here. House Floor Amendment 2 becomes the Bill."

Batinick: "Okay. And it looks like there are no opponents. You have the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, which I think we're all against, and Department of Military Affairs are both proponents. Correct?"

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Kifowit: "Correct."

Batinick: "Okay. Just wanted to clarify it because our analysis looks a little confusing."

Kifowit: "No, thank you, Sir. And in times like this, at this stage and age when we have to gut and replace Amendments, it can get a little bit blurry on the data. So, I appreciate you for clarifying that."

Batinick: "Yep. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit to close."

Kifowit: "I ask for your support on this very important Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 257 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Conroy votes 'yes'."

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

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Scherer: "If I could have the Body's attention. Many of you were here when a very sad thing occurred, Ta'Naja Barnes died from abuse and neglect. And from that came a subject matter hearing. From that came House Bill 1551, which that Bill was a very large, involved Bill that tried to do multiple things to help with DCFS and correct things. So, one of the things that many of you in this chamber voted for was for an audit of DCFS of one section of the actions one year and the finances the next and for this to continue every year, one side or the other every year. So, I was... had the opportunity to talk to Auditor General a couple days ago, and he said that the report is ready and completed and will be coming out in May. So, I'm happy to hear that what you voted on is now coming to fruition. So many times, we vote on things like this and reports, and then it gets lost in the shuffle. So, I want to draw your attention to the fact that, in the early part of May, a DCFS audit will be coming out for your availability, and I also want to prepare you for the answers because he said the audit was completed, I think he said two or three weeks ago. And unfortunately, many things that we were afraid of are actually happening. So, just be prepared. And once we get this, I want us to all put our collective thinking caps on again, and obviously 1551 still needs more work because there's even more that we're going to have to do. So, I want to just make you all aware to be watching for

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the Auditor General's report coming out in early May. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Committee announcements."

Clerk Bolin: "Committees will meet at 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. At 2:00 the following committees will be meeting. Transportation: Vehicles & Safety in Virtual Room 5. Judiciary - Civil in Virtual Room 4. Insurance Committee in Virtual Room 3. Human Services Committee in Virtual Room 1. And Higher Education Committee in Virtual Room 2. At 2:30 p.m. the following committees will meet. Judiciary - Criminal in Virtual Room 2. Energy & Environment Committee in Virtual Room 1. Revenue & Finance Committee in Virtual Room 3. Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges in Virtual Room 4. Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools in Virtual Room 5. At 3 p.m. the following committees will meet. Economic Opportunity & Equity in Virtual Room 5. Public Utilities in Virtual Room 4. Cities & Villages in Virtual Room 3. Health Care Licenses Committee in Virtual Room 1. And State Government Administration in Virtual Room 2."

Speaker Evans: "Attention, Members. Committees have been announced by the Clerk and will start immediately at their appropriate times. The House shall stand in recess until the call of the Chair. The House shall be in order. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate

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Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 861. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action on April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4338 and Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4979. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action on April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 246. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action on February... correction, April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 3215. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 4 to Senate Bill 3866. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1975. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 5439 and Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 5463. Representative Smith, Chairperson from the Committee on Economic Opportunity & Equity reports the following committee action taken April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill

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4818 and House Joint Resolution 82. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action on April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 2 and 3 to House Bill 5502. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2825, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 3 to House Bill 5283. Representative Mah, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 4769. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4070 and Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 2 and 3 to House Bill 5015."

Speaker Evans: "Attention, Members. We'll be going back to the Calendar on page 8, under the Order of Concurrences. At the bottom of page 8, we have House Bill 246, Representative Moeller. Representative Moeller. Out of the record. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrences. At the top of the page, we have House Bill 625, Representative Keicher. On the Concurrence, Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a gut and replace that occurred over on the Senate on a Bill that we shot over there.

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And what this Bill does is, it's a clarification and cleanup language in Illinois where we have a statute of limitations that dictate when a claim is timely. This is making clear that the deadline is set by a statute of repose and then that approach determines the timing. Happy to answer any questions. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 625?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy. Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Speaker Evans: "All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 625. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Gabel is recognized."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Representative Jones be allowed to participate and cast his vote remotely."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel has made a Motion that Representative Jones be allowed to participate and cast his vote remotely. This is a roll call vote. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy. Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this Motion, there are 75 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no', and 6 voting 'present'. And the Motion is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Is Representative Jones present?"

Speaker Evans: "Continuing on the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrences. On page 9, we have House Bill 1780, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Gong-Gershowitz on the Concurrence."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I move to concur with Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 1780, which are page and line Amendments that make technical changes to clarify the definition of proprietary information, exclude homeopathic drugs and drugs sold in single dose packaging from the list of covered drugs, reduces the registration fee for take-back programs from 5 thousand to 2500, and provides a 30-day public comment period on a drug take-back proposal filed with IEPA. For legislative intent, I just want to note that pharmaceutical wholesale distributors are not included in the definition of wholesale manufacturer. Most importantly, I want to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who've given their input and ultimately their support to a Bill that is the product of a unique collaboration between retail merchants and the broader environmental community that will help prevent kids and teens

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from starting down the road to addiction and protect our drinking water. It passed both chambers with strong bipartisan support, with 96 votes in the House and 46 in the Senate. And I'd ask this Body to concur with the Senate Amendments."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Batinick: "Representative, if you could be a little bit patient with me, Concurrences are often confusing depending on whether they're a gut and replace or not and who voted on what. As I'm looking through this, it looks like this went through, I think, 96... 96 to 13 in the House, correct?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "That's correct."

Batinick: "And there wasn't... there wasn't structural changes. It looks like you changed a registration fee from 5 thousand to 2500, added some public comment period. So, the changes were not structural. The underlying Bill is mostly the same as what it was previously, correct?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "The underlying Bill is exactly the same. There's just a page and line Amendment to reduce fees and add a public comment period."

Batinick: "Okay. So, on our side, Caulkins, Chesney, Davidsmeyer, Friess, Amy Grant, Brad Halbrook, Jacobs, Mazzochi, Miller, Niemerg, Ugaste, Weber, Wilhour, they would probably vote the same way they did previously, while the rest of us voted 'yes', correct?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "That is correct. Thank you, Leader."

Batinick: "Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Gong-Gershowitz to close."

Gong-Gershowitz: "I ask for a favorable roll call. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 1780?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy. Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Conroy votes 'yes'."

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

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 95 voting 'aye', 14 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 1780. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, under Concurrences. We have House Bill 2775, Representative Ford. Representative Ford to the Concurrence."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the concurrence of Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2775. Everybody to agree and vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Okay. Leader Batinick for questions?"

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I might have a few. Representative, what did the Senate Amendment do? It looks like this was mostly... mostly partisan as I'm looking through this. It looks like it went through... yeah, 62 to 48. So, there

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were 48. And you... there were actually some 'no' votes on your side of the aisle. Did you do anything to alleviate the disagreement of the 48 Members who voted 'no' last time with the Senate Amendment?"

Ford: "You know, that's a good question, and I'm glad you gave me an opportunity to say. We got an agreement on this, and I think we... we did a lot of work. We had a lot of people at the table making sure that we made this Bill the best that it could be. So, what they did and what we did, we removed an Amendment to the Eviction Act and a guidance around how housing providers' income calculation was minimum income requirement might be source of income discrimination. The Amendment also simplifies the definition of source of income and it addresses a concern raised by the Illinois Bankers Association and their allies by exempting financial institutions from the source of income protection in their role as a lender. Lending institutions are already covered by the law that covers source of income discrimination, such as the Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act."

Batinick: "I feel like I'm supposed to have a script reading back to you."

Ford: "Yeah. Go from the heart."

Batinick: "So, there's... it looks like there's a lot of opposition still, opposed by Chicago Creative Investors Association, Coles County Landlord Association, Danville Area Landlord Association, DeKalb Area Rental Association, Illinois Rental Properties Association, Manufactured Housings. So, there's still... you didn't remove all the opposition with this Amendment, correct?"

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Ford: "I mean, no, not all of it. It's hard to agree on everything."

Batinick: "Yeah, it looked like it was a Bill that was pretty heavy both sides. Okay. All right, thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ford to close."

Ford: "Thank you. I... look, I just want to give a closing remarks by... and why this Bill is so important. People, over half of Illinois households, that's 2.7 million out of 4.8 million, earned nonwage income, such as Social Security, retirement income, and public assistance. About 99 thousand households across the state use Housing Choice Vouchers to pay their rent. This Bill is critical to ensure a more just and equitable housing market across our state and the combating the historic segregation and discrimination. It should be noted that these protections already exist in Illinois in Chicago, Cook County, Naperville, and Urbana. House Bill 2775 will bring Illinois in line with 19 other states across the country, including North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Utah. And there's been no problems with this Bill. No one across the country that has this law has repealed it. It's the right thing to do. And it was a great negotiations because even the realtors decided to be in support. I move for the passage of House Bill 2775, as amended."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2775?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

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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 Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 62 voting 'aye', 43 voting 'nay',
and 1 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate
Amendment #1 to House Bill 2775. And this Bill, having
received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Continuing down the Calendar on page 9, under the
Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 2825,
Representative Walsh. Representative Walsh on the
Concurrence."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
House. I move to concur on House Bill 2825, Senate Amendment
1. This Amendment is a gut and replace from the underlying
Bill. And it's an issue with the Village of Lamont, which it
can exchange specific sections of the Illinois Michigan Canal
property with other specific sections of the canal. Part of
it is owned by the Village of Lamont, and the other part is
from a private entity, and they're exchanging those lands.
And the language is basically the agreement that they have
with the DNR, and it's agreed to. And I'd ask for an 'aye'
vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2825?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative 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 Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 1 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2825. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Is Representative Jones present?"

Jones: "Representative Jones is present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones is present."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing down the Calendar on page 9, under the Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 3118, Representative Gabel. Representative Gabel on the Concurrence."

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Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Amendment #1... Senate Amendment #1. This Amendment is just a technical Amendment. It changes some of the dates that people cannot spray this mosquito pesticide. If you remember, this Bill, in general, was brought to me by Scarlett Harper, a 10-year-old from the district who was concerned about the spraying of mosquitoes and the effect that it would have on bees and butterflies. And we met with the landscapers and came up with a good agreement and a Bill that would really do some more education and licensing for... by the Department of Agriculture, and I think it's a good Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Batinick: "Representative, what was the genesis of the Amendment?"

Gabel: "The Amendment came from the landscapers. Again, they decided that the dates were slightly off, so they wanted to change it to between October 15 and April 15 and they wanted to change it to... excuse me, October 15 to April 15. They changed it from October 16 to April 14."

Batinick: "Okay. So, it wasn't a substantive change. It actually..."

Gabel: "No."

Batinick: "...I see in my notes now here. Somebody pointed out to me it was Mosquito Joe asked for the Amendment change."

Gabel: "Okay."

Batinick: "Is that correct? All right. And this Bill passed previously. I'm looking in my notes here. Looks like we had 100 to 5. I think we had Keicher, Halbrook, Chesney, Wilhour,

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and maybe one other one on our side. Do you think the Amendment chained it... changed... actually one on your side, Kelly was a 'no'. Did the Amendment change any of those Members? Did you reach out to any of the opposition on this side of the aisle?"

Gabel: "I have not. The Senate passed the Bill 50 to 0."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you for answering the questions."

Gabel: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3118?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative 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'.
Representative Jones."

Jones: "Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye', 1 voting 'nay',

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and 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3118. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on the Calendar, on page 9, under the Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 3205, Representative LaPointe. Representative LaPointe on the Concurrence."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB... Mr. Speaker, do we have to do anything with the Amendment?"

Speaker Evans: "Oh, no. Please continue."

LaPointe: "All right. HB3205 creates the Fair Food and Retail Delivery Act, which protects our restaurants, bars, and retailers from third-party companies providing delivery without the consent or knowledge of the merchant. The Bill prohibits these third-party delivery services from posting or advertising a menu or using the likeness of or advertising any intellectual property of a restaurant, bar, or retail establishment without the express written consent of that business. As we all know, the demand for delivery has really skyrocketed in the last two years. So, this is a measure that protects our small businesses, restaurants in particular."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Batinick: "Representative, this was a gut and replace though, correct?"

LaPointe: "Correct."

Batinick: "Was there any opposition in committee or any opposition that filed either on our side or anything?"

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LaPointe: "There was not. This has been a Bill that's been negotiated over the past few years and everyone is in agreement, sailed out of committee, sailed out of the Senate."

Batinick: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative LaPointe to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #3 to House Bill 3205?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative 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'.
Representative Jones."

Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #3 to House Bill 3205. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared

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passed. At the bottom of page 9, under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 3296, Representative Ness. Representative Ness on the Concurrence."

Ness: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3296. 3296, as Members will remember, is a Bill that creates career pathways using a PaCE Framework. And what this Bill essentially did is removed opposition by extending the start date, giving more options for opting out, and probably the thing I like about it the most is requiring the state to maintain a directory of businesses that are willing to participate in the program, providing professional career opportunities for students as they go through the program. So, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Bourne for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Bourne: "Thank you. Representative, I know I expressed some concerns about the opt-out when we were on the House Floor before. Have those provisions changed in the Senate?"

Ness: "Well, they did in... yes, they extended the time and it also excused districts that were below a certain number from implementing it. So, yes."

Bourne: "Thank you. I appreciate your work on this and in hearing our concerns. I would recommend an 'aye' vote and want to wish you a happy birthday."

Ness: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness to close."

Ness: "I urge an 'aye' vote. Thanks."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3296?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative 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'. Representative Jones."

Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay' 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3296. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 10 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 3988, Representative Buckner. Representative Buckner is recognized on the Concurrence."

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Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Concurrence for House Bill 3988 simply moves the effective date from December 31 of 2021 to December 31 of 2024. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3988?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk 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: "Yes."

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

Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3988. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 10 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4158, Representative Croke. Representative Croke is recognized."

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Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In HB4158, the underlying Bill language that passed the House stays the same but the Senate Sponsor added language that extends the sunset date of the Condominium and Common Interest Community Ombudsperson... I'm sorry. In committee, you know, I couldn't say this word. So... Ombudsperson Act to July 2024. I'm not going to say it again. The position gives condo unit owners, boards of managers, and condo associations the options to call, via hotline, the IDFPR's Real Estate Division to receive assistance, including educational materials and help resolving complaints. It has been very helpful to many folks in my district on fixed incomes that have questions or need general information. And the amended language overwhelmingly passed the Senate. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Looks like we had Christmas red and green over here. We had Bennett, Davidsmeyer, Friess, Jacobs, Mazzochi, Miller, Niemerg, Severin, Wilhour, and Windhorst were 'noes', but the Bill is substantially the same. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Croke to close."

Croke: "Appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4158?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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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'.
Representative Jones."

Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 41... 100 voting 'aye', 12 voting
'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in
Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4158. And this Bill, having
received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Remaining on page 10 of the Calendar, under Order of
Concurrences. We have House Bill 4126, Representative Tarver.
Representative Tarver on the Concurrence."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill came out of the House
unanimous. I think it was 114-0. Went to the Senate, came out
of committee and the Senate unanimously as well. It is the
Bill that primarily focuses on allowing students in the Invest
in Kids Program to continue the following year, giving them
a super priority. So, I don't know of any opposition. Move to
concur."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the
House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4126?' This
is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye';

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all those opposed signify by voting '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'.
Representative Jones."

Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye'; 0 voting 'nay',
0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate
Amendment #1 to House Bill 4126. And this Bill, having
received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Continuing down page 10 of the Calendar, under Order
of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4170, Representative
Vella. Representative Vella is recognized on the
Concurrence."

Vella: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to... for concurrence of
Senate Amendment #1 on House Bill 4170. All it does is allows
the Rockford Park District to sell closed Elliot Golf Course
and allows the City of Rockford to have review of any proposed
development plans. I urge an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Batinick: "This is a gut and replace?"

Vella: "It is."

Batinick: "Okay. So, tell us a little bit more about what you're doing with Elliot Golf Course. It looks like it was unanimous in committee and in the Senate?"

Vella: "That's correct. So, Elliot Golf Course has been closed for about two years now. It's an arduous process for a park district to sell a property that size. They are going to use the sale to buy basically playground equipment that they need to replace across the state of... or the City of Rockford. There's a water feature on the golf course that Rockford wants to make sure that water feature doesn't have any kind of drainage issues. So, they wanted to have a say in the redevelopment, and that's what this was. Cherry Valley and Rockford getting together, that's what this... the Concurrence is."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Vella to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4170?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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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'.
Representative Jones."

Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'no',
0 voting 'present'. And this Bill... and the House does concur
in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4170. And this Bill,
having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby
declared passed. Continuing on page 10 of the Calendar, under
the Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4242,
Representative Collins. Representative Collins is recognized
on the Concurrence."

Collins: "Mr. Speaker, the Senate Committee Amendment to House
Bill 4242 is just a narrower version of the legislation
previously approved. It aims to strengthen the connections
between the state's early childhood system and many families
involved in the child welfare system. Have no opposition. I
move to concur."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Batinick: "Representative, I'll be honest, I don't think I heard, or anybody else on our side heard, a word of that. Can you explain that a little bit more please, or say it a little bit louder?"

Collins: "It says that it makes it narrower version... it's a narrower version of the legislation previously approved. It aims to strengthen the connections between the state's early childhood system and many families involved in the child welfare system."

Batinick: "Okay. And this... so, this is directionally trying to do the same thing you did before when it passed the chamber 64-42, correct?"

Collins: "Correct."

Batinick: "Okay. I recommend keeping your votes the same."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Collins to close."

Collins: "I move to concur."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4242?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative 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."

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

Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 69 voting 'aye', 44 voting 'nay',
0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate
Amendment #1 to House Bill 4242. And this Bill, having
received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Continuing down page 10 of the Calendar, under the
Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4243,
Representative Mason. Representative Mason on the
Concurrence."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate
Amendment 1 of House Bill 4243. If you recall, this Bill
passed earlier on the House Floor. It prohibits schools from
withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts due to
nonpayment of fees. The Senate decided, despite having no
opposition, that they wanted to make it a three-year trial
period. So, this plan will go on for three years and then
sunset. I welcome any questions, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Batinick: "Representative, we had a pretty lengthy debate on this
one last time, correct?"

Mason: "Yes."

Batinick: "And I think it came out of here 66-36?"

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Mason: "Sounds right."

Batinick: "Okay. And what was the specific differences that the Senate changed to the underlying Bill?"

Mason: "They changed it to make it a three-year trial plan. So, this will go on for three years. The schools will report to the Illinois State Board of Education how much, if anything, they have lost because of this new rule. And after three years, will sunset."

Batinick: "Got it. Yeah, I think if you disliked the original Bill, you would keep your vote the same on this one. Members, I would check your... just hit your analysis button to see how you voted last time. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Should the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4243?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk 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'.
Representative Jones."

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Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting 'aye'; 41 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4243. And the Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 10, under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 4256, Representative McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. This Bill has three Amendments that were put on in the Senate. It's part of three other Bills that we discussed before. It clarifies that it would only be for the 2023 school year if the Governor has declared a disaster due to a public health emergency. It also amends the word from 'any' to 'all' when it concerns the principals and teachers. And finally, the last one is cleanup because CPS is in a different part of the Bill. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1, 3, and 4 to House Bill 4256?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1, 3, and 4 to House Bill 4256. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the top of page 11, under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 4257, Representative McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 4257 is basically the same Bill it was before, however, it strips a couple pieces out of it from a Senate Amendment. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4257?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk 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'. Representative Jones."

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Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4257. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4281, Representative Stava-Murray. Representative Stava-Murray on the Concurrence."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #4 to House Bill 4281. As you remember, House Bill 4281 was an initiative from CUB that would prevent nonutility entities from using the name or logo of the utility to sell, solicit, market, or bill for home insurance maintenance or warrantied products. The Amendment simply clarifies that this prohibition does not apply to activities permitted to implement a program or a plan approved by the commission pursuant to an order entered under this Act. And also, it exempts out Mid-American, a very small company that operates in one small slice of Illinois that uses a logo from Iowa. So, it has nothing to do with Illinois companies. So, with that, all opponents were neutral. So, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #4 to House Bill 4281?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye';

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all those opposed signify by voting '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'.
Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 110 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay',
2 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate
Amendment #4 to House Bill 4281. And this Bill, having
received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar, under Order
of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4313, Leader Hoffman.
Leader Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask that the House concur in
Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4313. This in an initiative
of the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund. And what we did is
it passed, I believe, on the Consent Calendar. It allows the
Director of Insurance... gives them permissive authority to
provide certain confidential information with the Illinois
Insurance Guaranty Fund about an insurer who is headed towards
insolvency. That passed on the Consent Calendar. The Senate

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put some parameters around that and defined exactly when the information can be shared. I know of no opposition."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4313?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative 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'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye'; 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4313. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4338, Representative Barbara Hernandez, presented by Representative Avelar. Representative Avelar. Out of the record. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have

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House Bill 4382, Representative Delgado. Representative Delgado. Representative Delgado on the Concurrence."

Delgado: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4382."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4382?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk 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'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4382. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 11 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4410, Representative Robinson. Representative Robinson on the Concurrence."

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Robinson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill, 4410, adds an additional member to the Real Estate Evaluation Task Force. The Governor would appoint the representative to a statewide appraisal organization. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4410?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk 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'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4410. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down on page 11 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4430, Representative Cassidy. Representative Cassidy is recognized virtually."

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Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Sorry. Senate Amendment 1 addresses concerns raised by the department over the reimbursement language to ensure appropriate insurance coverage for PEP and PrEP. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, I'm going to go ahead and say, will the Sponsor yield? I don't think I've ever had a chance to debate the screen before. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "I believe she will yield."

Batinick: "Representative, what exactly... the fundamental makeup of the Bill is the same, correct?"

Cassidy: "Yes, it is."

Batinick: "The Amendment didn't..."

Cassidy: "It is... this (unintelligible) in the Senate. The department didn't like the reimbursement language."

Batinick: "Okay. So, on our... I think we had 71-24, if everybody wants to look at that. I'm not going to try to read off 24 names of 'noes' and even some other 'NVs' and some 'yeses'. I suggest looking at the roll call from before and keeping your votes consistent. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Frese is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Frese: "Representative, this is a Bill where 14-, 15-year-olds are still included. We had this discussion first time around. Is that correct?"

Cassidy: "The only minors that are included are those who are legally emancipated, separated from their parents."

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Frese: "Okay. And again, there was... I think there's some definition issues with legally emancipated minors, and I think it's a... we're going to continue to take the stance that it's an affront to parents, people who want to raise their kids responsibly and want to be involved in the health care choices of their kid. So, I'm going to continue to stay on the side of the parents that have 14- and 15-year-olds and ask everyone for a 'no' vote if you're for the side of the parents. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ann Williams is recognized."

Williams, A.: "To the Bill. Just a reminder that even 14- and 15-year-olds deserve to get 90 percent protection. That is the kind of level of protection that we're talking about with this amazing, transformative drug. I don't know why anyone would vote 'no' on this Bill. This is about saving lives. That's... it's that simple. It's about saving lives. It's actually... let me look at some of these facts for you. Taking it every day, the risk of transmitting HIV is reduced by 90 percent. When used properly, it provides almost complete protection against sexually transmitted HIV infection. It can also protect against HIV infection transmitted through injecting drugs. This is about saving lives. It's that simple. I can't imagine you wouldn't want to be a part of saving lives, and this Bill will do that. Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Harper is recognized. Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4430. This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the

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opposed signify by voting '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: "Yes."

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

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 72 voting 'aye', 30 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4430. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4452, Representative Didech. Representative Didech on the Concurrence."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 on House Bill 4452. This is the Bill that makes a minor change to the referendum language for the establishment of a community mental health board to allow township and county boards to seek authorization for lower than the maximum levy amounts. The Senate Amendment only changes the effective date to July 1 instead of an immediate effective date. The purpose of this Amendment is that because

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there are referenda already authorized for the June 2022 Primary Election, we wanted to make sure that we were not inadvertently invalidating those referenda. So, what we are voting on today is for the new referendum language to be applicable beginning for referendum that are on the ballot for the November 2022 General Election. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Batinick is recognized. Leader Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a quick question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Evans: "He will yield."

Butler: "Representative, just to remind people, this actually has nothing to do with wind energy and could actually, actually lower people's taxes. Is that correct?"

Didech: "Correct. The title of the Bill is a holdover from when this vehicle was introduced. And you're correct, the purpose of this Bill is to allow for lower property tax levy amounts if the township boards choose to for the community mental health boards."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4452?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

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Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

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

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill does... and the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4452. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 11 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4489, Leader Hoffman. Leader Hoffman to the Concurrence."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4489. What this Bill... got out of here on the Consent Calendar, and it just clarifies that we can... these projects can benefit from not only state funds but federal funds, but it adds it can also be exempt if you are under both state and federal funds."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4489?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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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'.
Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 110 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay',
0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate
Amendment #1 to House Bill 4489. And this Bill, having
received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Returning to page 9 of the Calendar, under Order of
Concurrences. We have House Bill 1208, Leader Hoffman. Leader
Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would ask that we concur in
Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1208. This is an initiative
of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. And what
this does is, in the underlying Bill, we were transferring
monies between a couple funds and dissolving some funds. This
gives the permission to the State Comptroller to do just that.
The additional language was asked to be added to the Bill by
the State Comptroller."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Should
the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1208?'
This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting

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'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting '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'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1208. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward on the Order of Concurrences. On page 11, at the bottom, we have House Bill 4629, Representative Burke. Representative Burke is recognized on the Concurrence."

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4629. And this is something that was brought to the attention in the Senate. The nurse practitioners had a question or a concern with some of the language. It all got worked out. The Bill is still an agreed Bill and the language does... that was added does not change

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the nature or the scope of what was agreed on in the House Bill. So, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4629?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative 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'.
Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4629. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 11 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4338, Representative Barbara Hernandez, presented by Representative Avelar. Representative Avelar on the Concurrence."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4338, we had a Senate Committee Amendment which was a page and line Amendment that

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adds advanced practice registered nurses to the mandated language, such as... it requires coverage of prenatal vitamins when prescribed by a physician or a advanced practice registered nurse. The Amendment did not change the proponents or neutral parties. And I'm open to any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4338?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative 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'.
Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4338. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 11 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4306, Representative

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Kifowit. Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit on the Concurrence."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 on this Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4306?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk 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'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 1 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4306. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing through the Calendar on page 12, under the Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4645, Leader Greenwood. Leader Greenwood on the Concurrence."

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Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Floor Amendment #1."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4645?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all opposed the signify by voting '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'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4645. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4665, Representative Mah. Representative Mah on the Concurrence."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4665. The initial Bill was a simple sunset. The Amendment put substantive changes into the Dietitian

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Nutritionist Act that were agreed upon between the IDFPR and the two major industry groups that were stakeholders. I move to concur. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4665?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk 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'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4665. And the Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down the Calendar on page 12, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4674, Representative West. Representative West is recognized."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur Senate Amendment #3 to House Bill 4674."

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Speaker Evans: "Would you like to move 1 and 3, or just 3?"

West: "Just 3, Sir."

Speaker Evans: "Representative, you must move both or... you can't move just one. Like to move both or take it out of the record?"

West: "Let's take this out of the record for a minute."

Speaker Evans: "Out of the record. Continuing along page 12 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4716, Representative Halpin. Representative Halpin on the Concurrence."

Halpin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4716, if Members would remember, is an effort to adopt national standards for teen driving education. The change in the Senate was an agreed change that I had talked about on final passage here in the House which just makes sure that the Secretary of State has the authority to deviate from those national standards when it comes to classroom hours and behind the wheel hours to make sure our teens are getting enough driving experience and classroom experience. I'd ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative McCombie."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

McCombie: "So, in this Bill, we're keeping the standards, state standards. Is that correct?"

Halpin: "Well, they're state standards, but the Secretary of State, in consultation with the association, would adopt... essentially adopt the national teen driver standards with the ability to deviate under certain circumstances if they believe it's desirable."

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McCombie: "Okay. So, you'd be able to deviate from certain national standards if the Secretary of State did not agree with those, correct?"

Halpin: "Yes. They can be adapted to meet Illinois licensing and educational requirements, including the cognitive, physiological, and psychological aspects of the safe operation of a motor vehicle, as well as the hours for classroom and behind the wheel education."

McCombie: "Okay. Thank you. To the Bill. So, here we are, this is driver's ed folks, driver's ed that we are going to keep the state standards and we can deviate from any national standards. But when it comes to sex ed in Illinois, we are adopting the national standards, letting go of the state standards, and there's nothing we can deviate from. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Halpin to close."

Halpin: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's a weird reversal from my colleague who voted originally for the Bill. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4716?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 102 voting 'aye', 6 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4716. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down the Calendar on page 12, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4769, Representative Conroy. Representative Conroy. Out of the record. Remaining on House Bill 4769, Representative Conroy. Out of the record. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4772, Representative McLaughlin. Representative McLaughlin. Out of the record. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4813, Leader Gordon-Booth. Out of the record. Continuing down the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. On page 12, we have House Bill 4818, Leader Greenwood. Leader Greenwood on the Concurrence."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Floor Amendment 1 and 2. This legislation is something that I've been working on for a while now with advocates in my community, so I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

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Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Batinick: "Representative, was this a gut and replace, or what were the changes to this particular Bill?"

Greenwood: "The Senate Amendments were not a gut and replace."

Batinick: "Okay. What were the changes that they made? I see there was... I see Representative Dan Swanson was the lone 'no' vote in the House. Did you have a conversation with him to get this to the point of a unanimous vote?"

Greenwood: "No."

Batinick: "Okay. No further questions."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Greenwood to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 4818?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye', 1 voting 'nay',

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and 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 4818. And the Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to the bottom of the Calendar, on page 12, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4979, Leader Manley. Leader Manley is recognized."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 on House Bill 4979."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Batinick: "Representative, what did the Senate Amendment do? I know you're moving to concur with it, but what was the substance of the Amendment?"

Manley: "I'm so glad you asked."

Batinick: "Are you? Are you?"

Manley: "Not really. So, we've been working on this issue for about two years. And.. and I know you've read through the BA and everything, but basically what this does is corrects a problem that was like the byproduct of the SMART Act. But when somebody.. an elderly person goes on Medicaid, they're forced to cash in their small life insurance policies, basically that they've.. they're paid for, bought and paid for, and they've bought to pay for their funeral expenses. This allows them to not have to factor those in and cash them in for pennies on the dollar."

Batinick: "Okay. Sounds like a good, good piece of legislation. You didn't get that right the first time though, right?"

Manley: "We had some problems, yeah."

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Batinick: "Okay. And there's no opposition, Leader?"

Manley: "There... every... the opposition we had is neutral, and the proponents are numerous."

Batinick: "The proponents are numerous."

Manley: "Yes."

Batinick: "I won't ask you, I'll waive the reading of the proponents."

Manley: "Thank you."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you."

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

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Representative, is this just not dealing with the spenddown that Medicaid requires for an individual when they are faced with outliving their assets and still have a policy in place and they want to donate... make sure that policy is towards their funeral expense, their final expense. Is that correct?"

Manley: "Correct."

Brady: "Okay. Thank you very much. I'll be voting 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Manley to close."

Manley: "Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4979. This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

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Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4979. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. In the bottom of page 12, under Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 4988, Leader Manley. Leader Manley is recognized."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to concur on Senate Committee Amendment 1, 2, and 3."

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

Ugaste: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Ugaste: "Leader Manley, is this the most Amendments you have on Concurrence?"

Manley: "Almost. It's been a year."

Ugaste: "The Senate apparently saw fit to make some changes, and despite what I thought was a very good Bill when we sent it over, I still will urge a concurrence and to vote 'yes'. Thank you."

Manley: "Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 4988?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yeah."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 4988. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 6 of the Calendar. Under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 302, Representative Robinson. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 302, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 302, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Robinson is recognized."

Robinson: "Mr. Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. Today, we have a tremendous opportunity to celebrate the life and legacy of the 16th President of the United States of America, Abraham Lincoln, with this Bill. This Bill will allow us to finally cherish one of our state's gems, the Abraham Lincoln and Presidential Library. Part of this Bill includes removing statutory mandate relationship between the ALPLM and its original charitable foundation partner, the Abraham Presidential Lincoln Library Foundation, now known as the Lincoln Presidential Foundation. I understand that both entities are sadly content to end their working relationship. I understand that the foundation continues to loan its Taper Collection to the state for display under agreement that expires in October. When that agreement comes to an end, we hope the foundation will find a way to continue to loan the artifacts to the people of Illinois. I want to thank the foundation for all of its hard work, but to my colleagues, today is a new day. We have a director at our gem that gets it. We have a director that we need to support. This director has tremendous expertise in the job as well as a new perspective on how to interpret the life and the legacies of our very own Abe Lincoln. Representative Butler, if I may, the director has said, 'You can't truly understand America without understanding Abraham Lincoln's impact on the

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nation.' So, today, my friends, is a new day for our gem. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any debate? Representative Willis is recognized."

Willis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Many of you have heard me speak before about the relationship between the foundation and the library. One of the things that I want to point out that this is... while this relationship is ending, it did serve a wonderful purpose for the State of Illinois. And I want to extend the appreciation to the foundation for all of the hard work they did, to the members of the foundation for their work and their sacrifice and their forward thinking on the great gems that we could bring to the State of Illinois. Public-private partnerships do work, and this was an example of that. I truly feel that this is the place where we need to be at this point. This is a mutually agreed upon thing, and I do urge Members to support this legislation. So, thank you very much, Representative Robinson, for bringing this forward. Thank you for the foundation board members. And I look forward to continuing to see the wonderful gem we have in the Abraham Lincoln Library Museum. Thank you."

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

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I would like to echo the remarks of both Representative Willis and thank Representative Robinson for bringing this forward. This is legislation that the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum has advocated for. And as Representative Willis stated, the foundation, which has previously done a very good job with the Presidential Library and Museum, they have done

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a good job, and we appreciate the work that they've done. And I thank you for saying that, Representative Willis. But it's a new day and a new path forward, and there's a lot of excitement with the new director at the LPLM and they're doing a lot of great things, and this is the... this is a good path forward. So, Representative Robinson, on behalf of the party of Lincoln over here that sits underneath the portrait of Abraham Lincoln, and from the guy who represents Abraham Lincoln's statehouse district, I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Robinson to close."

Robinson: "I want to thank, again, my colleagues on both sides of the aisle that today, again, we are able to honor President Abe Lincoln. And we're also finally able to really focus in on our great state's... our great state gem in this presidential library, and I appreciate all of the advocates for their hard work and making today happen. Thank you for your support."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 302 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

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Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to page 12 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill... under Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 4941, Representative Mah. Representative Mah is recognized."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to concur Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4941. As I've mentioned before, this Bill is a constituent initiative. It was brought to me by a speech therapist who wanted to add transparency and sufficient notice when it comes to rate changes for providers. The Bill passed in this chamber with an overwhelming bipartisan... bipartisan support. The Amendment in the Senate was brought by the Illinois Hospital Association. It simply clarifies that the notice requirement on the Medicaid side is already more robust and therefore the provisions in this legislation do not apply to them and the language brings everyone into agreement. And I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4941?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4941. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving down page 12 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4973, Representative Delgado. Representative Delgado. Out of the record. Moving forward to page 13 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4998, Representative Luft. Representative Luft is recognized."

Luft: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4998."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4998?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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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'.
Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay',
0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate
Amendment #1 to House Bill 4998. And the Bill, having received
a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed.
Continuing down page 13 of the Calendar, under Order of
Concurrences. We have House Bill 4999, Leader Gabel. Leader
Gabel is recognized."

Gabel: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with
Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4999. This Senate Amendment
is a technical Amendment, and it clarifies the initial
language with respect to early intervention services. It just
provides that all early intervention services must be
initiated as soon as possible but not later than 30 days. And
it clarifies that the department can adopt relevant rules.
Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the
House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4999?' This
is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye';

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all those opposed signify by voting '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'.
Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye' 0 voting 'nay,
1 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate
Amendment #1 to House Bill 4999. And this Bill, having
received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Continuing down page 13 of the Calendar, under Order
of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5013, Leader Flowers.
Leader Flowers is recognized."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
House. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House
Bill 5013. The Senate did a gut and replace, but they restored
the original language that was in House Bill 5013 as well as
there was agreed to language with the MCOs to address the
quality and access of health care for women. And I would move
for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5013?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk 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'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5013. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 12 of the Calendar, under House... we have House Bill 4674, Representative West."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur Senate Amendments #1 and 3 to House Bill 4674 that passed unanimously in the Senate and in committee this morning."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Inquiry of the Chair?"

Speaker Evans: "Continue."

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Batinick: "I think that the Bill was sent to committee, so you have to approve both Senate Amendments 1 and 3 at committee, but they only approved Senate Amendment 1. Which means... I don't want to... we like his Bill. I just don't want there to be a snag in the process here."

Speaker Evans: "We'll return to this. For now, out of the record. Continuing on page 12 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4772, Representative McLaughlin. Representative McLaughlin is recognized."

McLaughlin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4772 comes back to the House with minor Amendments. These Amendments allow for DuPage County to allow for their design-bid-build to remain in place and the... to also emphasize that this Bill is permissive. So, I would motion for concurrence at this time."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4772?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

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Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4772. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4973, Representative Delgado. Representative Delgado is recognized."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur on Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 4973. Hopefully, Members of the Body will recall that I presented this previously and noted at that time that there still needed to be some work done to get all the stakeholders on board. The underlying Bill eliminates procedural uncertainty in ICC enforcement actions against ARES, AGS, and ABCs. So, Senate Floor Amendment 1 adds language at the request of stakeholders to make clear that the legislation doesn't diminish the existing rights of a certificate holder. And then Senate... and it also includes language that addresses concerns related to claims and penalties. And Senate Floor Amendment 2 is just a technical fix in the numbering. So, this has brought all of the stakeholders together. There are no opponents to the legislation. So, I ask for all of your support."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Batinick: "Representative, you're moving to concur with both 1 and 2 Amendments?"

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Delgado: "Yes, Sir."

Batinick: "Okay. I have in my notes here... I'm trying to find it, looking at it again... that there's a fee increase in here somewhere?"

Delgado: "No, there is no fee increase."

Batinick: "Okay. Just a penalty increase maybe? Under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act increases violations of the Act..."

Delgado: "No, it just matches up the penalties. So, in different parts of the Acts, the penalties didn't match up..."

Batinick: "Got it."

Delgado: "...and this legislation is putting them at the same level. So..."

Batinick: "Currently before the Amendments or before this Bill even started?"

Delgado: "The underlying Bill did that. The Amendments didn't touch either... any of that stuff."

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

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 4973?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

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Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'.
Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay',
and 1 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate
Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 4973. And this Bill, having
received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Moving to page 13 of the Calendar, under Order of
Concurrences. We have House Bill 5015, Representative
Gonzalez. Representative Gonzalez is recognized."

Gonzalez: "I move to concur on Amendments 2 and 3, just did some
technical changes in the Senate. It came out of here
unanimously. It did the same thing in the Senate. I want to
do that again here."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the
House concur in Senate Amendment #2 and 3 to House Bill 5015?'
This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting
'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting
is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yeah."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'.
Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay',
0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate
Amendment #2 and 3 to House Bill 5015. And this Bill, having
received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Continuing down page 13 of the Calendar, under Order
of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5016, Representative
Collins. Representative Collins is recognized."

Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5016, on Concurrence,
further clarifies the role of the Department of Corrections
to involve educators and security staff in assisting the
students in the program and to negotiate with the relevant
bargaining units to ensure implementation of the program and
that it's consistent with their CBA. I move to concur."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the
House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5016?' This
is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye';
all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open.
Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

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Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'.
Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 110 voting in 'favor', 0 voting
'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate
Amendment #1 to House Bill 5016. And this Bill, having
received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Continuing down page 13 of the Calendar, under Order
of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5026, Representative Ann
Williams. Representative Williams is recognized."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate
Amendments #1 and #2."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Should
the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill
5026?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by
voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The
voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'.
Representative Jones."

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Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur to Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 5026. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 13 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5067 (sic-5167), Representative Willis. Representative Willis is recognized."

Willis: "Thank you. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1, which is a technical change just changing a couple of implementation dates."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5167?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yeah."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record."

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On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye' 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5167. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving down page 13 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5184, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit is recognized on the Concurrence."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1. Senate Amendment 1 simply cleans up some language from the original Bill. And to be quite honest, in talking with Minority Spokesperson Swanson, he was in on all the conversations, we are going to be having future conversations with regards to this Bill to do a little bit more cleanup language over the summer and expect to have a trailer Bill, just to be technical in nature, in the Veto Session. So, I ask for the concurrence to Senate Amendment #1."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Swanson is recognized."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Spokesperson covered the information I was going to. There is a trailer Bill we'll be working on this summer, and it's been quite a team effort, so thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5184?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all the opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

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Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5184. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 13 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5196, Representative Morgan. Representative Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendments #2 of House Bill 5196. This was a technical Amendment that was made in the Senate. There is no opposition, and I ask for its adoption and approval."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 5196?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 5196. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing toward the bottom of page 13, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5283, Representative Lewis. Representative Lewis is recognized."

Lewis: "I'm here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur Senate Amendments 1 and 3."

Speaker Evans: "The... Representative Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Question of the Sponsor, please."

Speaker Evans: "The Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Butler: "Is this your first Concurrence, Representative?"

Lewis: "This is my first Concurrence."

Butler: "Do you know how Bills get concurred?"

Lewis: "I do not."

Butler: "Neither do I, to be honest with you, so..."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 3 to House Bill 5283?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

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Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 3 to House Bill 5283. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 13, under Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 5328, Representative Rita. Representative Rita is recognized."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5328. This deals with speed zones in parks. The underlying Bill made the fines for both school zones and park zones the same. The Senate pulled out the additional fines that were put in, but I concur with it."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Batinick: "Hey, Representative. Can you tell me why the Senate saw it in their wisdom to remove the increased fines for passing a school bus?"

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Rita: "It's not a school bus."

Batinick: "Okay."

Rita: "Is it?"

Batinick: "School zone."

Rita: "It says... for the... they said it was a penalty enhancement.
So, they pulled it out. So, right now..."

Batinick: "And we don't want..."

Rita: "...right now, if you look at park zones, speed zones, I believe the fines, I don't have my paper in front of me, is 250 and 500 for the second offense. For school zones, it's 150 and 300 dollars for the second offense. I just made it uniform 250 and 500 for both school speed zones and park zones when we sent it there. They pulled out the increase, making them parallel, the same."

Batinick: "Well, that's disappointing in the Senate, and I just want that on the record. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5328?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'.
Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay',
0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur to Senate
Amendment #1 to House Bill 5328. And this Bill, having
received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Returning to page 8 of the Calendar, under the Order
of Concurrences. We have House Bill 246, Representative
Moeller. Representative Moeller is recognized."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate
Committee Amendment #1 to House Bill 246."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates that she will."

Batinick: "Representative, this is not landscape architects,
correct?"

Moeller: "No, this is not. This is just the vehicle Bill that
came over for the Senate... for the underlying Bill, which I'm
happy to describe and introduce."

Batinick: "Yeah, let's give a little... let's give a little story
about the new Bill since this is a completely new Bill. And
as I look at it, we actually have pretty long analysis on it.
So, what are you doing here? This is changing the nursing
home base rate, so on and so forth. I think we need to ferret
this one out, if you don't mind."

Moeller: "Okay. I'm happy to. Thank you. Thank you, Leader. So,
Senate Committee Amendment #1 to House Bill 246 is the nursing

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home rate reform package that has been long discussed both here in the House and in the Senate. The Bill, as amended, contains a redesign of the state's nursing home assessment program and reimbursement methodologies. And it also proposes an increase to the nursing home per diem base rate and incentive payments so that they're directly tied to... so that funding is directly tied to health equity, increased staffing, and accountability. As a means of just kind of giving a general overview of what's in the Bill, the items that are contained in the Bill are intended to simplify and increase the nursing home assessment to bring in more federal funds to enhance payments to nursing homes. This proposal invests over \$500 million into the Illinois long-term care system with new federal matching funds. It also raises the base rate for all nursing homes to account for wage increases, creates a new and higher pay scale for certified nursing assistants, directly ties additional funding to increase staffing and pay increases as staffing ratios improve, creates a quality funding pool of at least \$70 million, initially based on a composite of federal star ratings but will be evolving over time, and finally, it transitions the state from the rugs to the patient-driven payment model to ensure that we are focusing on the needs of the patient rather than the volume of services provided."

Batinick: "Okay. And I see that this... the total cost for this proposal is 703.9 million, of which 136.3 million of General Revenue Fund is needed. Is that... so we're leveraging a lot of money. Is the rest of that federal money? Where is the rest of the money coming from?"

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Moeller: "Yeah. The rest of it is federal money. We are increasing the bed tax, the bed assessment to... to bring in additional federal matching dollars to increase resources to the long-term care."

Batinick: "Okay. And looks like you're adding \$7 to the base rate, effectively setting the base rate at \$92.22 per day. Is that what we're seeing here?"

Moeller: "There are several different mechanisms that... where we are increasing resources to the system. The one is the bed reassessment design that starts at \$7 per Medicaid day. And then depending on the number of Medicaid days, increases up to a maximum of \$22.40."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you, Representative. To the Bill. I think it's a good Bill. It was just a heavy Bill that I thought we needed to discuss 'cause it was a major gut and replace. I certainly urge an 'aye' vote. I will listen to the rest of the debate."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Caulkins is recognized."

Caulkins: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Caulkins: "Representative, are the rates for assisted living affected in this Bill?"

Moeller: "This is... this is focused on the long-term care system, the skilled nursing facilities."

Caulkins: "So, this doesn't... does or does not affect the rates for assisted living facilities?"

Moeller: "No, it does not."

Caulkins: "Okay. And the pay increase, it's guaranteed? I know we did this many, many years ago where the rate increase, the

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owners or the facility owners had to guarantee that the employees were going to get a pay increase. Is that guaranteed that we're going to see this money go to the employees?"

Moeller: "Well, that is one of the main drivers of... and one of the main features of this Bill is to ensure that nursing homes are staffing at a level that's adequate to provide for safety and better quality of care in nursing homes. So, the formula that is... that will be implemented with the effective date of this Bill is that as nursing homes staff at a higher rate, they are eligible for increased funding based on the strive formula that HFS will be implementing. And so presumably, in order to keep employees working in these facilities, they're going to have to increase the pay... the wages and ensure that they're, you know, retaining their workforce and attracting new employees to the... to these facilities."

Caulkins: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, what you have here before you this evening is a product of several years of very hard work by a number of individuals. I want to give credit to all of the folks in the long-term care industry that have worked extremely hard together to get this Bill before us this evening. I also want to give credit to Director Eagleson and her incredible team for being there to answer questions, talk people off the ledge, and finally, bring us this product. Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "Thank you, Leader. And thank you, Leader Hammond, for those remarks. This is a... I'm proud to be able to present

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this Bill today. As Leader Hammond mentioned, this is the culmination of several years of hard work, negotiation, and listening to families and residents in nursing homes to understand how conditions are affecting the quality of life for the most vulnerable in our communities. Last April, several committees here in the House embarked on several... many, many hearings over the spring, summer, and fall to hear the stories of families and understand how COVID-19 had exacerbated an already chronically understaffed and dangerous situations in our long-term care facilities. I want to thank the Chairs of our House Mental Health & Addiction Committee, Chair Conroy and Leader and... Spokesman Severin, the Chair of our Health Care Availability & Accessibility Committee, Leader Greenwood and Leader Flowers, Leader Welter, and also our Human Service-Appropriations Committee, Leader Lilly, and also my vice chair, Leader... Representative LaPointe, and our Spokeswoman, Leader Hammond. I also want to thank the families who came forward and the residents who came forward to give testimony and give life to the problem that we see in our long-term care facilities. Often times, they did this at their own risk of fear of retribution. And one particular gentleman, Mark Cooper, who spoke to us from a nursing home here in Illinois, gave life to why this problem, why this situation, and why... is so tragic, and why this... why these reforms are so needed. I also want to thank Speaker Welch, who has been a consistent leader on this issue, Leaders Harris, Gabel, Hernandez for their assistance, and also Representatives Collins, Stoneback, Guerrero-Cuellar, Mussman, Ness, and Cassidy for their leadership. And of course, last but not

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least, Governor Pritzker has been an amazing leader on this issue. Director Theresa Eagleson and her staff have done the Lord's work in negotiating this Bill. They've put their heart and soul into this effort. Senate staff, Senator Gillespie, House staff, Chloe Compton, who's here with me on the floor, Mark Jarmer, representatives from the Illinois Health Care.. hospital.. the IHCA, LeadingAge, SCIU, HCCI, and AARP. These reforms are many, many years in the making and they were very difficult because of resistance within the industry. This is a Bill that we can all be very proud to vote for tonight. It's one step in a long process to ensure that the most vulnerable in our states receive the best quality care in the safest facilities in our nursing homes. So, thank you for your indulgence, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 246?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

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Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 246. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 12 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 4769, Representative Conroy, handled by Representative Ann Williams. Representative Williams is recognized."

Williams, A.: "Hi. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is originally a licensing Act. Let's see. The Behavioral Analyst Licensing Act authorizes the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to license behavior analysts, assistant behavior analysts, and behavior technicians. And I will move to concur in Amendments #1, #2, and #3. I have to say, credit goes to my colleague and neighbor, Deb Conroy, for her amazing work on this complicated initiative. I can tell it's complicated because the analysis is 25 pages. And I'm not going to go through it all, but I do have to read a bit of legislative intent. This Bill will license these professionals, but I will note that the education requirements in Section 30 and 35 do need some clarification. So, changes will be made in the Veto Session. For legislative intent purposes, while the implementation on the Bill begins, the education requirement in Section 30 will read as follows, is a graduate of a graduate level program in the field of behavior analysis or a related field with an equivalent course of study in behavior analysis approved by the department from a regionally

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accredited university approved by the department. Second item in legislative intent, the education requirement in Section 35 will read, is a graduate of a bachelor's level program in the field of behavioral analysis or a related field with an equivalent course of study in behavior analysis approved by the department from a regionally accredited university approved by the department. And again, this follows all the work that Representative Conroy has done in the field of mental health, something that we all need to focus on in a whole different way than we did even just two years ago. So, I think licensing these professionals will be really helpful toward that end."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 4769?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record."

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On this question, there are 107 voting 'aye', 4 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 4769. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 14 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5463, Representative Moylan. Representative Moylan is recognized on the Concurrence."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I concur with the Senate. This is a fantastic Bill. It... IDOT did a little clean up on the grass, and I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 5463?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate

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Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 5463. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 14 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5464, Representative Stuart. Representative Stuart. Out of the record. Continuing on page 14 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5496, Representative Weber. Representative Weber is recognized."

Weber: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we concur with Senate Amendment 1 on House Bill 5496. This was just a request of intent by the insurance companies, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5496?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay',

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0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5496. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 14 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrence. We have House Bill 5502, Representative Willis. Representative Willis is recognized."

Willis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendments 2 and 3. This is just a continuation of the 9-1-1 Authority Act that Representative Marron and I sit on. We had stated when we brought it here originally that there was one other piece that needed to continue the negotiations. That was done, and it was moved in the Senate. So, I do request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #2 and 3 to House Bill 5502. This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record."

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On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #2 and 3 to House Bill 5502. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 14 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5464, Representative Stuart. Representative Stuart is recognized."

Stuart: "Thank you. The underlying... I move to concur with the Senate Amendment 1. The underlying Bill was the IBHE kind of omnibus to align with the strategic plan. And the Senate Amendment removes the cease-and-desist language that was concerning in the original Bill and also removes the fines and the fees."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Batinick: "Representative, how substantive were the changes in the Senate? I'm looking at the... this was 63-44 in the House, I believe, but it came back through the Senate unanimously. So, there must have been something significant done there. What were the changes in the Senate that removed so much opposition?"

Stuart: "I think it was partially more opportunity to discuss the details in the Bill, but it was also the removal of the fines and the fees and the cease-and-desist language."

Batinick: "I'm betting it was the removal of the fines and the fees then. So, okay. So, this is an agreed Bill, fines and fees removed."

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Stuart: "My understanding. I mean, it went through our committee unanimously."

Batinick: "Okay. And what committee is that?"

Stuart: "Higher Education."

Batinick: "And who runs Higher Education on our side?"

Stuart: "I do. Oh, on your side?"

Batinick: "Yes."

Stuart: "Dan Brady."

Batinick: "I think we trust him a little bit. Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart to close."

Stuart: "I also encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5464. This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

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Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5464. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving down on page 14 of the Calendar, under Order of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5506, Representative Stuart. Representative Stuart is recognized."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1. This is the Dual Credit Quality Act. It was changes to that, which we actually passed originally 104 voting 'yes' and none voting 'against' it, but we actually even made it better in the Senate. So, an analysis of the dual credit courses with mixed enrollment will be done to look at the student characteristics with respect to gender, race, ethnicity, and income. And make sure that the high schools make it clear to... because these will be classes where some students will qualify to earn the college credit and some will not. Procedures to make it clear which category the individual students fall into, but there is no opposition."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Batinick: "Representative, this went through unanimously here, unanimously through the Senate, and unanimous in committee here, correct?"

Stuart: "Correct."

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Batinick: "And what were the substantive changes with the Senate Amendment?"

Stuart: "So, the Senate Amendment added... and it was a request to collect some data about... the change we made will allow a mixed course so that there are students who are earning dual credit along with the same students who are only earning the high school credit. So, we want to know that we're tracking what students are in those courses and how they're proceeding. So, were tracking that data, like I said, with respect to gender, ethnicity, income level, and things like that, and then also making sure that it's very well-known what classification you are as a student before the first day of classes in that dual credit class."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart to close."

Stuart: "I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5506?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'.
Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 110 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay',
0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate
Amendment #1 to House Bill 5506. And this Bill, having
received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Continuing down page 14 of the Calendar, under Order
of Concurrences. We have House Bill 5575, Representative
Ammons. Representative Ammons is recognized."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate
Amendment 1 that removes the (unintelligible) of Members from
the General Assembly to not receive enough information from
the department. The department made these recommendations for
the study of occupational licenses, and I move to concur."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Batinick: "Representative, I have in my notes here that this Bill
is agreed to now. There was some opposition previously?"

Ammons: "Yes. This Bill is agreed to. The department wanted us to
make a few changes to it, which this Senate Amendment does
exactly that."

Batinick: "Okay. And we had about... we had six 'no' votes. They
are in the order of Chesney, Wilhour, and some others. I can't
see them all here. Miller and some other ones. Now, did the
change in the Senate address their concerns or just the
department's concerns?"

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Ammons: "You know, I cannot speak to that directly at this time,
Mr. Batinick."

Batinick: "Okay. Halbrook, Niemerg. Okay. No further questions.
Thank you."

Ammons: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ammons to close."

Ammons: "I move for a concurrence."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate
Amendment #1 to House Bill 5575?' This is final action. All
those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed
signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'.
Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 110 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay',
0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate
Amendment #1 to House Bill 5575. And this Bill, having
received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. Moving back to page 5 of the Calendar, under Senate

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Bills-Third Reading. We have Senate Bill 3073, Representative Mayfield. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3073, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mayfield is recognized."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. Senate Bill 3073 requires all coal ash to be removed from any closed plant within 4 thousand feet of Lake Michigan. Our goal is to strengthen the current process the IEPA has in place to regulate coal ash ponds in order to protect Lake Michigan as a vital water source for the 6.3 million residents within the State of Illinois. I know there have been a lot of discussion throughout Session on this Bill, and I appreciate all the time that my colleagues have spent in these conversations, the chases down the hallway from both sides. I really appreciate your time. We have worked really hard on this Bill. The Bill was drafted... we had assistance drafting the Bill with the Illinois IEPA, DNR, the Attorney General's Office on this language and amended the Bill several times to make it the best Bill possible. We have the support of the Illinois Municipal League, Lake County Municipal League, County of Lake, the City of Waukegan, City of North Chicago, Clean Power Lake County, the Sierra Club, the Waukegan School District, the Illinois Environmental Council. And this is a report card vote. Just want to throw that out there. And many other advocacy groups and tons of citizens and local communities that drink Lake Michigan water. So, I'm open for questions."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Marron is recognized."

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Marron: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Representative Mayfield, I certainly appreciate the dangers of coal ash. As you may remember, three years ago when we discussed Senate Bill 9, that came about because of a closed facility in my district along the Middle Fork River. And so, I certainly understand why you are carrying this Bill, and I sympathize with you. The issue that I have with this particular piece of legislation is, we went through a whole process three years ago and we set out... and there was extensive negotiations. And we came to a good consensus on how that process should be and how regulatory agencies used scientific criteria to make the determinations on how to handle coal ash and what facilities should be closed and how that should be handled. And so, now I feel like by doing this, we, as a General Assembly, are interjecting ourselves and superseding that process and making a special case here. And I just feel like that is not our role as a Legislature. So, while I understand your concern and I appreciate why you're carrying the Bill, I think it sets bad precedent and I would encourage a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "We will be utilizing a three-minute timer. Representative Yingling for questions."

Yingling: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. This Bill addresses an environmental threat, not to just the residents of Waukegan, but the people of Lake County and beyond. Waukegan is an environmental justice community of nearly 90 thousand residents. It already has five EPA Superfund sites within its borders. Waukegan residents cannot afford the cost associated with another environmental disaster caused by a

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private company not properly cleaning up an industrial site. Despite overwhelming public input from the community at public hearings last year in favor of removing all the coal ash from the site, NRG has not changed its plans to cap and leave one coal ash pond and, more egregiously, leave in place the historic ash dumping area completely unlined and uncovered. This is the same area that the Illinois Pollution Control Board, in 2019, found in violation of groundwater pollution rules with excessive amounts of sulfate and boron in the groundwater. Their ruling stated that NRG allowed coal ash to consolidate in the historic ash-fill areas and did not take measures to remove it or prevent its leaking containments into the groundwater. NRG wants to do even less than the bare legal minimum and not what is right for the... but not what is right and best for the residents of Lake County and Waukegan. One argument that opponents have made is that because the coal plant is surrounded by five current Superfund sites, we should not pass legislation requiring this site to be cleaned up. I, quite frankly, find this argument deeply offensive. Because of past corporations taking advantage of lax regulations and leading pollutants unusable... on unusable sites behind, we shouldn't bother improving the process to better protect the residents of Lake County and Waukegan? The people of Lake County and Waukegan are being told that they do not deserve better than the environmental abuse that they have been victims of for decades. The residents of Lake County and Waukegan deserve better. They deserve safe drinking water, and they deserve to not have to worry about what will happen with the coal ash left behind and how it will impact

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their children and grandchildren. They should no longer have to worry and ask how many more people will be poisoned for profits. I ask the Members of this chamber to support the people of Lake County and Waukegan and vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller is recognized."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I want to thank the Sponsor for bringing this legislation forward. I grew up in Waukegan next to the shores of Lake Michigan and I recall the days of Superfund cleanups and warnings to not eat the fish, to not swim in the lake. We saw... we saw decades of industrial pollution dumped in Lake Michigan and the cleanup being conducted at taxpayer expense. This is a good Bill that prevents another future tragedy, more pollution being dumped in Lake Michigan, and the residents of Waukegan and those who live along that lakeshore being the victims of this type of environmental degradation. And I strongly urge an 'aye' vote. It's time that we hold industry accountable for the pollution that they create and stop leaving it on the taxpayers to clean up and for people to suffer the consequences of industrial inaction. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Didech is recognized."

Didech: "To the Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We've had multiple discussions about this Bill in committee, and one point that keeps coming up is whether this Bill is considered special legislation. I think it would be helpful to talk about what special legislation actually is. The Illinois Constitution says that the General Assembly shall pass no special or local law when a general law is or can be made applicable. In other words, the General Assembly may not confer a special benefit

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or exclusive privilege on a person or group of persons to the exclusion of others similarly situated. The Illinois Supreme Court has established a rational basis test for special legislation challenges where there needs to be, one, a rational difference in situation or condition for the classification, and two, a rational basis for the classification. This legislation passes that test because it has, one, the rational difference in situation, being the proximity to Lake Michigan, and two, the rational basis being to protect Lake Michigan, the source of drinking water for over 6 million Illinois residents, from a significant hazard of the potential for the coal ash to flow directly into the lake, as stated in NRG's own hazard reports. And we have passed legislation just like this before. Sometime ago, the Legislature amended the Illinois Environmental Protection Act to, in effect, prohibit night games at Wrigley Field. Well, the Cubs, who, by the way, won today's opening game against Milwaukee, the Cubs argued that this was improper special legislation 'cause Wrigley Field was the only ballpark affected. The court sided with us because they found that there was a reasonable distinction between stadiums in large cities and those not in large cities and a reasonable distinction between games played during the day and at night, as night games would be more disruptive to residents. This Bill before us today is likewise in complete compliance with the Illinois Constitution and our guidance from the Illinois Supreme Court. It will protect the integrity of our drinking water that 6 million Illinois residents rely upon and will open the door for economic investments in a community that

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has systematically been disinvested from for decades. So, I'm asking the Body to stand with me today, stand with the people of Waukegan, and vote 'yes' on this important piece of legislation. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Davidsmeyer: "I just have a few questions. Obviously, we... I understand the environmental side of this. How is this paid for and what's the overall cost of this one area that you're speaking of?"

Mayfield: "Thank you for that question. The cost would be covered by NRG. However, if we were to have a catastrophe, the cost would be on the citizens of the State of Illinois."

Davidsmeyer: "So, if... and this is the Waukegan area. Is that correct?"

Mayfield: "It is not just..."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

Mayfield: "...Waukegan. It is all of the suburbs. It's 6.3 million people who get their drinking water from Lake Michigan. That covers a lot of municipalities."

Davidsmeyer: "So, the energy provider that did this, I assume they didn't know there was a pollution aspect or maybe weren't expected or weren't told..."

Mayfield: "They were aware."

Davidsmeyer: "...how they were supposed to deal with it."

Mayfield: "They were aware. They removed ash from this site before. This would not be the first time that they would remove ash from that site."

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Davidsmeyer: "So, the local individuals who received cheaper energy from that facility, will they have to pay for the service of removing this?"

Mayfield: "No, they will not. The facility has already announced its closure. They are closing in June. We just want to ensure that when they close that they do not leave an environmental mess behind."

Davidsmeyer: "Why wouldn't we look at using something like LUST Funds for something like this?"

Mayfield: "Are those the federal funds that you are referring to? Those are taxpayer dollars. I'm trying to keep our hands out of taxpayer pocket's, not putting them in there."

Davidsmeyer: "Huh, that's different. I like that idea."

Mayfield: "I do too. I do too."

Davidsmeyer: "We should certainly try more of that."

Mayfield: "I'm sure we agree on a lot of things."

Davidsmeyer: "I know, but hearing it from this side of me, not from that side of me, so I like that idea."

Mayfield: "So, then work with me."

Davidsmeyer: "I think that LUST Funds are supposed to be used in that process. I think, if you look at the budget that we're going to see here pretty soon, you're sweeping LUST Funds because there's apparently too many dollars in there. Maybe that would be a proper use for these funds to clean up environmental issues. I have an environmental issue in the City of Jacksonville that it's actually a property owned by the State of Illinois. Will the State of Illinois be held to the same account as NRG by this legislation?"

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Mayfield: "I do not know what the guidelines are for the lush fund, the slush fund or whatever you want..."

Davidsmeyer: "LUST."

Mayfield: "...to call it."

Davidsmeyer: "L-U-S-T."

Mayfield: "LUST? Okay. Sounds like slush. I'm not sure what the guidelines are for that, but everybody is welcome to apply. I do know that the City of Waukegan, as was mentioned, we do have five Superfund sites and we have applied to the Federal Government to help us with the cleanup of those sites as well. I want to say for the record that my Govern... my Governor, Lord. My mayor is not a Democrat. Okay?"

Davidsmeyer: "That doesn't matter to me. I'm..."

Mayfield: "She came in and she wanted to make Waukegan a better place. She came in with one thought and how do I make this a better city for all citizens, for all residents. She took her... she stood out here on this rail for hours talking to just about everybody in this Body that would stop and give her five minutes to plead the case for having this cleanup performed."

Davidsmeyer: "And I'm not opposed to cleaning up these sites. I'm just trying to find a way to fund it because I think it's interesting that we're going to hold NRG to this standard, but we're not going to hold the State of Illinois, we're not going to hold ourselves to the same standard. I've got an old power plant sitting in the very center of my town that the... that..."

Mayfield: "I'd be happy to work with you on that."

Davidsmeyer: "...CMS won't..."

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Mayfield: "I would be happy to work with you on that."

Davidsmeyer: "...do a thing with. So..."

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

Mayfield: "Yes."

Davidsmeyer: "I certainly will, Mr. Speaker. At this point, I think that the state should be looking at an opportunity of how to figure out how to pay for this. The local residents benefitted from cheap energy at the cost of cleaning these sites up, wasn't included in their rates. So, I think that everyone should be understanding of that."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Welter is recognized."

Welter: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Welter: "Representative Mayfield, this Bill came multiple times, the discussion of it, through Energy & Environment, which I'm the Spokes of."

Mayfield: "Yes."

Welter: "I know we had good, robust debate, but we continue to go back to the topic, and I know Representative touched on this earlier, but could you clarify for the Body with the language in this Bill as it's presented, how many coal ash ponds that are existing today in Illinois would this affect?"

Mayfield: "There are two coal ash ponds to my knowledge that sit upon Lake Michigan. One of them has active ash ponds."

Welter: "Okay. And where are those located then, those two ponds?"

Mayfield: "I'm not sure where the second one is, but I know that the one is in Waukegan. I can probably get a quick text message telling you where the other one is. However, I do want to point out that the ash pond in Waukegan is just a

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little over 800 feet from a major drinking source. And by NRG themselves, they stated in their assessment that if the pond... that if they leave this pond in place and it fails, it will directly flood the water reclamation facility. This was NRG. It's on their Web site. They said this themselves, that this is a potential..."

Welter: "Representative Mayfield..."

Mayfield: "...to contaminate our water."

Welter: "...I was just asking a question of how many this affected."

Mayfield: "I'm sorry. Two. I just wanted to clarify."

Welter: "I don't... I've got three minutes, so if we could. So, you say two. When we were in committee, it was testified that it was just one that was close to a lake, like Lake Michigan. I wasn't aware of any other, so that's news to me. Interesting. But again, this is special... to the Bill. This is special legislation for one specific pond. Either you trust our scientists and the folks that we have over the IEPA or you don't. As Representative Marron talked about earlier, we went through an enormous process with Senate Bill 9, and I know there's a lot of work done to it, but what we're doing here with this is specifically making one carveout. Go through the process of Senate Bill 9. Maybe the professionals will decide that capping isn't an option, you need to remove this from the site, but let it go through the process in which we just passed and put into legislation. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Carroll is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Carroll: "Representative Mayfield, how are you? Nice to see you.
You live in Waukegan, correct?"

Mayfield: "I do."

Carroll: "Okay. So..."

Mayfield: "Wait a minute, no. I'm sorry, I just moved. I just
moved."

Carroll: "Okay. You're in the... we'll say you're in the area. Let's
just go... okay."

Mayfield: "I own property in Waukegan. Yeah, I'm in the area."

Carroll: "And so, the community of Waukegan, how much do they
value Lake Michigan?"

Mayfield: "Lake Michigan is a major source of recreation. We have
an active yacht club, active soho, salmon fishing. It is just...
it's a wonderful spot for everyone."

Carroll: "And your constituents, I'm assuming, are concerned about
this coal ash situation, which is why we are working on this
legislation?"

Mayfield: "They are totally concerned. I'd also like to, since
you asked this question, mention that the U.S. Navy, which is
located at Great Lakes which is also in my district, they use
Lake Michigan for their SEAL training."

Carroll: "Okay, great. To the Bill. We have one of the greatest
treasures our state shares with other states of Lake Michigan
that provides water to countless people. It's one of the great
resources that we have, and it's something that we have to
protect. And, you know, when we talk about cost saving
environment, well let's see what's going on in our world right
now, with the weather, with things melting, with all the
things that are going on with our weather, there is something

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that's different. And the one thing that we have to do is protect our natural resources as much as possible. Thank you for this great Bill. Please add me as a Sponsor to it. And again, we have to protect our greatest asset, which is Lake Michigan. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ugaste is recognized."

Ugaste: "Thank you. To the Bill. We all want to protect Lake Michigan. I don't think there's one of us here who doesn't. We all know its importance, the drinking water that we all get from there. I would suspect many, if not all of us, I know I certainly do, have family and friends that get their drinking water from Lake Michigan still. And I get it when I go to my law firm, my other place of business that I occasionally go to. But as Rep. Marron pointed out, we passed a Bill three years ago as a result in negotiations. And what I haven't heard today is what's changed about the situation in Waukegan in those three years. Because if there was this situation that had changed and the EPA and everyone else who's been put in charge of this wasn't addressing it, I'd be the first to join you in saying let's do something about it, let's do something different now, we need to get it cleaned up. But that hasn't happened. This situation existed when that Bill was negotiated, SB9. And it was agreed we'd allow the Illinois EPA to do their work, which they are presently doing, to my understanding, in this location, and that once they've made their conclusions, we'd live with it. They have not finished their work yet. Instead, we're looking to dictate what's going to happen. And those who have spoken in favor of dictating what's going to happen, I looked, I think everyone voted for

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SB9. And all those... or many of the people I've... I don't want to say all. I haven't compared all them. But many of the people who spoke in committee in favor of this, the witnesses as well as that filed slips, filed on SB9 to vote for it as well. So, all I'm asking is, we had an agreement. I understand the Representative's, the Sponsor's concern. I'm concerned. I think we're all equally concerned. No one wants to see anything terrible happen to the City of Waukegan, to the drinking water of Lake Michigan, but let's let the process take place that we all agreed to just a few years ago. Since nothing has changed in the situation, at least it's been brought to our attention. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative DeLuca is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

DeLuca: "Representative Mayfield, we've spent quite a bit of time on this, speaking with the folks who support the Bill, speaking with the folks who oppose the Bill, and making sure that our Lake Michigan water is quality is extremely important. My hometown, Chicago Heights, we are a Lake Michigan user and seller. So, it's very important. But do you have an estimate on what the cleanup cost would be for this company? Do you know if 15 million is... have you heard that number?"

Mayfield: "Not heard any numbers from the company, but this in a multi-billion-dollar organization who can certainly afford to do the clean up without putting their hands in taxpayer pockets."

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DeLuca: "Do you know if they've set money aside through their normal operations so that they would have a fund to clean this up?"

Mayfield: "They have not provided us with any information. The City of Waukegan has requested a lot of information. They have not been good corporate citizens. They would not respond to any requests from the City of Waukegan."

DeLuca: "Okay. Well, if that's true, that's certainly not helpful. And the reason I asked the question is because also from what I understand, they are in full compliance with the IEPA right now. The way they're operating these ponds, they're following all the protocols, all the guidelines."

Mayfield: "That's not quite true."

DeLuca: "They're not in violation."

Mayfield: "That's not quite true. The pond that is of most concern to the City of Waukegan is an unlined pond sitting in an open field that is contaminated. And I'm reading this from NRG's Web site. They have arsenic that exceeds safe levels in groundwater monitoring wells, so they've already poisoned our groundwater. Two thousand times a safe limit, boron is more than eleven times the EPA's health threshold, and more than sixteen times the Illinois drinking water standard. It also contains chromium beyond a safe level, at more than 480 times. It also has lithium."

DeLuca: "Okay. I only have 50 seconds for..."

Mayfield: "I don't even know what this is... sulphate lead."

DeLuca: "Rep. Mayfield, I'm on the clock."

Mayfield: "So, we already know that there's a problem here."

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DeLuca: "I got it. I'm just asking if... 'cause from what I understand they are not under a violation notice right now with the IEPA. And that..."

Mayfield: "That's... they filed for a variance to be excluded. So, when you talk about special legislation, they opened the door as soon as... before the ink was even dry on Senate Bill 9, which they were opposed to during the entire negotiation. And they said..."

DeLuca: "Rep. Mayfield, all I'm trying to determine right now is whether it's true or not true that right now they are not in violation of the IEPA regulations?"

Mayfield: "There is an open case with IEPA from 2012. It's taken 10 years and IEPA still has not made a determination. Ten years for an open case of whether or not they're in violation."

DeLuca: "Okay. Thank you."

Mayfield: "Yes."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I'd like to bring up a couple things. First of all, the Sponsor of the Bill said earlier that this facility was going to close... that this facility was going to close, yet it's my understanding that the facility could remain open for gas and potentially coal to solar. A couple things about special legislation. The Attorney General sent a letter to Members after one of the hearings, and in the letter, the Attorney General... to clarify what the Attorney General had said in the hearing, said, 'We are not taking a position on the special legislation.' That's the words that the Attorney General used regarding this

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legislation. As far as the drinking water... and this was a significant discussion in debate in committee. The drinking water... which the intake for drinking water in Waukegan, it's my understanding, is well offshore. It's not close to the shore. It's well offshore. But in a article in the *Energy Network News* last December, Sierra Clubs' lead attorney publicly acknowledged that environmental experts have not found any immediate risks to Waukegan drinking water, which Waukegan's own published test show meet all U.S. EPA and state drinking water health standards. We had a Resolution up in the Energy & Environment Committee from one of the previous speakers yesterday that talked about leaving spent nuclear fuel in place in this same area, that they don't want to move it. They want state funding to help to try to revitalize the area, but they don't want to move the nuclear waste. Yet, with this legislation in a similar area, what this legislation wants to do is truck or train... we never heard quite exactly how it would leave committee... most likely truck thousands upon thousands of trucks of coal ash through the community with that coal ash going through the air as the trucks go by to an undisclosed location. I don't see how that's healthy for the community. I understand your passion on this Bill. This is something that is currently before the EPA, as it's been pointed out. There's been problems with this legislation being special legislation. I do, I sympathize with your passion on this. I understand this, but this isn't the right way to do it. We have something in place with the EPA that we should use, we should go through that process. EPA's recommendation might be cap in place. We don't know. So, I

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would urge a 'no' vote. And with that, Mr. Speaker, if this Bill gets the requisite number of votes, I would request a verification."

Speaker Evans: "The request is received. Representative Ammons for questions."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. First of all, I thank Representative Mayfield for fighting so diligently for her community. I want to remind some of our Members who were here just two Sessions ago that we worked with a similar issue in the City of Danville where coal ash was contaminating, at that time, the Vermillion River, the Middle Fork River in particular, and Dynegy had closed its coal fired plant along the Middle Fork River in 2011, leaving behind 3 million cubic yards of coal ash. And I was asked to support the effort of, not only the people of Danville, but of my colleague here on the right, to pass the provisions to clean up that site and to stop the toxic pollution of the Middle Fork. I don't believe this is any different. As we worked and passed the appropriate legislation to protect the Middle Fork in Vermillion County, we should work and pass this legislation to protect the people of Waukegan and Lake Michigan. And although there is a Senate Bill 9 that is in effect, it does not cover the provisions that Representative Mayfield is working on to protect the people of Waukegan and, ultimately, the people of multiple cities, towns, and villages along Lake Michigan. So, I applaud her efforts and I ask my colleagues to remember that this is a community with very few resources. And so, when you ask those people in Waukegan to take on the burden of cleaning up a toxic waste site that they did not

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create but is a byproduct of doing business, that byproduct should also be addressed similarly to what we did for Vermillion County along the Middle Fork to protect Lake Michigan for Waukegan. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stava-Murray is recognized."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Stava-Murray: "So, I was interested to hear what you were talking about with the IEPA earlier. Can you tell me a little bit more about what... how long that's been going on and what exactly has been going on the past 10 years?"

Mayfield: "Well, there's an open case with the Illinois IEPA and NRG that was filed in 2012 that dealt with their pollution there. We... it is still ongoing. We have not received any feedback from them, which is problematic. NRG took over for Midwest Generation, which operated for more than 20 years without a permit and outside of everything to do with the Illinois EPA. They, you know, just refused to comply and nothing happened, not so much as a slap on the wrist. They polluted our land. They've polluted our groundwater. And please, just allow me to read the chemicals that they listed on their Web site that they found in the groundwater. Acrimony, arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, chloride, chromium, cobalt, lead, lithium, sulphate, thallium. And we know there is no safe level of lead that can be in anyone's drinking water. Think of the children that you are potentially going to allow to be poisoned. Are we going to have to come back here and stand up on the floor and do a moment of silence because the water supply has been poisoned, because you refuse

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to stand up and do the right thing, because you chose profits over people? Or are we going to stand here and we're going to do what's right for the community? You know, Senate Bill 9 protected the water rights in districts in the southern part of the state. Why will you not protect the water in the northern part of the state? You know, this is not special legislation. And, Representative, I thank you for your question. Can I also just correct something on the record that someone..."

Stava-Murray: "Absolutely."

Mayfield: "...a colleague across the aisle had mentioned about the Attorney General's Office? They misquoted the Attorney General. The Attorney General said in committee that they cannot... they cannot give an opinion on whether it is special legislation or not, as they would have to defend it in court if challenged. We worked with their office on drafting the second Amendment to the Bill, and they slipped in... they slipped neutral as of 2-24-22. So, they helped us with the legislation. So, I just want to make sure that I point that out. And, Representative, I appreciate your questions."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you. And to the Bill. This is a good Bill. This is a Bill that is an incredibly important, not just environmental Bill, but health Bill. This is, at the end of the day, clean... access to clean water is a health issue and it affects everyone. And every single one of us wouldn't be here today if we didn't have access to clean water. So, I think the least we can do is ensure clean water for communities all across our state. So, I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Mayfield to close."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. There's a few more points that I would just like to make on the record in regard to this. There were comments made about this particular coal plant not closing. They issued a statement in the newspaper that said that they would cease all operations in June of this year. They have not yet filed any permits or any requests to continue operation, to change to solar, to change to anything with the City of Waukegan. They have been very uncooperative with the city in which they reside. We have held four community meetings, four, people, four, where individuals throughout the community, throughout Lake County came out, and they all said the same thing, we want this coal removed. Black, brown, white, Asian, Hispanic, everyone in the community came out and stood up and their voices were ignored. They were just totally ignored by this organization. This organization, in their own words, stated that if this unsealed, open coal ash pond were to remain and it were to flood, if it... oh, this is just so dramatic. I just can't believe this. They put this on their own Web site, so please go out there and read it. They said themselves that this will cause a catastrophe if this site were to flood. They said this themselves in 2021 in their own hazard assessment. I'm not making this up. It is out there in black and white. You can believe it or not. We stood up when other individuals said, hey, we have environmental issues in our communities. We need your help. And as a Body, we addressed those issues. I'm telling you that I have an environmental issue that will not just affect my district but will affect many districts, 6.3

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million women and children and some men. I think it's important that we stand up for everyone and protect drinking water. I do want to make sure that I address that question about special legislation because this is not special legislation. The Illinois Constitution permits classification which has a rational basis. The fact that we are less than 820... I think we're just a little over 800 feet from a major drinking source, and we've had two Governors, the current Governor and the previous Governor, both declared Waukegan as a national disaster area because of the amount of flooding that we have. I've heard Members say, oh, well, let's just wait. We can't wait. We've been waiting 10 years. NRG was opposed to Senate Bill 9, now they want to stand up and say that they're champions of it. You want to know why? Because they've already asked for a special exclusion. They've asked... they said that their coal plant is different than every other coal plant in this state and that they should be exempted from having to clean up their ash ponds. They didn't say exempt all coal plants. They said exempt NRG only from having to remove their coal. And they have effectively moved their coal before in the past without any environmental issues, without any concerns, without ash flying all over, as was stated by a colleague on the other side. That has not happened. What this will do, it will create a bunch of jobs. This will generate a lot of jobs because somebody has to move it. Who's going to move it? That's good question. Will it be Local 150? Will it be the Teamsters? Will it be Waste Management? We don't know, but we do know that there is a mechanism out there to safely remove this cache. And I am

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going to ask you to stand up for the citizens along Lake Michigan, that not just affects Illinois, but Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan across the river because, once this ash gets in that water, it is going to cost billions, with a B of taxpayer dollars. And if you want to go home and say that you put your hand... that you were okay with this, and we have a catastrophe, just know that you will wear the jacket if one child dies, one child. I gave you the levels for the lead. I gave you the levels for the sulphate. You can ignore that if you want and say that you don't care about women and children and families, but I am here standing up for them. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Members. Members, Leader Butler has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. We'll move forward for a vote. The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3073 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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: "Yes."

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

Jones: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

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Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 52 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no', and 2 voting 'present'. Representative Mayfield is recognized."

Mayfield: "Postponed Consideration. And I do want to... I am looking at this board, and I am deeply disappointed in the Latino Caucus for not standing up for a 90 percent Latino district. Shame on you."

Speaker Evans: "This Bill will be placed on Postponed Consideration. Moving to page 7 of the Calendar, under Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading. At the bottom of page 7, we have Senate Bill 3866, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3866, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2, 4... 2 and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Walsh."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh on the Amendment."

Walsh: "I'd like to withdraw Floor Amendment #2."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please withdraw Amendment #4 (sic- #2)."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Walsh."

Speaker Evans: "#4 will be adopted. Mr. Clerk, please withdraw Amendment #2. Representative Walsh to explain Amendment #4."

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Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt Floor Amendment #4. And if we could, just debate it on Third."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #4. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration. And no Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3866, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh is recognized."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 3866 is a CEJA trailer Bill. It does multiple things. First, it corrects the drafting error from the original CEJA Bill for the Energy Transition Act. Secondly, it clarifies the supplier diversity language that was in the CEJA Bill. Third, clarifies the climate work hubs language that was in the CEJA Bill with corrections that were requested from DCEO. Fourth, it... the pilot projects that were within this CEJA Bill for Ameren in Peoria and East St. Louis, the Amendment would allow multiple sites versus one site. The cap of \$20 million is still in place. Fifth, it adds for gas generators that meet their carbon emissions in a period of time, would allow for coal pollutants to be counted also in there and be able to be called upon from the regional transmission organization, whether that's PJM or MISO, to be

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able to come online when they're called upon without penalty. It also has storage rebates for rooftop solar projects that would have solar storage devices. And then the last portion of the Amendment, it extends the sunset of the prohibition of investor-owned utilities that have over a million customers to provide broadband services to the retail customers for another five years. So, this is... the ban... or the prohibition that was put into place for when we passed the smart grid in formula rate back in 2011, this would extend that prohibition from utilities getting into retail broadband services. This was negotiated out. There is some opposition that was there from the IMA that was the same opposition that was within the original CEJA Bill that we passed last September. We've had discussions with them. I know there's multiple Amendments out there. My commitment is to continue to work with those folks to see how we can find resolution, but the basis of this Bill has been agreed to by the majority of the parties involved in these discussions. And I'd be happy to answer any questions and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hammond is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Hammond: "Representative Walsh, just for purposes of clarification, if you will. Do the changes in Section 16-108.5(i), do they allow for a participating utility to provide broadband service directly to its retail customers, regardless of size, including, but not limiting it to, hospitals, universities, manufacturers, or other institutional customers?"

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Walsh: "So, the answer to that is, no. Under the current law, under that Section that you just quoted, prohibits a participating utility from providing broadband services directly to its own retail customers. The changes put forth in Section 16-108, little (i), would continue to prohibit a participating utility from providing broadband service directly to its retail customers for another five years."

Hammond: "Thank you for that clarification. Appreciate it, Representative."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ugaste is recognized."

Ugaste: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Ugaste: "Thank you. Representative Walsh, I just want to ask a quick question. I believe I heard it when you described the Bill, but there's been clarification on the emissions and how they are measured and different things with coal pollutants and CO2. Is that accurate?"

Walsh: "That is correct."

Ugaste: "Okay. And that will affect peaker plants, gas peaker plants, and how they're measured?"

Walsh: "That is correct."

Ugaste: "Okay. Thank you very much. To the Bill. Hello? Okay. My town that has been adversely impacted by the original Bill will be helped some, I believe, by this clarification. So, I will be in support of it because of that. And I want to thank Representative Walsh. I know yesterday you still had a lot of work to do on the broadband portion of it, and a lot of work was obviously done and accomplished. So, congratulations. And as far as working on helping address some of the situations

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for manufacturers in this Bill, I would like to work with you on that. I know you're a person of your word and you'll continue working. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Welter is recognized."

Welter: "Inquiry of the Chair?"

Speaker Evans: "Continue."

Welter: "Mr. Chair, I'm inquiring about the status of Floor Amendment #8?"

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status of Floor Amendment #8?"

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #8 has been referred to the Rules Committee."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, I make a Motion to discharge Amendment #8 to the floor."

Speaker Evans: "We're in the middle of a debate. Your Motion is out of order."

Welter: "Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Welter: "Representative Walsh, I figured I would try here with Amendment #8. I think there's a lot of good things in it. Could... I know you and I have been in a lot of discussion the last couple days regarding this Bill. There were Amendments that were filed this morning. We saw 5, 6, 7, and then ultimately 8. We're here now, today, on the House Floor. We had a lot of questions about what would actually end up coming to committee. What are your intentions with the rest of those Amendments? Are those still a priority to yourself or others involved?"

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Walsh: "This is what I can tell you, Leader Welter, is this Bill has the majority of all the parties agreed to it and we have another day left to get the work done before we adjourn. This is very important to get done. I have made the commitment to you and others and all the parties involved that we continue these talks. What we passed in CEJA is still going to be worked on in future General Assemblies as we move forward. And as Chair of the Public Utilities, I'm willing to sit down and do that work and negotiate with these folks to address the issues that we have and that's my commitment to you. I can't help what comes out of Rules or not. I don't sit on Rules Committee, so..."

Welter: "Okay. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. When looking at this piece of legislation and ultimately the underlining CEJA Bill that we voted on, I supported as well, I just want to make it noted in this chamber, when we passed that Bill, a lot of the cost associated with that Bill was passed on to medium and large users, our manufacturers across the state. And I think it's important, as I'm sure many of you have talked to the business community, one of the few things that we have left in our toolbox in Illinois is our cost for energy. Reliability and our low cost for energy. This legislation before us today, unfortunately, does nothing to help any of those users. However, Amendment #8, which I believe is very important, gives some relief to the folks who have borne the brunt of a lot of the cost associated to this Bill. So, I hope we'll give serious consideration to Amendment 8. We have... I think we owe it to the folks across the state who are trying to

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create jobs in our state. I will be voting 'yes', and I'll listen to the rest of the debate."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Question of Representative Lawrence Walsh, Jr., please, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "The Sponsor will yield."

Butler: "Thank you. Representative, I do appreciate your bringing this forward. And as I mentioned in committee, I'd love to be on... in support of this, but I do have an issue and a concern about what the Illinois Manufacturers' Association brought up today. Can you kind of talk about the... Mr. Denzler's concern and what he brought up today?"

Walsh: "All right. So, in the original CEJA Bill, there was this Energy Transition Act that is a fee that goes to support various programs that were created within CEJA. What happened is there was a drafting error in that Bill. And I think the amount that was supposed to be collected on a yearly basis was 180 million, and the way it was drafted, they were only getting 90 million. This fixed that to go back to the original agreement that we had in the original CEJA Bill. Now, I know IMA's got some concerns about that. And as I've stated numerous times already in this debate, that I'm willing to sit down and have those conversations. But again, we're a day left before we adjourn and this is something important that we've got to get done and we can continue to work. There's going to be more issues that come up. I mean, there's Bills that have been coming over from the Senate that are going to have to be addressed, dealing with our energy policies going

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forward, and I'm looking forward to having those conversations."

Butler: "I appreciate that, Larry. And like I said, I think I'm kind of conflicted on this, but I am concerned. According to the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, as you pointed out, this is basically a \$90 million rate increase on some of the largest and most important folks we have in the State of Illinois. And for that reason, I can't vote for it and I would urge a 'nope' on it. But I appreciate your work and your sincerity on it 'cause I do believe we can eventually get there on some of this stuff, but I'm going to be a 'no' vote."

Walsh: "And here's what I'll say, is that this was what was originally put forth. So..."

Butler: "I understand."

Walsh: "They knew that. It's just... there was a drafting error. And that's what's picking it up."

Butler: "That's a big drafting error. Ninety million is a big drafting error."

Walsh: "I didn't draft it either."

Butler: "Thanks, Larry."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Smith is recognized."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Smith: "Representative Walsh, can you give me the status of Amendment 5 to this Bill?"

Walsh: "From my understanding, it's still in Rules."

Smith: "Is this the Amendment that mentions offshore wind?"

Walsh: "I believe it does."

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Smith: "Are you aware offshore wind is very important to economic development on the Southeast Side of Chicago?"

Walsh: "Yes, I do. We did a hearing in Public Utilities over it."

Smith: "So, do we have a plan moving forward to include offshore wind?"

Walsh: "We're going to continue those discussions to make sure that we get there and we can get there in a reasonable fashion."

Smith: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mazzochi for questions."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to move for the adoption... for the adoption of House Amendment 8 and that it be discharged from the Rules Committee."

Speaker Evans: "We are in the middle of debate on the Bill. Your Motion is ruled out of order. Representative Ann Williams for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Williams, A.: "Representative, a portion of this Bill amends the provisions for solar pilot projects established in CEJA for Ameren to build in East St. Louis and Peoria. That language has no limitations on the number of sites Ameren can build on, but it's my understanding, after we had discussions about the issue, that Ameren does not intend to build small solar projects, no rooftop solar, community solar. Is that correct?"

Walsh: "That is correct."

Williams, A.: "Okay."

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Walsh: "So, these pilot projects involves... they're small, but utility-scale projects. There will be no rooftop community solars under these pilot projects."

Williams, A.: "Great. And I understand how important the projects are to those communities. And based on our discussions, the plan is to utilize a few sites to reach the \$20 million cost cap that CEJA laid out for these pilot projects. Is that the same as your understanding?"

Walsh: "That is correct. Their plan is to use as minimal sites as possible and spend the cap of 20 million for each one of those pilot projects."

Williams, A.: "Okay. So, finally, the overall plan though for Ameren is to maximize and finish these pilot projects, not to interfere with the competitive electric generation market. Is that also your understanding?"

Walsh: "That is correct. These pilot projects will not interfere with the competitive electric generation market. They will be used in-house."

Williams, A.: "Thank you so much, Representative. To the Bill. This has been heavily negotiated over a very short period of time. I think it's important to emphasize what Representative Walsh said. If this is designed to be a CEJA trailer, for the most part, dealing with issues that have been agreed and deal with the topics we covered in CEJA. The financial piece that my colleague mentioned is something that was already agreed to. This is a correction. The other items certainly have people in favor of all of them and are sure to come up again. They all came up during the conversations during the negotiations on CEJA. So, these issues have been recently

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discovered. I believe those that sponsored CEJA would agree that, while we had further work to do, today is not the day to reopen and start the negotiations on these other topics. But I am committed, along with you, Representative, to continue to have conversations on energy for the foreseeable future. So, with that, I urge everyone to take.. to vote 'aye' on this important initiative to accomplish the goals we set out in CEJA. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Returning to Representative Mazzochi. Representative Mazzochi, your Motion to Discharge previously was out of order and cannot be made under House Rule 55 while an Amendment and/or Bill is being debated. Representative Mazzochi is recognized."

Mazzochi: "Thank you. I'd like to know what rule you're citing?"

Speaker Evans: "House Rule 55. Any further questions, Representative Mazzochi? Representative Batinick is recognized for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "To the Bill."

Batinick: "This is... we debated CEJA probably for hours, almost as long as we've been debating tonight, it seems like, but it was a big debate. This is a trailer Bill to that. Normally, I make recommendations to my side of the House, but I'll make a recommendation to everybody. Probably just want to vote however you voted on the underlying Bill, which was CEJA way back when."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh... Representative Mazzochi is recognized."

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Mazzochi: "Thank you. Again, pursuant to House Rule 55, you can have a Motion to Amend except as otherwise provided in these rules. So, the point of requesting that the Amendment be discharged from Rules is so that it can actually be added as an Amendment to the underlying Bill. So, the... so, I object to relying on House Rule 55 as the basis for ruling that out of order. The only thing that can preclude all Amendments in debate on the main question is a Motion to Postponed Consideration, which has not been submitted. And the Motion for... a Motion to Postponed Consideration can't take precedence over my request to discharge from Rules and amend until that issue is properly decided."

Speaker Evans: "Your Motion to Discharge is still out of order according to our interpretation of the Rule."

Mazzochi: "Based on what?"

Speaker Evans: "You're making the Motion to Discharge, not a Motion to Amend."

Mazzochi: "Well, the Motion to... fine, I'll make the Motion to Amend to add House Floor Amendment #8. And then as... as a corollary to that, I'll request that House Floor Amendment #8 be discharged from Rules so that the Motion to Amend can be effectuated under House Rule 55."

Speaker Evans: "It's out of order. The effect of what you're doing is to discharge. It's ruled out of order."

Mazzochi: "No, it's not... it's not out of order. It's a Motion to Amend to it..."

Speaker Evans: "The Chair has ruled it out of order. Representative Walsh to close."

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Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. This is a agreed to, worked on Bill to clean up some of the issues that were left over from a very major energy changing package that the State of Illinois entered into last fall. And these... as stated before, these conversations are going to continue year after year. We're going to be sitting down, dealing with our energy issues because we're such an energy producing state. But here's what I'm going to tell you, is that the people that came into the room to discuss this Bill and to move it along and to get to agree is pretty much the whole environmental community. Illinois Environmental Council, Sierra Club, Environmental Law and Policy, the utilities. Ameren, ComEd, labor, cable, AT&T, the whole telecom industry has sat down in a room and worked to get to an agreement on this Bill. I think that's a pretty good accomplishment for putting a piece of legislation together. So, at the end of the day, I know there's still concerns. I have expressed to this Body, time and time again, that I will continue to work on these issues and that's my commitment. So, as we move forward, I would ask for your 'aye' vote. Thank you much."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3866 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

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

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 83 voting in 'favor', 25 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mayfield, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mayfield: "Personal privilege, please."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Mayfield: "I'd like to apologize to the Latino Caucus, and I would like to thank Representatives Andrade, Representative Ortiz, Representative Ramirez, and Representative Gonzalez for standing up. Thank you so much."

Speaker Evans: "The Clerk is in receipt of Motions in Writing to waive the posting requirements for several Bills. Leader Hernandez on the Motion."

Hernandez, L.: "Speaker, I move that the posting requirements be waived so the following Bills can be heard this week in committee: that's SB1001 in Executive, Senate Joint Resolution 22 in Executive, House Joint Resolution 92 in Higher Education, House Resolution 744 in Higher Education."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hernandez has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And

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the posting requirements are waived. Returning to the Calendar on page 6, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 829, Representative Stuart. Representative Stuart is recognized."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 829, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 829, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart is recognized."

Stuart: "Thank you. This might be a big surprise to the Body. This is an elections Bill, but this passed unanimously through committee in the Senate, passed unanimously on the floor in the Senate, passed unanimously through committee here in the House. This is... makes one change, and it is to provide access for folks with a print disability to be able to access vote by mail using their own adaptive devices to give them, you know, the right to vote the same way that the rest of us do. I'm happy to talk through any details, but I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Batinick: "Representative, thanks for bringing this legislation. Let's talk through some of the mechanics of exactly how this works. Describe it to me specifically, how the voter... who

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will have access to this and what sort of electronic communication will be allowed?"

Stuart: "So, it's folks with identified print disabilities. And so, this is... it's brought by groups like Equip for Equality, the... I don't want to say it incorrectly... National Federation for the Blind of Illinois, the Illinois Council for the Blind, and a lot of Access Living, other groups like that. So, we have actually done this and we're making this permanent. So, it's a system where they can... they can request a vote by mail and they'll be able to electronically transmit the ballot and the instructions and the balloting materials to those folks. They can use their adaptive equipment that they have in their home..."

Batinick: "Got it."

Stuart: "...readers, and they can... they can then mail it in like..."

Batinick: "So, you're going to need the adaptive equipment in order to receive this?"

Stuart: "Correct."

Batinick: "So, this isn't going to be for anybody. Is that how you kind of figure out who is capable of..."

Stuart: "Yeah, there have to be a recognized disability."

Batinick: "Oh, right. I guess, for there to be... who recognized that there's a recognize? What's the process for verifying that, I guess I'm asking?"

Stuart: "I can get that specific to you in one second. I don't have that handy."

Batinick: "While he's looking for that, just another quick question. So, we did this previously, correct?"

Stuart: "We... we've..."

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Batinick: "I thought you mentioned that in your intro, that we had done something like this previously?"

Stuart: "What I meant was this is like... it's similar to what we do for folks in the military."

Batinick: "Okay. But they don't have the special equipment for electronic transferring, I presume."

Stuart: "Right. They don't have, maybe, special readers. We just e-mail it to them. But..."

Batinick: "Okay."

Stuart: "...you know, these are print disabilities, so they may need enlarged printing or it reads it or something like that."

Batinick: "Do any other states do this?"

Stuart: "I believe so. I believe Colorado and possibly Washington. States that have a very robust vote by mail systems, I believe they do."

Batinick: "Okay. So, we're down to just how you determine who's eligible, if he finds that in the legislation."

Stuart: "I'm sorry. I didn't hear that."

Batinick: "We're just waiting for the question to be answered from the staffer about eligibility."

Stuart: "Oh, how we determine who's eligible."

Batinick: "Correct."

Stuart: "They have to certify under penalty of perjury that they have the print disability."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you for asking... or for answering my questions. Obviously, you know, election security is a concern for everybody. I appreciate it. Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar, for what reason do you seek recognition? Do you have a question on this Bill? Representative Stuart to close."

Stuart: "I would appreciate yet another unanimous 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 829 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting in 'favor', 6 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 8 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3910, Representative Jones, handled by Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3910, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously."

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Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments.
No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3910, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And though I am bald, I'm not Representative Jones. Happy to present this on behalf of Representative Jones, the Chair of the Insurance Committee in Illinois. Senate Bill 3910 is a pretty simple, straightforward Bill and it's a consumer protection opportunity for us to change the way that our insurance cards, that almost every one of us have in our pocket, will identify who the regulator is that oversees that type of insurance. It's really hard to get in touch with a regulator or to figure out what's going on with your insurance when you have a problem. It's hard to figure out what laws apply, what regulations apply. And I'm a lawyer, and sometimes I struggle with this. So, this will require insurance cards to have that information on the back of the card. It's going to help consumers. There's no known opposition, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3910 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 7 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2969, Representative Ness. Representative Ness is recognized. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2969, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2969, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness is recognized."

Ness: "Thank you, Speaker. Today, I'm here to present House Bill... I'm sorry... Senate Bill 2969, which requires group and individual accident and health insurance policies in managed care plans to provide coverage for continuous glucose

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monitors. There's no opposition to this Bill, and it passed unanimously in the Senate, and I'm asking for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2969 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed votes 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Yes."

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

Conroy: "Yes."

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

Costa Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Costa Howard votes 'yes'. Representative Jones."

Speaker Evans: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mazzochi is recognized."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've been trying to be recognized since we had the vote on SB3866. I'd like the record to reflect that no one objected to Floor Amendment... I'm sorry... to House Amendment 8 actually being discharged from the Rules Committee on the record. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cuellar is recognized. Guerrero-Cuellar is recognized."

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Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Speaker. A moment of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you. In this chamber, we have the privilege of recognizing heroes throughout the State of Illinois. And today I want to recognize a group of civilians from the 22nd House District who transformed themselves into heroes, particularly from the communities of West Lawn, Chicago Lawn, and West Elsdon. On the evening of March 20, a severe car accident at the intersection of 63rd and Kedvale took place. And due to the impact of the crash, one of the vehicles flipped over twice, leading the driver to remain upside down. The airbags immediately deployed and the side windows shattered. A group of individuals ran toward the vehicle to aid the driver and reassure her that they were there to help and ask if anyone else, aside from the driver, was in the vehicle. They tried to open the driver door, but were unsuccessful. They continued to reassure the driver the first responders were notified and on the way. However, the driver frantically yelled that liquid was leaking from the engine. They immediately took off their hoodies and shirts and jackets to lay them on the floor, which was technically the roof of the car at the moment, to prevent the driver from cutting herself with shattered glass. One individual crawled in the back of the seat to support her head, while the other crawled in the front to release the seat belt. These individuals successfully extracted the driver from the vehicle. It is important for me to say thank you to these heroes from my district and for rescuing me because I was

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that driver. Every day, I am proud to serve this district, and this is one of those many reasons, because of great people. And to the first responders from the Chicago Fire Department of Engine 88, Lieutenant Levano, and Ambulance 78, Paramedics Palomar and Sandoval, thank you very much and it is my honor to serve the district. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Halbbrook is recognized."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to be recorded as a 'yes' vote on HB4769."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect your request. Representative Robinson is recognized."

Robinson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Robinson: "I would like to acknowledge the loss of Evangelist Margaret Mizell, the mother of our very own Marvin Mizell. Marvin, you are in our thoughts and our prayers. Mr. Speaker, may I ask for a moment of silence."

Speaker Evans: "Everyone please rise for a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Meyers-Martin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you. I'd like to ask the chamber to join me in wishing my seatmate and the future American Idol singer, Suzanne Ness, a happy birthday."

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

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Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, want to extend my sympathies to our doorman up front, Marvin Mizell, and the loss of his mother. He was telling me that she lived in Los Angeles and then Las Vegas. And so, he, in the last week, has had to go to two funerals. And if she's half as great a person as he is, then she had to have been a wonderful person. And we are so blessed to have Mizell on the floor. He's from Decatur and we couldn't be any prouder 'cause nothing is greater than Mizell from Decatur."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans request a 12-hour and 18-minute caucus."

Speaker Evans: "Would 30 minutes suffice?"

Batinick: "No, no, no. It's no caucus then, but 12 hours and 18 minutes would be preferable."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Your request has been denied. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 1574; approved for consideration, referred to Consideration Postponed is House Bill 5204 and House Bill 5436."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, Committee Announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting immediately: the recessed Appropriations - Elementary & Secondary Education Committee will meet in Virtual Room 1, the recessed Higher Education Committee will meet in Virtual Room 2, the recessed Human Services Committee will meet in

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Virtual Room 3, and the recessed Appropriations - Human Services Committee will meet in Virtual Room 4."

Speaker Evans: "Attention, Members. Attention, Members. Committees will be meeting immediately. Committees will be meeting immediately. We will return to the floor for more action. The House will stand at recess till the call of the Chair. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 92; and recommends be adopted, as amended, is House Resolution 774. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4674. Representative Lilly, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Human Services reports the following committee action on April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1408 and the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2985. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools reports the following committee action taken on April 7, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4688."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 825, offered by Representative Greenwood. House Resolution 827, offered by

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Representative Ann Williams. And House Resolution 829, offered by Representative Windhorst."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Greenwood moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Greenwood moves that the House stands adjourned until Friday, April 8, at the hour of 11 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1975, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 3761, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of these Senate Bills. They'll be held on Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned.