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Speaker Rita: "The House shall be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. Members and guests are asked from refrain from starting their laptops, turn off their cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Assistant Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to meet together today. As we enter the Capitol today, surround us with your love. Lord, allow us to see your beauty, feel your love, know your wisdom, and experience your power. May we find the comfort we desire in you, and the strength we need in your name. Surround us with presence, and be with us in every hour of the day. May your love be the passion in our hearts, your joy be our strength when times are hard, and your presence be the peace that overflows in our lives. These things we pray, Amen."

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

Haas - 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 Rita: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Gabel is recognized to report any excused absence from the Democratic side of the aisle."

Gabel: "Thank you, Speaker. Let the record show that Representatives Jones and Evans are excused today."

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Speaker Rita: "Speaker, let the record reflect... Leader Keicher is recognized to report any excused absence on the Republican side... or Leader Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Let the record reflect that all Republicans are here, ready to do the work of the people."

Speaker Rita: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 114 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 13, 2023: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3643. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action on March 14, 2023: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 61 and House Resolution 92. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulations, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action on March 14, 2023: recommends be adopted are House Joint Resolutions 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 21. Representative Costa Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following committee action on March 14, 2023: recommends be adopted is House Resolutions 75 and 85. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action on March 14, 2023: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 1049 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2350. Representative Yednock, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following

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committee action on March 14, 2023: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 104. Representative Collins, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Accessibility reports the following committee action on March 14, 2023: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1186. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action on March 15, 2023: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2519. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on March 15, 2023: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1541 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1602. Representative Tarver, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action on March 15, 2023: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1236. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on March 15, 2023: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 3349; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1133 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1213. Representative Cassidy, Chairperson from the Committee on Restorative Justice reports the following committee action taken on March 15, 2023: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1119, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3755. Representative Andrade, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on March 15, 2023: recommends be

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adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2947. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on March 15, 2023: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1190, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3158, and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3158. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 136, offered by Representative Ness, is referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Rita: "Under the Order of Agreed Resolutions, we have House Resolution 121, offered by Leader Spain. Leader Spain is recognized on the Resolution."

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today on House Resolution 121, and I would ask that our special guests here in the Speaker's Gallery rise as well. We are here today to honor the State Champion Class 2A Boys Soccer Team from Peoria Notre Dame High School, the Fighting Irish. They're here with us in the gallery today. I'm so proud to have this team with us. The Fighting Irish won their state championship on November 5 against Glenwood High School on a difficult day with 30 mile per hour winds and rain, just a climax to an incredible season this year. This is actually the fifth state championship in... in this millennium for the Fighting Irish. Their record this year was 23 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie. I'd like to recognize some of the team members that are here today: Fabi Arellano, Dillion Bare, Alex Brown, Julian Corona, Theodore Dimler, Tommy Graham, Thatcher Hogan, Kayden Hudson, Richie Kube, Braden Lehman, Nevan Libert, Max Matarelli, Joseph Menke, Zach Nethery, Patrick O'Donnell, Nathan Oliver, Sebastian Salazar, Declan Schuler, Dillion

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Stickelmaier, Dominic Taylor, Logan Waldbeesser, and especially let me recognize Head Coach Mike Bare is here, his assistants Danny Driscoll, Noel Zerbonia. This has been such an incredible ride to see, an amazing team. One of the great things that we get to do is honor the achievements of our young leaders in the State of Illinois. And when you become state champions, we feel just honored to welcome you here to the Speaker's Gallery. I would ask if we could all, once again, move for the adoption of House Resolution 121, and ask that we all give a Springfield welcome. And again, another round of congratulations to the Fighting Irish from Peoria Notre Dame, state champions."

Speaker Rita: "Leader Spain moves for the adoption of House Resolution 121. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Under the Order of Resolutions, we have Resolution 57, offered by Representative Stuart. Representative Stuart is recognized on the Resolution."

Stuart: "Sorry about that."

Speaker Rita: "It's okay."

Stuart: "Thank you. I... I believe everybody should have found on their desk a pin and a note from the MS Society. So, I would appreciate if everybody would put those on. I've been trying to share them around for staff and everybody else on the floor as well too. I do have more if anybody wants to wear them in recognition. But this Resolution is just recognizing MS Awareness Week and Day here in the State of Illinois. Some of you who have been here before might remember I've done this

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in the past. Our own Bridget Cory, who works upstairs with our research staff, is... is afflicted with MS. And she was my LA for a brief period of time, and we talked a lot about those... how it impacts her life. Multiple Sclerosis is a disease in which the insulating covers of the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord are damaged. MS is the most common immune... immune mediated disorder affecting the central nervous system. There's 2.8 million people, at least, who are affected globally. Some of the signs and symptoms are double vision, blindness in one eye, muscle weakness, trouble with sensation, coordination, and there right now is no known cure, but there have been amazing strides made recently. Our Bridget was diagnosed May 8 in 2017, having symptoms of loss of vision in an eye, hand and foot numbness. It... she's... we're very lucky that she's been able to take advantage of twice a year infusions that really help with her flare-ups and symptoms. But it's still a struggle every day, and you never know when you're going to wake up with that. I do have, in the gallery, some representatives from the National MS Society who are up there. If we could give them a wave. I have Corbin McGhee, who's here with us, and that's the note on your desk, is... is from Corbin. But there are two advocates. I have Kim Albin, who was diagnosed nearly 30 years ago. A tireless advocate and was really crucial in working to create the MS lottery scratch off that we have here in the State of Illinois. So, thank you, Kim, for all your hard work. And Denise Davis, her son was diagnosed as a sophomore while in high school. She's has to jump through hoops just to gain access to medications, and we need to do more to make sure that families can take

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care of their loved ones. I learned this morning, when I was distributing the pins, that our own Wayne Padget has a family member afflicted with MS, his aunt. And so, it's just... we all are touched by MS, probably more than we know. So, it's very important that we pay attention and that we are all aware of the disease and the work that's being done. I would really appreciate if all Members could be added to the Resolution in support. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Ammons, you're recognized."

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

Speaker Rita: "State your point."

Ammons: "Thank you. I rise in support of House Resolution 57. Having a daughter, my only daughter, who is struck, and in many cases debilitated, by MS, she has experienced many of the symptoms that Representative Katie Stuart just mentioned. But she also experiences some that cannot be identified as far as the source and to solve the problem that she's experiencing in her symptoms. It has caused her to not only lose her full-time job... she works part-time currently, and she also suffers with additional paraparesis, sometimes on her right or left side because it is a disease of the brain, the neurology. She's lost her vision, and she nearly had an accident with my granddaughter in the car when her vision went out taking her to day care. This is a disease that we know very, very little about. But there's much information out in the world about MS that varies depending on the people. I learned just last week, as she has gone to the MS conference in Washington, D.C. this past week, that the State of Illinois

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does not invest any money into research for MS in our state. Something that Representative Stuart and I certainly would like to address. I also have a staff member in my office who also suffers with MS. It is a disease that you cannot see, and so often people just dismiss the people who are suffering from whatever condition they have. And lastly, I'll say that our HR policies in the State of Illinois do not reflect the condition of MS. And in some places where we don't have the latitude to allow a person to go home to deal with whatever the symptom might be that day, because it's daily, our HR policy does not support people that live with MS. And I would also like to redress that. So, Mr. Speaker, we thank you for the opportunity to move this Resolution. And we thank you for allowing all of the Members to be added to it. It is a statement of principle, but we have to do certainly much more than that. So, thank you so much. And thank you, Representative Stuart."

Speaker Rita: "All Members will be added. Representative Stuart.. Stuart moves for the adoption of a House Resolution 57. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Under the Order of Agreed Resolutions, we have House Resolution 72, offered by Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit is recognized on the Resolution."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to welcome to the Illinois House and to honor a distinguished individual. Those that recall, Representative Will Davis recognized him for Black History Month, but we passed a Resolution to honor Major General Boyd. So, I just have to say that the Major General

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and I have a unique bond because he served in the United States Marine Corps as well as I did. But we just want to make sure that we honor and put into the record the accomplishments and the outstanding role that he has in the Illinois National Guard as the first Major General. So, we... he is joined by the Adjutant General, Major General Neely with him. And, of course, I would be remiss if I did not recognize all the work and support that our military families do for our service members. His wonderful wife, Darlene, is with him as well. So, he also has a pretty good Representative because he lives in my district. So... so, with the indulgence of the Body, I would like formally read into the record the contents of House Resolution 72. Now, he is an extraordinarily amazing individual, so it might take more than a brief minute or two to go through all the accomplishments of this military man. So...

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Major General Rodney Boyd on the occasion of his recent promotion in the Illinois National Guard; and
WHEREAS, MG Boyd was promoted to major general on February 4, 2023, becoming the highest-ranking officer of color in the nearly 300-year history of the Illinois National Guard; and
WHEREAS, MG Boyd grew up near Comiskey Park on the South Side of Chicago and attended Wendell Phillips High School; he earned his bachelor's degree in Criminology from Northern Illinois University, his Master of Arts in Education from the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, and his Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College; and

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WHEREAS, In civilian life, MG Boyd served as chief of the Village of Bellwood Police Department, retiring in 2013, and also worked in the private sector; and

WHEREAS... and this is an important part... MG Boyd began his military career as a reservist for the U.S. Marine Corps in 1982; after completing his obligation with the Marines, he joined the Illinois Army National Guard and attended the Illinois Army National Guard Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Camp Lincoln in Springfield in April 1989; upon completion in August 1990, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps; and

WHEREAS, MG Boyd's military education, in addition to completing Basic Training and OCS, includes the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, the Quartermaster Officer Advance Course, the Transportation Officer Advance Course, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School (CAS3), the Intermediate Leadership Education Course, the Theater Sustainment Command Course, the Combat Service Support Pre-Command Course, the Joint Combined Warfighter School-Hybrid, and the Dual Status Commander Course; and

WHEREAS, MG Boyd has held many leadership and staff positions during his more than 35 years of service in the Illinois National Guard; prior to his elevation to major general, he was promoted to brigadier general in March 2020, becoming only the second Black American to hold this title; he then assumed the role of assistant adjutant general in July 2021, becoming the first Black American to ever command the State's 10,000 Army National Guard citizen-soldiers; and

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WHEREAS, MG Boyd has earned a number of military awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Iraq Campaign Medal with one Campaign Star, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; and

WHEREAS, MG Boyd is married to Darlene Boyd, and they have two adult sons, Rodney Jr. and Randy, and one grandson; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Major General Rodney Boyd on his promotion and thank him for his continued service to the State of Illinois and the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to MG Boyd as an expression of our esteem and respect, which we presented in the Speaker's office earlier today. Now, Speaker, I know other individuals would like to speak on this Resolution, but I just want to ask the whole Body to give Major General Boyd a roaring round of applause for his service.

Speaker Rita: "Representative Will Davis is recognized."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To Major General Boyd, reason that I wanted to say something to you today is that every February, as a Member of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, we take a day as a Member and we highlight someone in black history. And I just wanted to say that on

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one of those days, when I had the opportunity, I chose to highlight you as our representative of black history for that day. And I... I mention often that, when we talk about black history, a lot of times we talk about someone that has passed on, left a legacy, but has passed on. But my example of you was that you are a living history for us and that you have accomplished and achieved so much. And so, I just wanted to congratulate you personally and let you know that we had previously talked about you in our black history during... a black history program during the month of February, but very pleased that Representative Kifowit could get you here today. And I also want to thank my colleague, Dan Swanson, on the other side who was able to get me information as well about you. So, we appreciate you being here today, and thank very much for your service, of course. But again, congratulations on what you have accomplished for you and your family. Thank you very much."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Swanson has been recognized."

Swanson: "Thank you. And please, General, Lieutenant Colonel, please take your seat. Go ahead and sit down. I'm going to ask Mrs. Boyd to stand up. You know, we often forget behind every successful military members of family. And I know myself, the many deployments I went on, I left the wife and two children home to... not really fend for themselves because I had family close. But, Mrs. Boyd, I want to take this time to recognize you and your family for the sacrifices you made to the military, not only with your husband, but all those that you had at home as your husband was deployed. In the military, we have family support groups. We have those groups

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that help each other along. But there's still those times when that washing machine doesn't work, who am I going to call? There's those times when the car doesn't start, who am I going to call? So, you answered the call several times when the military called, when the United States Army, when the Army National Guard called, and for that, we say for your service too."

Speaker Rita: "Speaker Welch has been recognized."

Speaker Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Resolution. You know, it really is an honor here today to rise to recognize such a great man and great friend. I want to thank Representative Kifowit for bringing Major General Boyd here so that we can see greatness on display. I want to thank you for the kind words you've shared with us today, Representative, about the General because I've the pleasure of knowing Major General Rodney Boyd for years. I couldn't miss this opportunity to join you and brag about such a wonderful example of humankind. Major General was the police chief in my hometown of Bellwood. He's just another guy from the woods, Bellwood. He's also my fraternity brother, and he's really become a great friend. As a member of the greatest fraternity ever, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Major General Boyd knows the test of a man. He knows that the test of a man is the fight that he makes, the grit that he daily shows, the way he stands upon his feet, and takes life's numerous bumps and blows. A coward can smile when there's not to fear. And nothing his progress bars, but it takes a man to stand and cheer, while the other fellow stars. It isn't the victory after all but the fight that a brother makes. A man

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when driven against the wall, still stands erect and takes the blows of fate with his head held high, bleeding and bruised and pale, is the man who will win and fate defied, for he is not afraid to fail. That is Major General Rodney Boyd. And I'm proud to stand here today as the first black Speaker of this chamber, honoring the highest-ranking black officer in the Illinois National Guard. And on behalf of this chamber, I want to thank you for joining us today, Major General Boyd. And thank you for your ongoing commitment and service to the state we are all lucky to call home. Let's give him another round of applause, please."

Speaker Rita: "Speaker Welch."

Speaker Welch: "I also think it's important to judge a person by the company they keep. And when Major General arrived in my office today, he had a whole lot of generals with him. Can we ask all the generals, and certainly Mrs. Boyd, to rise again? General Neely, General McKinney, who's also from the 7th District. Let's give all the generals a round of applause, please. Thank you, and welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Rita: "Congratulations. This Resolution was already adopted on a previous day. So, thank you, Members. Representative Frese, what reason have you been recognized?"

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

Speaker Rita: "State your point."

Frese: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the Illinois House, if it looks a little brighter here in the back row today, it's because I am joined with a radiant and very special young lady, Miss Quincy 2023, Shelby Rose. Please give her a welcome. Shelby was named Miss Quincy in January of this year and will take

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part in the Miss Illinois Pageant in Marion, Illinois this June. Shelby is 19 years old. She's a freshman at the University of Alabama. Roll Tide. Majoring in public relations with a minor in digital content engagement. At the age of 13, Shelby founded an organization that she named Fostering Hope. She has raised, in her efforts, over \$20 thousand and partnered with local and statewide organizations to supply foster children with school supplies and backpacks. She's donated Christmas gifts to scores of foster children. She's filled hundreds of 24-hour notice bags for children emergently placed in foster care. I'm happy to report that next month Senator Jil Tracy and I will be partnering with her in her efforts to collect hygiene products that will be distributed to foster children. This May, during Foster Care Awareness Month, Shelby's goal is to donate over 120 different duffle bags for youth in care. Shelby has also launched an initiative to mentor college students who have been involved with the foster care system and provide them with care packages. Shelby's joined today by her incredible parents, Mark and Melissa from Quincy. They're up here in the gallery. Please welcome them. She's an incredible young woman. And I hope to ask the Speaker for... perhaps we'd have a special Session in July when we can welcome her back as Miss Illinois. Thank you all again very, very much."

Speaker Rita: "Members, Major General Boyd will be in the well for photos, for those who wish would like to get a photo with him. Representative Johnson, what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Johnson: "Mr. Speaker, I... I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Rita: "State your point."

Johnson: "I want to welcome my wife, Celia, and daughter, Gabriella, to Springfield. My... my wife's great-grandmother, also named Celia, fled Mexico during a revolution with her family as a child and took a bullet to her shoulder while crossing the river. Decades later, after working on building our Nation's railroads, her family was awarded a box car in which to start their lives in Silvis, Illinois. Years later, Celia, along with her siblings, ended up owning and operating the best Mexican restaurant in the area for decades, right across from the famed Hero Street in Silvis. I see in my wife, every day, that same strength, spirit, and determination as I share my life with her that brought her family here. I also want to welcome my daughter, Gabriella, to Springfield today. In July of 2011, at the age of 47, I was blessed to be gifted with Gabby as she hit the ground running, and she has not stopped. It is Gabby and her generation in whose eyes I view the world through every day. And I can't think of a better place for her to be than right here, seeing that her possibilities are endless. Whether it's former Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, or current Minority Leader Tony McCombie, or, in order of seniority, all of the wonderful women on both sides of the aisle, from Leader Flowers, to Gabby's best friend, Nabeela. I am so appreciative to all of you for setting that example for every day. That also includes our wonderful staff here for... for what you guys do in getting us to where we need to be. So, I... I know they'd probably rather

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be in Florida where its 75, 80 degrees, but I'm hoping we can give them a warm welcome here and welcome both of them here to Springfield. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Cabello, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Rita: "Please proceed."

Cabello: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, please help me welcome some heroes from Rockford Fire 413 and Cherry Valley Fire up in the back gallery there behind the Democrats. Welcome to Springfield, gentlemen."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Jed Davis, what... for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davis, J.: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Rita: "Please proceed."

Davis, J.: "I just wanted to welcome my Page for the day, Jude Forshee. His father, Nick, is up in the gallery somewhere. My family and his share a very special bond. We are a foster parent family. His family is as well. And have adopted biological siblings. So, we get together quite often to kind of celebrate life together. And I just am very grateful for the heart of their family for helping children in need. Let's welcome Mr. Forshee."

Speaker Rita: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Ness, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ness: "Point of personal privilege, Speaker."

Speaker Rita: "Please proceed."

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Ness: "So, I'd like to welcome my very first Page for the day here in Springfield. This is Blake Harrington from Lake in the Hills, Illinois. Blake is a third grader at Indian Prairie Elementary School, and he loves to learn. And his interests are muscle cars, dinosaurs, and dogs, including his very own Winston, that he adores, and reading Harry Potter with his dad at night. His parents, Blake... or Rob and Katrina Harrington are in the back. So, can... can we give them a warm welcome to Springfield?"

Speaker Rita: "Welcome to Springfield. Leader Hernandez, Lisa Hernandez, what reason do you speak... seek recognition?"

Hernandez, L.: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Rita: "Please proceed."

Hernandez, L.: "I also am asking my colleagues of the House to give a warm welcome to my heroes from the Town of Cicero, the Cicero Firefighters Local 717 in the Speaker Gallery. In particular, I'd like to recognize one of firefighters. I don't know, Teddy, you must have nine lives. But this particular firefighter has gone through some extraordinary challenges, life challenges, where he... we didn't see him coming back, but you always make it back, Teddy. Let's give them a warm welcome."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Elik, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Elik: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Rita: "Please proceed."

Elik: "Thank you. Representatives, I'd like to direct your attention to the gallery behind me, and I'd like to welcome nearly 20 4-H members from across Illinois who are attending

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the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Legislative Connection event today and tomorrow at the Capitol. These youth represent 13 different 4-H programs from counties throughout the state, representing nearly 200 thousand 4-H participants in all 102 counties. These teens represent the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team, and 4-H members train through the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program. They've been active in their local 4-H clubs and communities and community service projects and 4-H learning experiences that includes STEM, animal sciences, and healthy living. We know many of you are 4-H alumni or have a connection to 4-H. If you are 4-H alumni or are engaged with 4-H, please stand and be recognized. A new 4-H alumni association is being formed, and we hope you'll be a part of it. Let's give them all a warm welcome to Springfield with a round of applause.

Speaker Rita: "Welcome. Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I have some friends here from back home, Alan and Kathy Hans. They're over here in the gallery, up to my left, and they're very interested in what's going on. And, boy, they're getting their eyes full today because there is a lot going on at the Capitol today. So, a big round of applause, and welcome to our Capitol."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Moeller, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Moeller: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Rita: "Please proceed."

Moeller: "Thank you. Like many of my colleagues, I want to welcome the great men and women of the Elgin Fire Department, who are

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here this afternoon with AFFI. Welcome. They do a great job serving our community back home. And I'd also like to welcome the Hoffman Estates Fire Department as well. Thank you for giving them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Kelly, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Kelly: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Rita: "Please proceed."

Kelly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to welcome my brothers and sisters from Local 2, who are up in the gallery scattered about. Thank you, guys, for being here today. And I also want to thank all the guys from AFFI, all the men and women from AFFI, 350 strong who are here today and yesterday, and you'll be seeing them around town. So, make sure you say hello, and you're in safe hands throughout this weekend. So, thank you guys for being here today, Local 2. If we give them a warm welcome. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Kifowit, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Rita: "Please proceed."

Kifowit: "Yesterday was Equal Pay Day, and I just have to give a shout-out and thank organized labor for representing all workers and for making sure that all workers get fair and equitable pay. And I join my colleagues to recognize the organized labor of our firefighters. I am blessed to represent three different areas, Oswego Fire Department, Naperville Fire Department, and Aurora Fire Department, along with Aurora Township Fire District that are here in the Springfield

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today. But we have to recognize all the contributions that organized labor has done and appreciate not only our firefighters today, but all that they do every day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Avelar, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Avelar: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Rita: "Please proceed."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr.... Mr. Speaker. I would also invite all Members to please give a warm Springfield welcome to the great men and women of the Joliet, Bolingbrook, Lockport Fire Department, who are here today in the chambers. Thank you all for being here, and I can't wait to... to continue Session. Thanks."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Kelly, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Kelly: "Point of personal privilege. I... I meant to keep going. So, I apologize."

Speaker Rita: "You may proceed. Sorry to cut you off."

Kelly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to tell the heartbreaking story of Chicago Firefighter Walter Stewart. Last Tuesday evening around 9 p.m., Firefighter Stewart was working on Truck 55 in the Norwood Park neighborhood when Battalion 11 was given a call to respond to a working fire, and Firefighter Stewart immediately knew that it was his address that they were going to. Firefighter Stewart jumped in with the chief, the chief sped off to the emergency. When they arrived on scene, Firefighter Stewart had the unthinkable, the unimaginable task of having to help

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resuscitate his family out in front of his own home. Unfortunately, at this fire, Firefighter Stewart lost his whole family. His wife, Summer Day, his children, Autumn, Ezra, and Emory all passed away within this past week. I ask this Body to keep Firefighter Stewart, his family, and all first responders, especially Local 2, in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you very much."

Speaker Rita: "Let's take a moment of silence. Representative Marron, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Rita: "Please proceed."

Marron: "I also wanted to welcome to Springfield five people who we are very proud of in the 104th District. Five of our Danville firefighters are here today over in the corner. Please welcome them to Springfield."

Speaker Rita: "Members, we're going to proceed to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading. So, be prepared when we come to your Bill and call your name. House Bill 1204, Representative Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1204, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Tarver, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Tarver, can you explain the Amendment?"

Tarver: "Sorry. The Amendment to 1204... so, the original Bill allows for children of an elected official to participate or come down for an inauguration when... when the parent or guardian is sworn in. The Amendment was at the request of

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Chairwoman Scherer, and it would allow for more family members to be able to participate."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Tarver moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; any 'nays'? In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. It is amended and adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 1557, Representative Omar Williams. Out of the record. House Bill 2088, Representative Jones. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2088, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: Third Reading. House Bill 2089, Representative Jones. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2089, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2147, Representative Yang Rohr. Out of the record. House Bill 2155, Representative Keicher. Out of the record. House Bill 2156, Representative Keicher. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2156, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Keicher, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Keicher moves... the Amendment."

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Keicher: "So, all the Amendment does is clarifies some of the provisions that have been sought by both the administrative and teachers unit. I would strongly encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Any further Amendments? All those in favor say 'aye'; those say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And it's amended.. adopted. Any further Amendment?"

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

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2222, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Out of the record. House Bill 2251, Representative Morgan. Out of the record. House Bill 2278, Representative Ann Williams. Out of the record. House Bill 2350, Representative Cassidy. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2350, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Cassidy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Cassidy on the Amendment."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Floor Amendment 1 simply corrects a drafting error and makes the Bill ready to go."

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

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

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2461, Representative Walsh. Read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2461, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2147, Yang Rohr. Representative Yang Rohr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2147, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2487, Representative Lilly. Out of the record. House Bill 2516, Representative Stuart. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2516, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2520, Representative Harper. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2520, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of the House... of the House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2527, Representative Walsh. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2527, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2557, Representative Harper. Read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2557, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: Third Reading. House Bill 2584, Representative Swanson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2584, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2618, Representative Elik. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. House Bill 2618, Representative Elik. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2618, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2622, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2622, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2717, Representative Gonzalez. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2717, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2773, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2773, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2788, Representative Ann Williams. Out of the record. House Bill 2799, Representative Hammond. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2799, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. Representative... House Bill 2805, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2805, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2829, Representative Delgado. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2829, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2845, Representative Vella. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2845, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2861, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2861, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2862, Representative Mah. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2862, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2879, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2879, a Bill for an Act concerning hunger relief. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2901, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2901, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2907, Representative Yednock. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2907, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 2910, Representative Omar Williams. Out of the record. House Bill 2963, Representative Fritts. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2963, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3046, Representative Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3046, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3086, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3086, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3087, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3087, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3097, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3097, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House.. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3102, Representative Andrade. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3102, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee

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Amendments. Floor... Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Andrade, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Andrade is recognized for the Amendment."

Andrade: "Yes, the Amendment just adds an effective date of January 1 of 2025."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Andrade moves for the adoption of House Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; any 'nays'? In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3103, Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. House Bill 3126, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3126, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3133, Representative Hernandez, Norma. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3133, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3233, Representative Hernandez, Lisa. House Bill 3257. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3257, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3311, Representative Sosnowski. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3311, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3315, Representative Guzzardi. Out of the record. House Bill 3340, Representative Burke... Leader Burke. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3340, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3363, Faver Dias... Representative Faver... Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3363, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. Bill 3375, Representative Jiménez. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3375, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3406, Representative Cabello. Out of the record. House Bill 3426, Representative Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3426, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3445, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk... Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3445, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3461, Representative Meyers-Martin. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3461, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3479, Representative Walker. Out of the record. House Bill 3572, Representative Stava-Murray. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3572, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3595, Leader Mah. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3595, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "House Bill 3627, Representative Meier. Third Reading. House Bill 3627, Representative Meier. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3627, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3705, Representative Hernandez, Norma. Out of the record. House Bill 3706, Representative Meyers-Martin. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3706, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 3809, Representative DeLuca. Out of the record. House Bill 3892, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3892, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. So, page 6 of the Calendar. House Bill 1557, Representative Omar Williams. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1557, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. Page 14 of the Calendar. House Bill 2487, Representative Lilly. Lilly. Out of the record. Page 23 of the Calendar. House Bill 3233, Leader Lisa Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3233, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. Representative McLaughlin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Rita: "You may proceed."

McLaughlin: "Thank you. One second, please. I rise to speak to constituents that are concerned about what's taking place in our national and our state banking system. The questions I'm getting from constituents is, 'Are our banks safe in Illinois? What happened, and who caused this?' I spoke two years ago about governments controlling our energy sector and driving prices to unsustainable levels. At that time, I also spoke about government spending being out of control. Irresponsible spending to the trillions of dollar level, well beyond what the Federal Government receives in taxes, is the main cause of inflation, resulting in the government having to raise interest rates to slow inflation. This inflation reduces the value of all of our savings, of all of our constituents' savings. Milton Friedman... Friedman famously once said, and correctly stated, 'Inflation is one form of taxation that can be imposed without legislation.' We've seen the results of rampant inflation and high costs for food, medicine, housing, and increasing at unsustainable levels for all of our constituents. When people and businesses deposit money in banks, and at a bank... the bank doesn't sit on the money. They invest it and lend it out. They buy bonds and mortgages and

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other assets based upon the interest rate with your deposited money. It appears that what these banks bought, reaching for yield, went way down in current value and crushed their bank reserves. Now, banks don't have enough money to pay depositors who want their money back. Do these banks go out of business? No, they didn't. Did they close? No, they didn't. Why? Because the government bailed them out. Does this make sense? Of course not. The feds mismanaged our economy so poorly, stopping our energy sector, driving up costs on everything and overspending, creating money out of thin air and devaluing the dollar, causing hyperinflation. The government will now bail out these banks. So, our depositors in Illinois should be assured that their deposits will be safe. These banking problems are a direct result of a fundamental misunderstanding in this Body and in Washington, D.C. that unregulated and uncontrolled government spending does have a cost. And it appears now that cost will all be on all of us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Rita: "Proceed to the Order of House Bills on Third Reading. On Page 33 of the Calendar, we got House Bill 42, Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 42, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Ford is recognized."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the passage of House Bill 42. This simply creates a decal for autism awareness. I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

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Speaker Rita: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Mr. Ford, this is a decal for license plates. Is that correct?"

Ford: "That's right, Representative."

Windhorst: "All right. I just wanted to make sure of that. Thank you for your Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Ford to close."

Ford: "Thank you very much for the question, Leader. I think that was your first question on a Bill. Thank you, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 42 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open, Mr. Clerk. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, 113 voting 'aye', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 47, Representative Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 47, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative... Leader Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 47 is an initiative of the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund. By way of background of when a property and casualty insurer become insolvent, the Guaranty Fund, under the Department of Insurance, steps in and pays the covered claims. What this does, it allows the guaranteed fund to be able to... to be able to pay on claims of cybersecurity insurance claims. They can't do that now. In

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addition, it benefits individuals and small business insurance consumers by increasing the amount of unearned insurance premium they can be refunded from their insolvent insurance company. I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst."

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

Speaker Rita: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Leader Hoffman, what caused this Bill to be brought about?"

Hoffman: "It's an initiative of the Insurance Guaranty Fund. The reason they need to do this is when an insurance company becomes insolvent, they needed clarifying language so it can cover cybersecurity. The reason is the code ties the Guaranty Fund's statutory obligations to pay covered claims to classes of insurance existing as of January 1, 1985. Cybersecurity insurance obviously came about after that. Therefore, in order to... for consumers to receive payment, we need to change the time period."

Windhorst: "Is there any opposition to your Bill."

Hoffman: "No."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I encourage a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Leader Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 47 pass?' All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'... all in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. And this Bill,

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having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Crespo, for what reason do you rise?"

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. Would you please let the record reflect that I intended to vote 'yes' on House Bill 42?"

Speaker Rita: "Record so will reflect. House Bill 995, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 995, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 995 creates the Educational Credit for Election Judges Act. This Bill allows public universities and community colleges to offer academic credit or a non-credit alternative for students serving as election judges. The purpose of this Bill is two-fold. One, to give our election authorities another tool to address the persistent shortage of election judges in our state. And two, to create more opportunities for young people to have a hands-on experience in the democratic process. Thank you for your consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Representative Didech, if an individual participates in this program and receives credit, are they also eligible to be paid as an election judge?"

Didech: "Under this Bill, if they receive academic credit, they would not be eligible for compensation, which I believe is in

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line with most other externship or academic credit-type of opportunities that are available at universities."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Does... do you know the nature of the Tazewell County Clerk's opposition?"

Didech: "No, I'm not familiar with the Tazewell County Clerk's opposition. I... I don't know this. I suspect it... it may be in error. I know the County Clerks Association, various county clerks were very excited about his Bill. There was initially some opposition from the community colleges and universities. As amended, we've addressed their opposition."

Windhorst: "And this was unanimous in committee. Is that right?"

Didech: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Didech to close."

Didech: "I'd ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 995 pass?' All in favor say 'aye'... vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. I'll get it down pat. Voted who wish? Voted who wish? Clerk, take the record. On this question, House Bill 995, receiving the Constitutional Majority, is... 100 voting 'yes', 12 voting 'no', no one voting 'present', receiving the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Grant, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Grant: "Yes, I would like to be recorded as a 'no' vote on this last Bill that we just voted on, 995."

Speaker Rita: "Record will reflect it."

Grant: "Thank you."

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Speaker Rita: "House Bill 1016, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1016, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1016 is a Illinois law that provides compensation to individuals... exonerees who have proved in court that they were actually innocent and did not commit the crime for which they were imprisoned or were pardoned by the Governor for actual innocence. House Bill 1016 does three things. It raised the compensation rates for the wrongfully incarcerated. It provides compensation to include the time the exoneree spent in pre... pre-trial detainee. And it also provides that the Court of Claims is to award the attorney fees in the amount of 25 percent of the amount of awards to the exonerees. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst."

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

Flowers: "Yes."

Speaker Rita: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader Flowers, so this is going to change the compensation amount for those who have those certificates of innocence? Is that... I want to make I understand that correctly."

Flowers: "Yes. Back in 2008, when the Bill became law, it was 5 thousand some odd dollars per year. And currently, it is now 11 thousand, and we need to increase it to 50 thousand."

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Windhorst: "And this is not just simply individuals who have their case dismissed or have a not guilty verdict? They have to actually show their innocence?"

Flowers: "The judge has actually exonerated these men, and they decided that there was no way in the world that they could have been guilty. And so, they got a certificate of innocence."

Windhorst: "And you mentioned there was a provision about attorney's fees. What was that again, if you could explain that?"

Flowers: "Well, these attorneys have really been working hard throughout the years with little or no compensation. And whatever compensation they may have received came from the exonerees. And, quite frankly, the exonerees have paid more than enough. Their families have paid more than enough. So, whatever money that they could get from the state because, quite frankly, a lot of exonerees are still owed money because the Court of Claims have not paid out those claims. And so, to me, this is just being fair for the attorneys who's making the sacrifice to prove the innocence of these people that should have been done years ago. But now, we have to pay for it again."

Windhorst: "And this passed unanimously out of committee. Is that right? The vote in committee was unanimous in support?"

Flowers: "Yes, Sir."

Windhorst: "Thank you. I think you may see some mixed vote on this side, but I appreciate your explanation. Thank you."

Flowers: "It's my pleasure, and thank you. I appreciate your support."

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Speaker Rita: "Leader Flowers to close."

Flowers: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1016 pass?' All in... all in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Next on the order, House Bill 1032, Representative Flowers. You ready for 1032? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1032, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Leader Flowers is recognized."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we've heard and read the horror stories that's going on in some of these institutions. And House Bill 1080... 1032 is a rather simple Bill. Right now, we inspect these homes every three years. This Bill would merely say that we would do it every two years. And I'd be more than happy to answer any questions, but I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "Representative... will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates she will."

Meier: "Representative Flowers, it's a great Bill. I just wish you had it to every year. And I wish the word 'unannounced' was in there because there is much going on in our CILA's and our most vulnerable are being abused, are being raped and

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taken advantage of. So, thank you for getting this Bill this far."

Flowers: "And please forgive me, I... I was supposed to add your name, and I'm going to do that right now. And we promised to work together on those two Amendments."

Meier: "Yes. Thank you."

Flowers: "And thank you for the work that we've done together throughout the years. I appreciate you."

Meier: "It's... it's a Bill to protect our most vulnerable, and I greatly appreciate it."

Flowers: "Absolutely. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Leader Flowers to close."

Flowers: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote, please."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1032 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1076, Representative Yednock. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1076, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Out of the record. Representative Carroll, House Bill 1111. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House... House Bill 1111, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Carroll."

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Carroll: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. HB1111 authorizes the General Assembly Members and the State Executive Branch Constitutional Officers to solemnize wedding... marriages, so long as the Member or officer is in office at the date of the marriage. I know of no opposition, and I ask for a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative Carroll, so currently constitutional officers and Members of the General Assembly cannot perform weddings unless we fit under another criteria. Is that correct?"

Carroll: "That's correct, Sir."

Windhorst: "And this would basically give us the ability to do that, perform weddings?"

Carroll: "Yes. Yes, Sir."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Carroll..."

Windhorst: "Is... I'm sorry. Just one other... was there any reference to compensation about being able to receive compensation to perform the wedding for the service?"

Carroll: "No, there's not."

Windhorst: "It's not mentioned?"

Carroll: "No."

Windhorst: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Carroll to close."

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

Speaker Rita: "The question is... the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1111 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote

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'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there's 74 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no', and no one voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1121, Representative Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1121, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Members. As we know, we're in the middle of a silent crisis in our state surrounding opioid deaths. In 2020, we lost twice as many people to opioid overdoses as to fatal car crashes. Ninety-three thousand people died from overdoses around the country in that year. Many of these deaths are from people who didn't know they were taking opioids at all. So, last year, this General Assembly passed House Bill 4556 to allow for certain entities to distribute fentanyl test strips so they can test for the presence of this cheap, synthetic, and deadly opioid in a variety of substances. So, in that Bill, we allowed for hospitals, doctors, and other medical practitioner to dispense these test strips. And this Bill would simply allow an additional set of providers, namely providers who are enrolled in the state's drug overdose prevention program. These are highly-trained and skilled folks who are working with people on the front lines of addiction and recovery. And so, I would encourage us to allow these people to distribute

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these test strips as well so as to make sure that we can reduce accidental fentanyl deaths. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Leader McCombie, you're recognized."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. Looking very good up there, Sir. Just a... a quick question for the Representative, if he'll yield."

Speaker Rita: "Thank you for that compliment. And the Representative indicates he will yield."

McCombie: "Great. Thank you. Representative, I have a Bill, HB3203, that you're also helping with. I think this is a good Bill, and I... I just want the folks, everybody in the Body, to realize that this is a good Bill, but HB3203 is a much better Bill and hope that we have a good response on that. Here's the thing, folks. Unfortunately, this is where we are today when it comes to fentanyl. And the testing is certainly much needed, and I believe this is a start to a problem that we're not going to be able to address here in the General Assembly. So, I don't really have any questions other than just to watch and thank you for your sponsorship on my 3203. I'm more than happy to be a sponsor on this Bill with you."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Leader."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Guzzardi to close."

Guzzardi: "Yeah, thank you. And thanks to Leader McCombie for her leadership on this issue. These test strips, until our Bill last year, had been classified as drug paraphrenia and were illegal across the state. Our Bill is a sort of incremental measure to allow folks to dispense them, and the Leader's Bill will... will them fully legal. So, I look forward to that Bill's presentation and passage. For now, this is one further

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step in getting these test strips into the hands of people who need them. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1121 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1155, Representative Hammond. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1155, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Leader Hammond's recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1155 provides that a person or a surviving spouse or next of kin who is injured by an intoxicated person under the age of 18 has a right of action for damages against that person if they willfully... willfully provided or permitted consumption of alcohol or drugs on their property, residential or nonresidential. Know of no opponents, and appreciate an 'aye' vote. Happy take any questions."

Speaker Rita: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1155 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there's 106 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Next

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order, House Bill 1199, Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1199, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 1199 will designate the month of October each year as Italian Heritage Month. And last year, we passed this Bill unanimously. And it made it over to the Senate, made it to Third Reading, but was not called. So, that's why we're starting this process over again. So, ask for your vote. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1199 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Gabel's recognized."

Gabel: "Speaker, let the record show that Representative Morgan is excused for the rest of the day."

Speaker Rita: "Record shall reflect it. All right, next up. House Bill 1209, Representative Vella. Italian Day. Mr. Clerk... hold it. Hold it. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1209, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Vella, you may now speak."

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Vella: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair... Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1209 is a simple Bill. It simply creates the U.S. Space Force special license plates to be provided to residents of state... the state who is... or was a member of the U.S. Space Force. This is to be designed and provided by the Secretary of State according to their current procedures in special license plates. This is an initiative of a young man in my district hoping to get into the Space Force. I know of no opposition. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1209 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote... vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1220, Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1220, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 1220 deals specifically with the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District and how the members of the board are appointed. Currently, the Legislators who represent a portion of the district must sign off on the appointment. And we've been handling it this way for a long time. There's usually... I think there's six Members of the House and maybe four Members in the Senate that we have to circulate that appointment process. And we'd like to push it off to the

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locals, that the mayors representing those communities will handle those appointments. They work with the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District on a regular basis. They're much more in tune with the operation there, and that's what this Bill will accomplish. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst."

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

Speaker Rita: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Representative DeLuca, I just want to make sure, do the mayors who are affected support this change?"

DeLuca: "They do. And I can't speak for every single one of them, but if... a number of the communities have filed as proponents."

Windhorst: "Thank you. No other questions."

Speaker Rita: "Seeing no other debate, Representative DeLuca to close."

DeLuca: "Please vote 'yes'. Thank you very much."

Speaker Rita: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 1220 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? Voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there's 113 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1258, Representative Sosnowski. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1258, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill addresses 14- and 15-year-olds in the workplace. As you know, it is currently

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allowed, but there is some discrepancy of what the state has in statute and what is allowed and required by Federal Law. Right now, we're out of step with Federal Law, which only allows 14-,15-year-olds to work up to 18 hours. Our current law, which if somebody did this would be in violation, allows for 24 hours per week, nonschool work weeks. Federal Law allows 40. We currently allow 48. So, both of these items would change this to what is currently allowed under Federal Law. And then the third item, which has a little bit more substance, is in regards to how the number of hours are calculated during a school day. Currently, in Illinois statute, 14- and 15-year-olds can only work a total of 8 hours, but that includes the number of hours that they go to school. So, essentially, if somebody has a traditional seven-hour school day, that individual could only work one hour. Which, under that statute, would make it very hard to find employment. Current Federal Law allows three hours, max, on a school day. So, this would make us consistent with Federal Law. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote, and I'm open to any questions."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Ammons is recognized."

Ammons: "Thank you. Would the Sponsor yield for a quick question on this?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

Ammons: "Thank you. Representative Sosnowski, does this... is there a process in here for a 16-year-old who may also be a parent and who may actually have to work?"

Sosnowski: "Good question. As far as the process, for 14- and 15-year-olds only, they would have to be, essentially, approved

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or receive a sponsor. And it usually happens at the superintendent or principal level at the school. This legislation does not affect 16-year-olds at all. It's just the 14 and 15-year-old category."

Ammons: "Okay. Thank you for clarifying that on the record."

Speaker Rita: "Seeing no other debates, Representative Sosnowski to close."

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

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1258 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there's 112 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1273, Representative Elik. Out of the record. Next, House Bill 1342, Representative Delgado. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1342, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Delgado."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1342 makes it explicit that transit boards, and that includes the CTA, Metra, and Pace, have the authority to suspend riding privileges or confiscate fare media. This is a civil remedy that is geared toward protecting the transit workers that make the busses and trains run every day. Transit officials have found that the same folks keep abusing their riding privileges by harassing or outright harming transit workers and fellow riders. This will allow the service boards to

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address these concerns. I'm available for questions, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Guzzardi."

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

Speaker Rita: "She indicates she will."

Guzzardi: "Representative Delgado, thank you for bringing this forward. This is new to me, and I apologize. Does... does the Bill describe the rules that will... the criteria that would require someone to have their fare card suspended or it just allows the courts to promulgate rules?"

Delgado: "It allows the service board.. I'm sorry."

Guzzardi: "Nope."

Delgado: "It allows the service boards to create the rules and regulations. They have to go before their own boards to make those explicit, specific recommendations."

Guzzardi: "Understood. And they're not currently permitted to do so?"

Delgado: "So, this is a question that, from the legal perspective, when I read the language that's current that... their enacting language, it gives them the authority to run a transit agency, which, in my opinion, says you can do those things. However, this language is giving them the explicit permission on fare... on the revocation of transit riding privileges."

Guzzardi: "Understood. Thank you very much."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Caulkins."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates she will."

Caulkins: "Representative, the person who's riding privileges are going to be suspended, is there anything in here that gives

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them due process? Are they able to be represented or be present before their privileges are suspended?"

Delgado: "So, the way this language is written, Representative, it just gives the service boards the ability to enact the process. So, that will go entirely to the service boards' individual boards. So, each board has its own set of members, and they are the ones that are going to enact all the rules and regulations associated with that. But I will tell you that all the service boards that I've spoken to have spoke... have planned explicitly to have due process for anybody who may be affected by this."

Caulkins: "So, I mean, is... is there anything in your Bill that guarantees the rider, the person whose privileges could be suspended, guaranteeing them the right of due process?"

Delgado: "So, what's in the Bill itself is just the ability for service boards to enact the process. That's what's specifically written into the Bill."

Caulkins: "Okay. It troubles me that someone could have their transportation privileges suspended without being guaranteed the right of due process. I mean, if we're going to give boards an opportunity to suspend someone's privileges, I... I think we ought to give the rider a guaranteed right of due process."

Delgado: "Well, the way that the transit enacting language is written, it allows the service boards to be able to run a transit agency, right? That's... that's what their charge is. And so, again, in my opinion, when you run a transit agency, those are all things that would be included, such as being able to revoke riding privileges. However, the... from the legal

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perspective, they wanted to have an explicit authority to do that. But again, each service board is going to handle this the way that they would like to within their... their service area. And their boards have to vote and approve any... anything that's related to this. And again, I have been given pretty explicit assurances from all the service boards that will have due process in the revocation. And also, there will be an appeals process."

Caulkins: "Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for quick question?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates she will."

Ammons: "If the... first and foremost, what precludes the independent boards from doing this currently?"

Delgado: "So, again, in my opinion, I don't believe that there's anything that explicitly says they can't do it right now. However, it has been their approach that they would like to have it explicitly written into the language of their enacting legislation. And so, that's why we're putting this forward today."

Ammons: "So, they don't have... there's no explicit reason for them not to take up this issue on their own. But at the same time, they want us to allow them to put this into statute with no parameters, right? So, if a homeless person is on the bus, and that's... they ride the bus all day, and they don't... they have, sometimes, problems getting to health access for showers and baths, and other riders are offended by that,

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could this board then revoke their riding privileges if they so choose?"

Delgado: "So, each individual board is going to approach it from their own perspective. But... but the way that this has been put forth to me is that this is really more about protecting the transit workers that are currently experiencing certain levels of harassment when an individual is coming on board a train or a bus and spitting in one of our operator's faces, and then allowed to come back and do it repeatedly and repeatedly. And boards don't feel like they can currently address that. That's what this is really geared towards."

Ammons: "So, I appreciate the anecdotes. I've heard a lot about the buses. Of course, I've ridden the buses myself. My concern is that, unfortunately, a couple things tend to happen when we do this. You see an increase in disparities, as to who is representative, right, without any parameters. So, if someone, of course, spits in your face, that's a legal issue. I can call the cops. They can come deal with you. And then I can take it to the board, right, to determine whether they should have their rights revoked? But I don't think we should give that much latitude if we're putting it in the state statute to allow them to determine all the rules without any parameters because from the extreme that we experience on the buses or trains, to the annoyances that some people produce. And so, I think in this case, I would hope that whoever the Senate Sponsor is will look at this more... more in the Senate so that there will be some parameters on it so that people who are on the board, who are made up with their own biases, are not able to just revoke a person's riding privileges,

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which would be their only mode of transportation, based on a mental health crisis that they may have. And we have this at our bus terminal all the time, where a person with a mental health issue might actually act out that day, but they won't know that they have this mental illness. And that person may end up losing riding privileges, and that's their only mode of transportation. I have an actual friend who serves on the city council who has a serious mental illness. And he has been... the police have been called on him when he has had episodes. And I would hate to see his bus privileges revoked, based on his mental illness that someone else determined as rowdy behavior. And so, I would hope that you work with your Senate Sponsor to put a little more protections for the people into this Bill. Thank you."

Delgado: "Thank you very much. And I will say that, yes, the intent here is not to be impacting those types of folks, Representative. The intent is really to deal with some issues that transit workers have been facing, but I appreciate the sentiment."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Ford."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates she will."

Ford: "My question is simple. Representative, would this be a lifetime suspension? Or is this... would a rider have a chance to appeal the ridership?"

Delgado: "So, my understanding, the approach would be that it would not be a lifetime suspension. And there would be an opportunity to either appeal or... or to come back before the

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service board and address whatever issue may have caused it in the first place."

Ford: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Seeing no debate, no more debate, Representative Delgado to close."

Delgado: "Thank you very much. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 1342 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there's 91 voting 'yes', 13 voting 'nay', 4 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1358, Representative LaPointe. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1358, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative LaPointe."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB1358 is a Bill that changes the responsibility from our Department of Human Services to our Department of Innovation and Technology for reviewing and updating our state's IT accessibility standards. DHS and DoIT are both supportive of this change, which will essentially ensure that our state's technology experts are the ones monitoring and updating the standards. And as just for quick background, the Illinois Information Technology and Accessibility Act requires our Illinois state agencies and our Illinois public universities to ensure that their websites, their IT systems, and their information technologies are all accessible to people with disabilities.

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I ask for an 'aye' vote, and I'm happy to entertain any questions."

Speaker Rita: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1358 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there's 112 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Next on the order, House Bill 1371, Representative McLaughlin. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1371, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative McLaughlin."

McLaughlin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is subject to the availability of local resources to begin a middle school, junior high, and high school junior color guard program. Last year, we were fortunate to have Willard Fruits come to the floor. And Chaplain Fruits mentioned the number of times he's been to local school, and he had hoped that he could mentor their younger generation into training them on honoring the military and our country through a junior color guard program. So, this Bill is brought forward with that in mind. And what we're attempting to do here is have our younger generations understand the value of service provided by men and women in uniform that protect our country. And I can't more proudly bring this forward on a day where General Boyd was recognized. So, I hope that the Body will join me and support this resoundingly. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Harper. Representative Cassidy."

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Cassidy: "Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Rita: "He'll yield."

Cassidy: "Representative, does... is this a mandate on all schools to do this? What kind of schools does this cover? All of those issues."

McLaughlin: "Yeah, no. It's subject local availability of resources. The school board will have an opportunity to judge whether or not the resources are available. The intention here is to have schools work with local agencies, VFWs, American Legion, and such. And if the resources are available, the school board determines they want to do it, and if they actually structure a program and get volunteers, then it would be a requirement. But as far as a cost mandate, it's subject to local resources being available."

Cassidy: "I'm actually not... it's not... I'm not questioning about the costs."

McLaughlin: "Okay."

Cassidy: "I'm asking, like, how do you define if local resources are available? What are local resources, and can a school opt out of doing this? Are we requiring all schools? And does it apply to public and private and religious schools as well?"

McLaughlin: "My understanding is it would apply in this instance, again, through a school board. So, it would be public schools. Civic organizations or associations would be those that would actually provide local resources or would come from other..."

Cassidy: "But how do we define what local resources are? And I'm not trying to be... I'm not trying to give you a hard time."

McLaughlin: "No, that's... that's fine, Representative."

Cassidy: "I'm actually really trying to figure this out."

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McLaughlin: "Yeah, local resources would include, but are not limited to, financial assistance, training, and equipment provided to a school by a civic organization or association or any local funds the board expends on establishing and maintaining a junior color guard program. So, I would also imagine it potentially could be Lion's Club, Rotary Club, any local civic organization that would want to fund this."

Cassidy: "And in the instance of a school board that is... has as a principle of... of their existence being pacifist, if they have the money, if it's a wealthy community, they have no choice but to do this?"

McLaughlin: "Well, as far as being pacifist, I'm sure that we would want to be recognizing. And I don't understand the pacifist aspect as..."

Cassidy: "Well, I just... if there was a school board where the members did not want to engage in promoting military activity, for example."

McLaughlin: "Well, again, this is not a..."

Cassidy: "How do you... how do we get to that question of whether... like, they could say they don't have the resources. Does someone challenge them to then say, 'You're not using your resources in a thoughtful way, and you really do have the resources?'"

McLaughlin: "Well, this is not tied to ROTC in any way. So, that..."

Cassidy: "I'm aware."

McLaughlin: "Well, but I just want to make sure you understood..."

Cassidy: "Yeah."

McLaughlin: "...that there are ROTC programs that schools can enter into. So, again, this is just to present to colors and to

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present and recognize service of our service personnel only.
There's no agenda beyond that."

Cassidy: "I... I think that some might argue that that is an agenda."

McLaughlin: "Well, then..."

Cassidy: "So, I'm just really curious about how we go about determining whether somebody actually has the resources. If they... if they vote that they don't have the resources, right, but they're an incredibly wealthy community, but they use this as the way to say they don't want to it, is there somebody that can challenge that? I'm just..."

McLaughlin: "Well, the... the school board itself would be the one that determines, based the way the Bill is written, that the local school board will determine whether there are resources available, whether there will be mentors available, whether they will establish a program, and whether the children would be interested in volunteering. So, there's a number of 'has to have happens' here to have this Bill move forward and to actually have it operate. Let's imagine that it... it occurs for one year, and in the second year, there's no children that want to volunteer or the school board determines there's no resources in the second year, they can cancel the program. So, there's... there's not an ongoing mandate here. It's... it's whether or not the school wants to participate, if there is funding and resources available, and then in that instance it would be, do they have volunteers and those that are willing to work with. And again, it's a mentorship-leadership program is what we're looking to do here."

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Cassidy: "Got it. I... I'm still kind of concerned about the way this mandate is formed. So, to the Bill. I... I just urge folks to approach this with a little bit of caution. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Guzzardi."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

Guzzardi: "Representative McLaughlin, I don't think that the discussion that we just had really represented the language in the Bill accurately. I'm just going to read straight from the Bill. It says, 'Subject to the availability of local resources, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, each public middle school, junior high school, and high school shall establish.' Each school shall establish, as long as they have resources. So, there is no mechanism in your Bill that would say that districts or schools may choose not to establish. As long as they have the money, they have to have one of these programs. If I'm reading your Bill wrong, please tell me. But that's the plain language of the statute. Am I incorrect there?"

McLaughlin: "We had a lengthy discussion in committee on this. And based upon the multiple... does have resources identified, school board approves and shall establish."

Guzzardi: "Yes, the single criterion is, do they have resources available? And if they do, they must establish one of these programs. Not school districts, every school. Every middle school, junior high school, and high school must establish one of these programs. To my colleagues who have been concerned about mandates being placed on our local governments without their approval, this is an incredible,

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far-reaching mandate on every school in the State of Illinois. I would encourage the Gentleman to change his Bill to say it may adopt one of these programs. I think that Bill would pass out of this chamber with flying colors. But as it stands, this an incredibility far-reaching mandate on every single public middle school, junior high school, and high school in the State of Illinois. And I would strongly encourage my colleagues to vote against this Bill as it's written. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

Davidsmeyer: "You know, I'm one of the people on this floor that votes against mandates, and the majority of the mandates that we see do not say subject to available funds, right? The majority of them, we are forcing people to do things. Does this in any way force kids to get involved in these... in this color guard?"

McLaughlin: "No."

Davidsmeyer: "So, it's like an optional school club?"

McLaughlin: "Correct."

Davidsmeyer: "And it just says that your local school district, if they deem, and your... your school board is the one who decides if the funds are actually available, correct?"

McLaughlin: "Correct."

Davidsmeyer: "So, this would only be created if your school board says we have the money for this specific purpose?"

McLaughlin: "Correct."

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Dauidsmeyer: "Okay. So, any school board... there's nobody from the state that's going to go in and say, 'Well, we think you have this money?' It's the school board that decides whether the money's there. So, it would be the local community, the local elected officials that would decide whether this would happen?"

McLaughlin: "Correct. And then it would also require students to be interested in participation."

Dauidsmeyer: "Okay. I appreciate your answers. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Reick."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

McLaughlin: "Representative, we talked about this in committee, and I think what we're looking at here, in spite of the objections of those who say this is a strict mandate, I believe it's a mandate that's flowing up from the participants, rather than down from the school board. It looks to me like the operative phrase in this entire Bill is the fact that there are students who are interested in having this program. And then they will go to the school board and say to the school board, we have the money, we have the resources, we have the interest. Then you shall allow us to do this. This is not a mandate saying you've got to offer this program and then go find people to be participants and all that kind of stuff. Is that correct?"

McLaughlin: "That's correct."

Reick: "So, I think that what we're looking at here are objections that are basically red herrings for the... for the actual intent of this Bill. And I... I urge an 'aye' vote on this Bill."

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Speaker Rita: "Seeing no more debate, Representative McLaughlin to close."

McLaughlin: "I urge an 'aye' vote, and I thank you for your consideration."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1371 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Voted who wish? Voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 91 voting 'yes', 10 voting 'no', 6 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Next is House Bill 1117, Leader Manley. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1117, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Manley."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1117 amends the Hospice Program Licensing Act. The Bill does a few really important things. It... the standard for hospices owning or operating residences shall have a max of 24 persons per locations instead of 20. Furthermore, it asserts that licensed hospice residents shall not exceed 16 instead of 5 for hospice residences in counties with a population of less than 200 thousand or counties with 700 thousand or more. The Joliet Area Community Hospice Organization, which is now Lightways, brought me this Bill. One of the reasons they asked me to do this is, number one, we see a growing need for hospice care, and the inverse is true for pediatric hospice care. There's not a lot of providers, and they are working towards being able to do that service with Lightways,

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something I think that is incredibly necessary and important to families, and it's been important to my own family throughout the years. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Rita: "Seeing no debate, House Bill 1117... the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1117 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Carroll."

Carroll: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that I meant to vote 'yes' on HB1358. Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Rita: "Record will reflect it. Next is House Bill 1384, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1384, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 1384 is an initiative of the Medical Student Section of the Illinois State Medical Society. Students were working on a project and brought to our attention the issue of access to reconstructive surgery for survivors of domestic violence. And that very often insurers refuse to pay what is... what could otherwise be deemed cosmetic surgery. But what we are talking about here are people who have had their faces smashed. We are talking about people who have had scars put all over their bodies so that they're... they are forced to remember what their abuser did to them every day. And this would merely require

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insurers to pay for this, frankly, lifesaving surgery to allow survivors to move on. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative Cassidy, just so I understand, this is for victims of domestic violence? Is that correct?"

Cassidy: "Yes, it is."

Windhorst: "Is it limited just to those victims, or other crime victims?"

Cassidy: "This is specific to domestic violence survivors."

Windhorst: "And is there any opposition to the Bill that you are aware of?"

Cassidy: "No, there is not."

Windhorst: "I noticed there was a partisan vote in committee. Can you... what there anything raised in committee that..."

Cassidy: "No, there really wasn't."

Windhorst: "Okay."

Cassidy: "It may have been that we were just on a partisan roll call roll."

Windhorst: "Okay. Thank you. I have no further questions."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Keicher."

Keicher: "To the Bill. Just to let our peers know on this side of the aisle, it was a partisan roll call. We left because we weren't sure on a couple aspects of the Bill that have since been cleaned up since... or cleared by since the committee heard. Thank you. Urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Cassidy to close."

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Cassidy: "Thank you. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1384 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there's 113 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Next, House Bill 1397, Representative Cassidy. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1397, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This is an initiative of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. And it adds to the factors to contemplate, in charging sexual assault, the concept of coercive control. Current law only specifically allows charges to be brought when there has been violence or a threat of violence. In... there were... the State's Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit raised several issues, several examples of cases where they had not been able to charge sexual assault. One example was a... an undocumented woman whose landlord threatened to have her deported if she did not engage in consensual sex with him. Other instances where someone's... someone was threatening somebody's child, as opposed to threatening them. So, this... this will allow a greater number of sexual assault victims to seek justice. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Rita: "All right. Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1397 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all

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opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there's 113 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1440, Representative Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1440, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill will be familiar to some Members of the chamber, as we've discussed it in years past. This Bill came about as the result of an environmental catastrophe in the State of Nebraska where seeds that were... had been pretreated were used in the manufacture of ethanol. And it created... it was a sort of a novel idea to use these unplanted, pretreated seeds in manufacturing ethanol. Unfortunately, it was a highly toxic process that resulted in severe environmental contamination in the area. The State of Nebraska banned this practice once they discovered these byproducts. No one in Illinois is currently using pretreated seeds, and they wouldn't do it because they know that it would be harmful. But we want to make sure that nobody comes to our state and engages in this practice. So, this Bill would preemptively ban this practice from the State of Illinois. The Renewable Fuels Association, which is the state's trade industry group that works in the production of ethanol, has no position on this Bill because they... their... all their members are, you know, responsible actors who would never

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engage in this kind of practice. So, I know of no opposition to the Bill, and I will urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

Meier: "We have heard the debate over this Bill before. You know, I've got in my hand here the flyer that states this is against the law in the State of Illinois for selling any treated grain that can end up anywhere in the feed source. You can face thousands, and maybe even millions, of dollars in fines already. It's not happening. The ethanol plants aren't against this Bill because they're already enforcing what we have here. So, I encourage you to be a 'no' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Seeing no other debate, Representative Guzzardi to close."

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

Speaker Rita: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 1440 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voting who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 77 voting 'yes', 36 voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Faver Dias."

Faver Dias: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Rita: "You may proceed."

Faver Dias: "Thank you. As a history teacher, I firmly believe that we have to learn from our past and its full honesty and truth in order to create a better future. But I love even more when we can learn, recognize, and celebrate living

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history. In honor of Women's History Month, I want to celebrate a trailblazer in my own community who I am lucky enough to call my mentor. Patrice A. (sic-T.) Carey made history and broke the glass ceiling when she first.. became the first woman mayor of Grayslake, Illinois in 1993, and so far, the only woman to hold this post. Pat Carey did not set out to become mayor or politically active but became involved in local politics when a local farm in the late 1980s was set to sell to a developer, which would create a new subdivision of 4 thousand homes in our community of only 10 thousand people at the time. She and her friend, whose name you might know, Melinda Bush, organized community efforts to make their voices heard. They rolled up their sleeves and led a grassroots organization to stop the development and demand their local elected officials listen to what the people of the community really wanted. In the end, their grassroots community coalition prevailed and the land became what is now one of Lake County's largest forest preserves, Rollins Savanna. That experience sparked an interest in Pat, and both she and Melinda went on to run for local office. Pat became the first woman mayor of Grayslake in 1993 and served our community for two terms. Later, in the early 2000s, she also served on the Lake County Board. Pat also broke barriers in her professional life as a chief information officer in the technology sector in the late 90s, a time when the technology sector was in its infancy. She was the first woman CIO of her company and the only woman C-suite executive during her entire career. Though she is retired today, she continues to mentor women candidates who run for local office and currently serves

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on the RTA Board. Today, though she is most known around our community as Olivia and Addie's grandma, Pat is one of the smartest, most humble, and thoughtful people I know. When I won my election for the Grayslake Village Board, she gave me a card with the famed Theodore Roosevelt poem *Man in the Arena*, but she had crossed out the man and wrote woman. In honor of Pat, I will leave you with my favorite lines edited as she did, 'It is not the critic who counts; not the woman who points out how the strong woman stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the woman who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends herself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if she fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that her place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.' Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Jed Davis, you're recognized."

Davis, J.: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Rita: "You may proceed."

Davis, J.: "This year, during Women's History Month, we're celebrating women who tell our stories. Today, I want to highlight a woman who is known for telling stories through the art of opera. Jessie Bartlett Davis was an actress and opera singer born and raised in the wonderful 75th District. While Jessie and I share a great last name, there is sadly no relation. She was born in 1861 in Morris, Illinois to her parents Elias and Rachael. In 1879, she was cast in her first

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opera, *H.M.S. Pinafore*. While working this production, she met her husband, Will, who she married a year later. She eventually joined the Boston Ideal Opera Company, where she served as its prima donna. For anyone who doesn't know opera terms, this means the lead female singer. Jessie's most famous role was Alan a-Dale in the 1890 opera *Robin Hood*. In this role, she introduced the song *Oh Promise Me*, which has since been used in many films and TV shows. She starred in multiple other operas, including *Les Huguenots*, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, and *Faust*. On March 16, 1897, which will be 126 years ago tomorrow, she made her Broadway debut as a member of the opening cast of *The Serenade*. Sadly, Jessie passed away suddenly from kidney failure in 1905, but her legacy continues today as she is referred to as 'America's Representative Contralto'. One newspaper even wrote that Jessie had no peers among America's singers. This remarkable and talented woman deserves to be honored for her contributions to the art of storytelling, and I'm humbled to have shared her story here today. Thank you, and happy Women's History Month."

Speaker Rita: "Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting immediately. Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools will meet in Room 115. Immigration & Human Rights will meet in Room 122B. State Government Administration will meet in Room 118. In a half hour, at 3:30, the Judiciary - Civil Committee will meet in Room C-1. Still at 4:00 is Appropriations-General Services in Room 118 and Appropriations-Public Safety in Room C-1."

Speaker Rita: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 133, offered by Representative Nichols. House Resolution 134, offered by Representative Nichols. And House Resolution 135, offered by Representative Stuart."

Speaker Rita: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, March 16, at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'... say 'aye'; all those say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4014, offered by Representative Robinson, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4015, offered by Representative Croke, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4016, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4017, offered by Representative Syed, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4018, offered by Representative Canty, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #14, offered by Representative Meier.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE

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CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article IV of the Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 2 as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMPOSITION

(a) One Senator shall be elected from each Legislative District. Immediately following each decennial redistricting, the General Assembly by law shall divide the Legislative Districts as equally as possible into three groups. Senators from one group shall be elected for terms of four years, four years and two years; Senators from the second group, for terms of four years, two years and four years; and Senators from the third group, for terms of two years, four years and four years. The Legislative Districts in each group shall be distributed substantially equally over the State.

(b) Each Legislative District shall be composed of three contiguous counties, with a separate additional Legislative District for each municipality with a population over one million. In 1982 and every two years thereafter one Representative shall be elected from each Representative District for a term of two years. Representative Districts shall be drawn independently of Legislative Districts.

(c) To be eligible to serve as a member of the General Assembly, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 21 years old, and for the two years preceding his election or appointment a resident of the district which he is to

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represent. In the general election following a redistricting, a candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any district which contains a part of the district in which he resided at the time of the redistricting and reelected if a resident of the new district he represents for 18 months prior to reelection.

(d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy is in a Senatorial office with more than twenty-eight months remaining in the term, the appointed Senator shall serve until the next general election, at which time a Senator shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy is in a Representative office or in any other Senatorial office, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term. An appointee to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the person he succeeds.

(e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive compensation as a public officer or employee from any other governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance as a member of the General Assembly.

No member of the General Assembly during the term for which he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a public office which shall have been created or the compensation for which shall have been increased by the General Assembly during that term.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was First Reading in full

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of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #14. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."