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Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1541, Leverenz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to various legislative support agencies and legislative commissions. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1547, Madigan, a Bill for an Act to provide for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the General Assembly. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1548, Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for certain expenses of the General Assembly. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1549, Barnes - Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Department of Agriculture. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1550, Hastert - Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1558, Barnes - Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expense of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1565, Barnes - Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Department of Law Enforcement. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1583, Oblinger, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Department of Aging. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1649, Leverenz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the State's Attorneys' Appellate Service Commission. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1654, Leverenz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Arts Council. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1386, Richmond, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Capital Development Board. First Reading of the Bill."

Speaker McPike: "Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 1015, Matijevich - et al; and  
House Resolution 1016, Tate - et al."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House  
Resolution 1015, Matijevich, congratulates Charles Isley  
for being named Outstanding Rotarian; 1016, Tate,  
congratulates Smokey the Bear upon attaining the age of 40  
years old. I move the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions.  
Going on 50."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman has moved the adoption of the  
Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying  
'aye', opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it, and the Agreed  
Resolutions are adopted. Death Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 1014, by Matijevich - Piel -  
Braun - McAuliffe and Giorgi, with respect to the memory of  
Charles A. 'Chalkie' Aikman, former Bill Clerk of this  
House."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I... I think there are some people  
here serving in the Legislature who did not know Chalkie.  
Chalkie was the real heavysset fellow..."

Speaker McPike: "Excuse me. Could we have some attention for a  
Death Resolution? Representative Matijevich, proceed."

Matijevich: "Chalkie was a very heavysset fellow who worked for  
the Clerk's Office, and I'm going to ask leave, even though  
some of you don't know him, to put everybody's name on this  
Death Resolution because Chalkie liked everybody. Anybody  
who served in this House when Chalkie served in the Clerk's  
Office from 1970 to 1981, and those of you who were here in  
1981, here's this heavysset fellow with a big smile every  
day of his life, and just about came to tears when we  
acknowledged his retirement. He was the type of fellow  
that made everybody's load lighter by his very friendly

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ways. Chalkie passed away of a heart attack Saturday, and I was saddened to learn that, as I know all of you were or are now having learned of it. So I would now move the adoption of this Death Resolution for Chalkie Aikman who is a very good friend of mine and I know a friend of all of you who did know him."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman has asked leave to add all Members as Sponsors of the Death Resclution and has moved for its adoption. All those in favor signify by... Excuse me, Representative Oblinger."

Oblinger: "Mr. Speaker, just a point of personal privilege."

Speaker McPike: "Go ahead."

Oblinger: "I have a special interest in Chalkie. He is a committeeman in my district, and I certainly am going to miss him. And I'd like to second the Motion to add everybody to the Resolution."

Speaker McPike: "Thank you. The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of the Death Resolution. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and the Death Resolution is adopted. Could I have your attention? There is a car in the parking lot with House plate 53. Whoever has House plate 53 has it's lights on, and the door's locked. Consent Calendar Second Reading, Second Day."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1705, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Coal Technology Development Assistance Act. Second Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1714, a Bill for an Act to amend an Act in relation to proper licensing of persons operating school buses. Second Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1728, a Bill for an Act to amend the Park District Code. Second Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1824, a Bill for Act to amend the Revenue Act. Second Reading of the Bill. And Senate Bill 1957, a Bill for an

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Act in relation to obsolete or duplicative provisions in the statutes. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker McPike: "Third Reading. Page two of the Calendar, Senate Bills Second Reading Short Debate appears Senate Bill 400, Representative Cullerton. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 400, a Bill for an Act to amend the Dental Practice Act. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #1, Giorgi."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Giorgi."

Giorgi: "Mr. Speaker, I move to withdraw Amendment #1."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Giorgi withdraws Amendment #1. Further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #2, Cullerton."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Cullerton."

Cullerton: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Amendment #2 deletes the word 'or' and inserts the word 'and'. It was a mistake in the drafting, and I would ask for the adoption of Amendment #2. To give you a little background, the Bill amends the Dental Practices Act. Provides that a dentist may perform patient history or examination in the office, clinic, or other dental facility or in a hospital. The Bill had been held throughout the summer so that negotiations could take place between the Illinois State Medical Society and the dentists. This Amendment provides that a dentist may perform a patient history 'and' an examination instead of 'or' an examination in an office, clinic, et cetera and in a hospital as provided for in the Bill. So that the Amendment clarifies the intent of the language of the Bill as originally drafted. I'd move for its adoption. Be happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Amendment #2. Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from DeWitt, Representative Vinson."

Vinson: "Will the Gentleman yield for a question?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Vinson: "Representative, the... as I read the Bill, this provides in a sense a form of open staff procedures for hospitals."

Cullerton: "I'm sorry. Could you repeat that?"

Vinson: "As I quickly read the Bill, it provides for a form of open staff privileges in hospitals."

Cullerton: "Well, I'm not sure if I know what you mean by open staff, but it was... the Bill was initially proposed by the dentists who are situated in a hospital, and this would clarify the law so that they could operate in the hospital. And the Medical Society initially had, after it passed the Senate, wanted us to hold the Bill so that they could analyze the Bill and talk to their profession about it. And since they've done that, they are in agreement with the Bill. Now the Amendment just changes..."

Vinson: "Did the Amendment... Does the Amendment affect their position on the Bill?"

Cullerton: "No, not at all."

Vinson: "Okay."

Cullerton: "It's meant to clarify it."

Vinson: "Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Further discussion? Representative Cullerton to close."

Cullerton: "Move for the adoption of Amendment #2."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Amendment #2. The question is, 'Shall Amendment #2 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

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Clerk O'Brien: "No further Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman asks leave for Senate Bill 400 to remain on the Order of Short Debate. Hearing no objections, leave is granted. Senate Bill 400 Third Reading Short Debate. Senate Bill 671, Representative Levin. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 671, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Condominium Property Act. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendments #1 and 2 were adopted in Committee."

Speaker McPike: "Any Motions filed?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No Motions filed."

Speaker McPike: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #3, Representative Levin and Karpel."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Levin."

Levin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Amendment #3 simply corrects a bad reference in Amendment #2, by inserting 'notice of' before the word 'such' on page 12 of Amendment #2. It just corrects a reference, and it was brought to our attention by a member of the Condominium Subcommittee of the Chicago Bar Association. I would move for its adoption."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Amendment #3. Is there any discussion? Being none, the question is, 'Shall Amendment #3 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No further Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman asks leave for... Representative Levin."

Levin: "Can this be left on Second Reading Short Debate?"

Speaker McPike: "Second Reading. The Gentleman asks leave for

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the Bill to remain on Second Reading Short Debate. Are there any objections? Hearing none, leave is granted. Senate Bill 833, Representative McGann. Is the Gentleman on the floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 835, Representative McGann. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1385, Representative Matijevich. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1399, Representative Klemm or Representative Wait. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1430, Representative Giorgi. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1448, Representative Giorgi. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1459, Representative McGann. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1607, Representative Matijevich. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1876, Representative Vinson. Out of the record. Senate Bill... Senate Bills Second Reading, page two of the Calendar, appears Senate Bill 541, Representative Hawkinson. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 541, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in Committee."

Speaker McPike: "Any Motions filed?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No Motions filed."

Speaker McPike: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No Floor Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 626, Representative Currie. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1538, Representative Giorgi. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1629, Representative Giorgi. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1650, Representative Cullerton. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1650, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the State's Attorneys' Appellate Service Commission Act. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

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Speaker McPike: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker McPike: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1692, Representative Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1708, Representative Steczo. Representative Steczo. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1708, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of an Act to revise the law in relation to clerks of courts. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Any Floor Amendments? Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #1, O'Connell, amends Senate Bill 1708."

Speaker McPike: "Representative O'Connell, Amendment #1."

O'Connell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #1..."

Speaker McPike: "Proceed, Mr. O'Connell."

O'Connell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #1 was submitted by the Clerk of the Court for Cook County. It revises the fee schedules for small claims and civil cases that are not small claims matters. Apparently last year, inadvertently, another Bill on the subject matter amended the existing fee schedule, and this Amendment merely puts it in line with what it should have been."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #1. Is there any discussion? Being none, the question is, 'Shall Amendment #1 be adopted?' Those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No further Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman asks that this Bill to remain on Second Reading. Senate Bill 1746, Representative Hoffman. Out of the record. And 1747, out of the record. Senate Bill 1798, Representative Christensen. Read the Bill, Mr.



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Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1798, a Bill for an Act authorizing the conveyance of certain property owned by the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker McPike: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1811, Representative Saltsman. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1812, Representative Nash. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1844, Representative Braun. Do you wish to have your Bill called? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1844, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the School Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #1, Hoffman."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hoffman on Amendment #1."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Amendment #1 to House Bill 1844 is the same Amendment that we adopted on a comparable House Bill, and this extends the life of the School Finance Authority for an additional three years. And I move for the adoption of Amendment #1."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #1. Is there any discussion? Being none, the question is, 'Shall Amendment...' Representative Satterthwaite on the Amendment."

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

Speaker McPike: "Indicates he will."

Satterthwaite: "Representative Hoffman, isn't it true that even if this Amendment did not go on that the life of the Finance Authority would continue if the Chicago School

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System did not produce a balanced budget?"

Hoffman: "The... What this does is provides that the Chicago Board of Education must adopt balanced... annual budgets for six successive years rather than three, before their finance oversight powers can be abridged. This just clarifies that even if the situation you suggest were to happen, this puts in place the six years rather than three."

Satterthwaite: "Well, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I rise in opposition to the Amendment. It is really not necessary for this Amendment to become law in order to have protection for the financial situation of the Chicago School District, and I understand that a similar piece of legislation has already gone out of the House, but it's absolutely superfluous if the School Board is not responsible in providing a balanced budget. The language of the current law already provides for the Authority to kick back in and have the full powers that they currently have, and so it is really not at all necessary for us to have this Amendment in place."

Speaker McPike: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Braun."

Braun: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of Amendment #1. As you will recollect, a similar Bill passed this House last week which also had Amendment #1 on it. This Amendment represents, excuse me, our cumulative thinking about the extension of the life of the Finance Authority; and, frankly, as Representative Satterthwaite's remarks indicate the fact that whether or not it is actually necessary to have it as part of this Bill, it seems to me, is no reason to defeat the Amendment. So I encourage a 'yes' vote on Amendment #1."

Speaker McPike: "No further discussion, Representative Hoffman to

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close."

Hoffman: "I would encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #1. The question is, 'Shall Amendment #1 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #2, Hoffman."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hoffman, Amendment #2."

Hoffman: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This too is a similar Amendment adopted on a previous Bill. This provides that for the 1984 - 85 school year only, that the Chicago Board of Education shall not have more budget positions paid for from its Education Fund than are presently budgeted for the current year. And I move for the adoption of Amendment #2."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Amendment #2. On that, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Cullerton."

Cullerton: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker McPike: "Indicates he will."

Cullerton: "Does this provide for a freeze of hiring in the Chicago Public School System?"

Hoffman: "It provides that there will be no more budgeted positions paid from the Education Fund that are budgeted from... budgeted for in the current year. The Chicago Board of Education funds roughly 40,000 positions. 75% of those positions are from the Education Fund, and we said that in '83-'84, there were 31,796 positions budgeted from the Education Fund. What we're saying with this Amendment that that number could not be increased for the '84-'85 school year; and, of course, this is a reaction to the present financial condition of the Chicago Board of

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Education and the necessity for this General Assembly to eventually help them meet their fiscal... fiscal needs."

Cullerton: "Isn't that what the Finance Authority is supposed to do?"

Hoffman: "The Finance Authority has that responsibility. The fact of the matter is, however, that it's the General Assembly that gives the Finance Authority direction and law of the School Board direction and law and provides the resources that are available."

Cullerton: "What if they wanted to take a salary... take a position, let's say, that pays 30,000 dollars and cut it into two 14,000 dollar jobs, thus saving 2,000 dollars a year? Under this Amendment, they could not do that, is that correct?"

Hoffman: "That is an unlikely thing to have happen, and that's a hypothesis that's contrary to... to the fact and supposition. I think this Amendment is straightforward."

Cullerton: "Do we have this in DuPage County, for example? Representative."

Hoffman: "I'm sorry. I didn't hear the question."

Cullerton: "Do we have a similar state imposition... state mandate in DuPage County?"

Hoffman: "DuPage County and Chicago in terms of this particular situation are dissimilar."

Cullerton: "And is this only for one year? In other words, does this Amendment only apply to the coming..."

Hoffman: "Yes, Sir. Yes, Sir, by agreement."

Speaker McPike: "No further discussion, Representative Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "I encourage the adoption of this Amendment."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #2. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's

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adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No further Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1859, Representative O'Connell. Representative O'Connell. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1859, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker McPike: "Third Reading. Page two of the Calendar, House Bills Second Reading appears House Bill 3277, the Lady from Lake, Representative Frederick. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 3277, a Bill for an Act to provide for the inspection, licensing and regulation of carnival and amusement rides and equipment. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Frederick."

Frederick: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, did you move the Bill to Third Reading?"

Speaker McPike: "Not yet."

Frederick: "Would you do that please?"

Speaker McPike: "Third Reading."

Frederick: "Alright. Mr. Speaker, may I have leave of the House to have this Bill considered at once?"

Speaker McPike: "The Lady asks leave to waive the appropriate rules so that House Bill 3277 can be heard on Third Reading at this time. Are there any objections? Hearing no objections, the Attendance Roll Call will be used. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 3277, a Bill for an Act to provide for the inspection, licensing and regulation of carnival and amusement rides and equipment to provide for the safety of the public use. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker McPike: "The Lady from Lake, Representative Frederick."

Frederick: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise to recommend adoption of House Bill 3277. This Bill creates a Carnival Amusement Safety Board consisting of three members, one of which shall be a carnival park operator, one will be a registered professional engineer and the third will be the Director of the Department of Labor. This Board will promulgate and formulate definitions and rules and regulations for safe installation, and repair, maintenance use, operation and inspection of all carnival amusement rides. The Board will hire inspectors which will inspect every ride in Illinois in order to issue a permit for carnival ride operators and for amusement parks. This Bill will put in place a mechanism for protecting consumers and people who attend amusement parks and carnivals. It's really long overdue, and I urge adoption of House Bill 3277."

Speaker McPike: "The Lady has moved for the adoption of House Bill 3277. On that, the Gentleman from Effingham, Representative Brummer."

Brummer: "Yes, I was just told that our staff is apparently reviewing this Bill yet, or at least it's not here. I wonder... I understand there was just leave to consider this today, but I wonder in light of the fact that we do not have our staff Bill file here if... if you might consider holding this until tomorrow."

Frederick: "I would prefer to pass it today. Do you not have any staff analysis at all on this?"

Brummer: "We do not have our staff bio here. Our staff is

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apparently still reviewing this file."

Frederick: "Mr. Cullerton told me on Thursday that he had no problem with the Bill whatsoever."

Brunner: "Representative Cullerton would request that you take this out of the record."

Frederick: "Okay. Alright. Alright. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the Bill out of the record, please."

Speaker McPike: "Take this Bill out of the record. Senate Bills First Reading."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bills First Reading. Senate Bill 1562, Barnes - Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expense of the Department of Insurance. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1570, Barnes - Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expense of the Department of Mines and Minerals. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1574, Hastert - Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expense of the Department of Public Aid. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1584, Leverenz, a Bill for an Act making an appropriations to the Compensation Review Board. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1609, Bowman, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Department of Public Aid. First Reading of the Bill. And Senate Bill 1656, Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Department of Law Enforcement for the Illinois State Enforcement Agencies to Recover Children Program. First Reading of the Bill."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman from DeWitt, Representative Vinson."

Vinson: "Mr. Speaker... Mr. Speaker, would you restore order in the chamber?"

Speaker McPike: "Could the Gentleman have your attention?"

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Vinson: "Mr. Speaker, an event transpired this morning, I'm told on good information, which I'm sure you would have a great deal of concern about, I think every Member of this chamber would have a great deal of concern about, and which I would ask you to look into. As you know, the Speaker and the Minority Leader, most Members of this chamber have joined together in a common program to try to resolve the abuses that have been perpetrated on the public of this state by the Commission system of this Legislature. This morning, one of those Commissions that has in the past been lauded as a good Commission, one worthy of retaining, met in Room K-1 in the Stratton Building. That Commission, the Commission on the Status of Women, was attended this morning by a member of the House Republican staff who wanted to observe the process and report back to the Republican Membership of the chamber. That staff member was excluded by the Chairman of the Commission, a Member of this chamber, a Member who has in the past purported to believe in public meetings, in opening the process of government and letting the sun shine in. Now, I find that an atrocity to have anybody excluded by any Committee or any Commission or any meeting of this chamber. As you know, early in this General Assembly, we offered rules which would provide full openness to the public and to the media at all times for this... for this chamber and for the Committees and Commissions of this General Assembly, and we were defeated in that. The Speaker felt he could deal with the matter in a different fashion. I would ask that the Speaker deal with this matter quickly and promptly to ensure public access and certainly the access of the staff members of this General Assembly to Commissions. It's just simply wrong for the Commission on the Status of Women, for a Chairman of that Commission, to exclude any member of the



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public but certainly a member of the legislative staff from observing the deliberations of that Commission, particularly when that particular person has purportedly championed the cause of openness, open public meetings, open access to government. And I think that's something that you and the Speaker ought to look into and report back to this Body and to ensure that no such travesty will occur again. Would you do that, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker McPike: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. As the Chairwoman to the Commission to which Representative Vinson refers, let me assure the Members of this Assembly that he clearly has his facts wrong. The Commission did not meet this morning in Room K-1. If there was a meeting among some interested individuals in women's issues in the state, but there was no meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women. All of those meetings, as Representative Vinson knows full well, are open to the public, are open to everyone. If there were a Republican staffer who wished to participate in the morning meeting, I'm sure that individual would have been more than welcome. Perhaps the Republican staffer wasn't wearing adequate identification or did not so identify him or herself as a member of the staff of either... either side of this chamber. I'm sure there would have been no difficulty in including that individual. But the facts are, there was no meeting of the Commission. All meetings of the Commission have been and will continue to be open."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Vinson."

Vinson: "Well, Mr. Speaker, the Open Meetings Act deals with exactly what we're talking about, and I believe every Member in this chamber understands that because you've met with members of your city council, members of your zoning

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boards, members of your county boards who come to you with one problem, and that's if two or three of them, or if a quorum of them, have coffee and discuss matters relevant to that governing agency then they're in violation of the law if they haven't posted that meeting. They're in violation of the law if they haven't given public notice of that meeting. Now what the Lady has just described is a situation where the de facto members of a Commission can meet without claiming the full de jure operation of that Commission, can transact business and can make public... make decisions which are not public. That's wrong. It's wrong when local government does it, and if it's wrong when local government does it, it's wrong when her Commission does it. And I again ask you to investigate this problem."

Speaker McPike: "Well, thank you, Representative Vinson. The Speaker will look into the problem and ascertain the facts to decide what has occurred and report back to the Body. State your point of order, Representative Currie."

Currie: "A point of clarification. There was one Member..."

Speaker McPike: "State your point of order."

Currie: "The point of clarification is that he has again misrepresented the fact. There were no members of the Commission on the Status of Women at the meeting in K-1 this morning but myself. There is nothing in the Open Meetings Act that says that an individual public member of anything has to be subject to that Act when meeting by herself. It was not de jure members of the Commission. It wasn't anything except me."

Speaker McPike: "Thank you, Representative Currie. Representative Friedrich, did you intend to ask for a Republican Caucus?"

Friedrich: "Yes, I did."

Speaker McPike: "We are prepared to adjourn."

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Friedrich: "I would like to ask for a Republican Conference immediately in Room 118."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman will ask for a... There will be a Republican Conference in Room 118 immediately upon adjournment. Representative Leverenz on an announcement."

Leverenz: "No. Just an inquiry of the Chair. Will the meeting that they are having in 118 be open to the public?"

Speaker McPike: "No."

Leverenz: "Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Vinson on an announcement."

Vinson: "Mr. Speaker, I would move that this chamber by use of the Attendance Roll Call, does now exempt the posting rule on all remaining Senate Bills in the House Rules Committee, so that we can adhere to our deadlines through the Session."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman moves to waive the posting requirements, use of the Attendance Roll Call, so that the Bills in Rules Committee... the Senate Bills in Rules Committee can be heard this afternoon. Are there any objections? Hearing none, leave is granted. Attendance Roll Call will be used. The Rules Committee will meet immediately upon adjournment in the Speaker's Conference Room in the back corridor. Following that, there will be a Republican Conference in... Room 118. Representative Greiman on the adjournment."

Greiman: "Mr. Speaker, I move that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow at the hour of 12:00 noon, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman moves the House stand adjourned, allowing five minutes perfunct for the Clerk, until tomorrow at the hour of 12:00 noon. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. We stand adjourned. All Members of the Rules Committee, the Rules Committee will meet immediately. It will take no

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longer than five minutes. Immediately."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1450, Leverenz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Department of Transportation for expenditure by the Division of Water Resources. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1552, Barnes - Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriation for the ordinary and contingent expense of the Department of Central Management Services. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1554, Barnes - Daniels, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation for the ordinary and contingent expense of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1599, Bowman... 1599, sponsored by Woods Bowman, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for retirement purposes of higher education institutions and agencies. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1600, Leverenz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expense of the state universities civil service system. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 1600 is Bowman - Leverenz. No further business, the House now stands adjourned."