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Speaker Currie: "The House will come to order and the Members will please take their seats. The Chaplain for the day is Reverend Mike Jakitas of the Rochester Christian Church in Rochester, Illinois. Reverend Jakitas is the guest of Representative Vickie Moseley. The guests in the gallery are welcome to join us and rise for the invocation. Reverend Jakitas."

Reverend Mike Jakitas: "Would you Pray with me. Father You are such an awesome and powerful God and I am, it's just so good to know that You are in control, that You are...not only residing in the Church but is here. I thank You for the opportunity I have to be with these men and women whom You have placed a Leadership role in this state. I thank You for their willingness to serve the people of Illinois and I pray that You'll give them wisdom as they make decisions that affect so many people. Guide them Lord, protect them and their families and most of all help them to be men and women of integrity. Work through them now as they meet that Your will may be done through their leadership. It's in Jesus name that we do Pray. Amen."

Speaker Currie: "We'll be led in the Pledge by Representative Raschke-Lind."

Raschke-Lind - 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 Currie: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Kubik, do you have any absences to report?"

Kubik: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let the record reflect that all the Republican Members are present."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Steczo, are there reports from your side?"

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Steczo: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative McAfee is excused for today."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you. One hundred Seventeen Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Representative Leitch for what reason do you rise?"

Leitch: "Thank you Madam Speaker, the Republicans would request immediate conference."

Speaker Currie: "The Republicans will conference in Room 118. How long do you anticipate the conference will take?"

Leitch: "Probably an hour. Forty Five minutes to an hour."

Speaker Currie: "Then the House will reconvene at 1:00 p.m.... The House stands at ease while the Republicans conference in Room 118."

Speaker Currie: "The House will come to Order. Representative Pankau, for what reason do you rise?"

Pankau: "Speaker and fellow Members of the General Assembly. I'd like to take this moment before we actually start and introduce to you a constituent of mine in Bloomingdale, but also a lady who happens to be the 1994 Mrs. Illinois, I'm sorry 1995 Mrs. Illinois and her name is Carolyn Morris. Would you please welcome her with me with a resounding applause. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Committee Reports."

Clerk McLennand: "Committee on Rules has met pursuant to Rule 14(a)4 Conference Committee House Members appointed. 14(a)5 House Bills Amended in the Senate, and 14(a)6 House Bills pursuant to Rule 79. Rules recommends consideration and Bills will be placed on the Order of Concurrence. House Bill 457, Conference House Bill 61 and House Bill 1513 and Senate Bill 33, offered January 10, 1995 by Frank Giglio, Chairman Committee on Rules."

Speaker Currie: "Supplemental Calendar announcement."

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Clerk McLennand: "Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Brady, for what reason do you seek recognition. For no reason at all. Representative John Turner, for reason are you seeking recognition. Your speak light, your speak light is on so you might to wish to turn it off. Representative Hartke, are you ready with the Concurrence Motion on House Bill 457? Representative Hartke are you ready with a Concurrence Motion on House Bill 457? On the Order of Concurrences appears a Concurrence Motion on House Bill 457. Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 457 is gutted and it contains language that is a clean-up for the Secretary of State in Senate Amendments #1, 2, and 3 dealing with the fee structure for the theft prevention council, has to do with...that's in Amendment #2 and Amendment #3 deals with specification for oversized loads in the State of Illinois. Last, in the Veto Session we dealt with the over wide truck thing and this is some clean-up language for the outriggers for certain semi's that are traveling up and down our roads. It should of been part of that legislation but was not."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hartke moves concurrence to Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 457 and on that Motion is there any discussion? Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Representative Hartke on Amendment #2 we saw this language earlier in the Session. It creates the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Program. How does it do that, it tells them your not supposed to steal a car or what?"

Hartke: "Could you hold it just a second."

Black: "Yes, I'd be glad to. But if the keys are in your car, I

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might take it, what, if you delay very long."

Hartke: "I'm sure we have just a little time here Representative Black."

Black: "Well, if you insist."

Hartke: "Representative Black, I've got some right signals here and I think Amendment #2 does away with Amendment #1, #2 puts in provisions that...requested by the Secretary of State dealing with the fee charge for the Theft Prevention Council. Was that the question that you asked?"

Black: "Yes, let me ask if I could proceed on that. Amendment #2 actually becomes the Bill, 3 is already passed in another Bill."

Hartke: "That, that could be, yes."

Black: "Okay. So, let me just go over, #2, I'm sorry, Amendment #2 becomes the Bill and it's the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Program which in so many words says that if you want to have a decal put on your car that that gives constructive notice to the police that if your car is seen between 1:00 and 5:00 a.m...is that it."

Hartke: "Yes, yes, usually, go ahead excuse me."

Black: "...or that they should stop the car because it's probably stolen because you don't normally drive in those hours."

Hartke: "Yes, I think that this was a part of a program for senior citizens who would not normally be out at that hour and so this little decal or whatever saying that it won't be on the road on that hour of the night."

Black: "But, it's an entirely voluntary program, correct?"

Hartke: "Yes, it is."

Black: "Applies to all counties?"

Hartke: "Yes, I believe it does."

Black: "Can you tell me whether or not, have any local law enforcement agencies expressed any concern about this, or

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are they all for it, or..."

Hartke: "I've heard of no opposition to this, of this request by the Secretary of the State. There may be, but I haven't heard any Representative."

Black: "The fee, the fee cannot exceed \$10, correct?"

Hartke: "That's in the statute..."

Black: "In the language..."

Hartke: "Yes."

Black: "All right, and it's purely voluntary. It's not your intent to..."

Hartke: "I think we just mentioned that, yes."

Black: "I want to make sure that, there's some confusion that it isn't voluntary, and I know that you have told me that it's completely voluntary. It sounds like a great idea. I know that when I see anybody driving down the streets of Effingham between 1:00 and 5:00 I just automatically assume that they're up to chicanery and I think that this will help us eliminate that sort of thing."

Hartke: "Yes..."

Black: "Particularly Teutopolis."

Hartke: "I would hope that you would have one of those on your, your vehicle if your going through Teutopolis or Effingham between..."

Black: "You have told me many times I cannot drive in your district between 1:00 and 5:00, but maybe with this decal I can, well thank you very much..."

Hartke: "Well, I hope so."

Black: "Thank you very much for your assistance."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Deering."

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

Speaker Currie: "He will."

Deering: "The \$10 fee, is a question. The \$10 fee is that

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automatic?"

Hartke: "That is set by the statutes, the fee shall not exceed \$10. I suppose the Secretary of State at it's discretion could charge \$6 or \$5, or \$2 or whatever, but the max is \$10."

Deering: "Is there sunset on this fee?"

Hartke: "No."

Deering: "Okay, all of the moneys are deposited into the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund another dedicated fund, is this a newly created fund or is this one that's already been established?"

Hartke: "I've been informed that that fund is already there and it's not creating a new dedicated fund."

Deering: "What, what can these moneys be used for?"

Hartke: "This will be used for the purchase, I would assume of the decals it would...for the information to put it out to make the general public aware for the promotion of the prevention fund."

Deering: "So, this can be used if I drive through your district as Representative Black through the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 in the morning this fund can be used to build that overpass, right?"

Hartke: "Well, I don't think so, but not a bad idea. Maybe I ought to talk to the Secretary of State, we could get some help with that overpass."

Deering: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Representative, Mr. Chairman, did you say wide load?"

Hartke: "Representative Stephens, I was in error. This has the provisions dealing with the outriggers as you and I know we discussed intensely..."

Stephens: "You need to be careful with these clean-up Bills, you

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know."

Hartke: "Yes, but that piece of legislation is passed already as you recall in the Veto Session."

Stephens: "I'm just looking out for your best interest, Sir."

Hartke: "Thank you very much for protecting me."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hartke to close."

Hartke: "Excuse me?"

Speaker Currie: "You to close, Sir."

Hartke: "Oh, thank you, Madam Speaker. I would ask the Members of the General Assembly for an affirmative vote in concurring in the Senate Amendments #2, 1, 2, and 3."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hartke moves concurrence with Senate Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to House Bill 457. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 111 voting 'aye', none voting 'no'. The House does concur in Senate Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to House Bill 457, this Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Conference Committee Reports appears House Bill 1513. Representative Churchill, are you ready to move this report. Representative Wennlund. No takers? Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is clean-up language offered primarily by the Secretary of State. It provides for congressional license plates for congressional retirees. It contains agreed language between the Secretary of State and the Illinois Auto Dealers Association by amending the Vehicle Code to revise the current definition of exhibition regarding a vehicle

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displayed but not offered for sale by a license dealer at a location other than the place of business or dealership. And it creates two new definitions designating display exhibition and trade show exhibition which affectively prohibits license dealers by other states, from other states from participating in display exhibitions. Basically it contains the clean-up language that has been offered by the Secretary of State and I move it's adoption."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Wennlund moves adoption of the First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1513, and on that Motion, is there any discussion? Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "Would the Sponsor Yield to a question?"

Speaker Currie: "He will."

Skinner: "Would you please explain lines 15 through 20 on page 9? Are we talking about giving license plates to people like Roskinkowski so that they won't get parking tickets in Chicago?"

Wennlund: "No, that has nothing to do with it. It is the same as the Members of the General Assembly when they retire are entitled to special license plates. This merely permits retired Members of Congress to have the very same similar plates."

Skinner: "What if they're convicted of a felony after they leave office, would they still get to keep the plates?"

Wennlund: "We don't deny license plates anywhere in this state under any circumstances to those who have been convicted of felonies and have paid their time and are, have paid their debt to society and have been restored their privilege to drive an automobile. If they have the privilege of driving and automobile it's no different than anybody else in this

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state."

Skinner: "So if Roskinkowski goes to jail he won't be able to get these plates until he gets out?"

Wennlund: "If he goes to jail he's not going to be driving inside the pen."

Skinner: "He may still own a car though."

Wennlund: "He may still own a car, but he's not going to be driving it, I'll guarantee you that. I haven't seen too many facilities, and I've been in most of the 24 correctional facilities in this state. Have I seen anybody driving an automobile no less a congressman."

Skinner: "Are retired Members of the General Assembly allowed to have retired license plates if they have been convicted of a felony?"

Wennlund: "I'm sorry I couldn't hear you. The noise level on the floor is exceedingly high."

Speaker Currie: "Could we have a little quiet on the floor? Representative Skinner is asking questions of Representative Wennlund, and Representative Wennlund can't hear."

Skinner: "Are those Members of the General Assembly, that is, are those former Members of the General Assembly who have been convicted of felonies eligible for retired General Assembly license plates?"

Wennlund: "Yes they are if they're driving an automobile. If they have the privilege of driving an automobile in this state, they're entitled to the same privileges as any of those."

Skinner: "Would it be accurate to characterize this language as the Roskinkowski Retirement Bill?"

Wennlund: "No, it's not accurate to characterize it that way at all. There are many retired congressman. I'll give you a

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classic example, Bob Michael for instance. We have many noted congressman who have been Members of the General Assembly incidentally and could have retired General Assembly license plates but choose because they also served in congress to have a license plate that designates their service to the Unites States of America by the citizens of Illinois."

Skinner: "Well, Mr. Roskinkowski was a Member of this Body, he's eligible for retired General Assembly plates. That would seem to me to be honor enough."

Wennlund: "Well, that could be. Believe me, Congressman Roskinkowski had nothing to do with the initiation of this legislation. Absolutely nothing."

Skinner: "Well, considering the Republican sponsorship I'm inclined to take your word for it."

Wennlund: "Well, if he goes to jail he'll be making his own plates. So, I'm not worried about it."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Currie: "He will."

Black: "Representative Wennlund, for clarification if you'll look at the Conference Committee Report on page 9 line 297. It makes reference to a retired Members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation Fund. There have been some questions about that as to whether we're creating a new fund, but isn't this just simply when they create a license plate category they now create the fund?"

Wennlund: "That's correct. For every new license plate we create a dedicated fund, everyone."

Black: "And the only dollars that can be taken in that fund are the...what the \$15 extra if someone wants that plate,

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correct?"

Wennlund: "That's exactly correct."

Black: "All right, thank you very much."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? If not Representative Wennlund moves adoption of the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 1513. All in favor vote 'aye'; oppose vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 109 voting 'aye', none voting 'no' and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1513, and this Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Schoenberg are you ready with the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 33. Order of Conference Committee Reports appears Senate Bill 33, Representative Schoenberg. Representative Schoenberg will be right back, so we'll wait. Representative Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Thank you Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. Senate Bill 33 the Conference Committee Report guts the original Bill and has the following features. The House recede from Amendment #1. This becomes the Bill affective immediately and this deals with the issue of the property tax rate freeze for senior citizens which we discussed at great length over the Veto Session and in which we overrode the Governors Veto. Many of you are familiar that there was a problem because of the lateness in overriding the veto there was a problem at implementing this for 1994. This changes the first year application deadline which was originally December 1, 1994 for downstate communities. The deadline for the senior citizens tax freeze homestead exemption now becomes

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February 15, 1995 which should provide for uniformity throughout the states, 102 counties. Additionally downstate, any county outside of Cook, the application deadline for '95 and subsequent assessment years is no later than July 1. Previously in the Bill which we overrode it was May 1. This change accommodates wishes of supervisors of assessments so that they can implement this in an efficient fashion. For Cook County the sign up time period is specified by the assessor by notice and finally the Conference Committee Report actually defines what is quote a basier to accommodate the wishes of the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue has had a considerable amount of input on this and since we are going to be implementing this program for 1994 they wish that basier be defined that the net affect treats applicants in future years exactly the same way as they were treated in the 1994 assessment year so that there's no negative impact on the rights of people who are qualified. There's an important distinction to raise here and that is that unlike the Circuit Breaker Program which we have for senior citizens where seniors are able to apply after the deadline the way that this language has ben drafted for the Conference Committee Report. Senior citizens will not be entitled to retroactive relief, so therefore they will need to inherit strictly to these deadlines, the February 15, 1995 deadline in order to participate for the 1994 year and I'd be happy to answer any questions. I urge this adoption."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Schoenberg moves to adopt on Conference Committee Report one to Senate Bill 33 and on that Motion, Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you Madam Speaker. If we could reduce the noise

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level in the House I would appreciate it. As many of you may know this is a very important Bill.."

Speaker Currie: "Yes."

Wennlund: "And there's a piece..."

Speaker Currie: "A little quiet please on the floor. Quiet please on the floor. Thank you."

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

Speaker Currie: "He will."

Wennlund: "Thank you. Representative, is it possible...with the changes in this Conference Report, are we rolling it back to the 1993 Eagle Eyes assess evaluation?"

Schoenberg: "As I said before, you may recall that when we in the debate over the override of the Governors Veto this of the property tax freeze rate for, property tax rate freeze for senior citizens there was a...we established specifically legislative intent that it would be within the preview of the Legislature exclusively to determine if, in fact, there were to be any kind of extension of the deadline. None the less a number of, because of the confusion which ensued a number of assessors throughout the state went ahead and unilaterally determined that they were going to extend the deadline on their own. Even though we had established specifically that we, it would only be within our preview to extend the deadline. What this does is, at the request of everybody whose interested in this, this does indeed extend, we are the only ones who can extend the deadline; and we are now extending that deadline so that people who wanted to apply for the 1994 year for the senior citizens property tax rate freeze will now be able to but they must do so by February 15. This also specifies that unlike the circuit the way the language is written for this unlike the circuit breaker program where people do apply retroactively

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people will need to apply by, will need to strictly adhere to the deadlines."

Wennlund: "Well, I know what you were saying about the intent that the Legislature set the deadline but, but why are we differentiating for Cook County and not putting a deadline for Cook County? Doesn't this Conference Committee Report allow the Chief Assessment Officer in Cook County to set the deadline himself. He may set it for December 15th. Is that correct?"

Schoenberg: "Mr. Wennlund, because Cook County is the largest of the 102 counties in Illinois and that the overwhelming number not just of properties involved, but applicants will come from Cook County in order to facilitate a smooth implementation of this and where we therefore, differentiated between Cook County and the other counties in this state..."

Wennlund: "But aren't we creating a situation with this Conference Committee Report. If the Governor signs it on February 14, then all the rest of the counties all other 101 counties in Illinois have one day to file for the assessment freeze. Is that correct?"

Schoenberg: "Well, first of all I will tell you that I think if anything we've all seen what occurs when...with the override of the Governors Veto, how when it went down to three days prior to the implementation date that as a result throughout this state we had scores of senior citizens showing up at their assessors office hoping to get in to apply. What this will do is it's my anticipation and it's my anticipation that we will be able to handle this expeditiously as will the Governor so that rather than have to run the risk of people unilaterally, assessors unilaterally deciding when they're going to, whether or not

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they're going to do this when it's really not their place to, rather than run the risk of having to go to court to straighten all of this out. What we're doing Mr. Wennlund, is we're straightening all of this out to avoid any potential for litigation whatsoever."

Wennlund: "Does this Conference Committee Report address the problem that senior citizens may rent a room upstairs to a person that has an income..."

Schoenberg: "I'm sorry, I can't hear the question?"

Wennlund: "I said does this Conference Committee Report address the problem that senior citizens may have someone living, not related, living in their home, in a room upstairs or rent out the basement or something that would boost their income to \$60,000. The original language of the Bill contains some real flawed language with respect to that issue."

Schoenberg: "The original version of the Bill which the Governor vetoed and which we overrode in the last time we were here defined household income accordingly. This deals with deadlines and implementation of deadlines so that there's a uniform standard set. So, no there is no change in the definition of household income which would deal with the scenario which you just articulated."

Wennlund: "And this doesn't change at all the \$35,000 threshold."

Schoenberg: "No. All those elements remain in tack, this merely deals with the deadline issue and clarifying the confusion and I think that this is the type of thing which tens of thousands of senior citizens across the state are going to welcome us seizing control of the situation which right now seems to be spinning off lives of it's own in each of the states 102 counties."

Wennlund: "All right, thank you very much."

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Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Thank you very much Madam Speaker, Members of the House.

You know Representative Wennlund brought up a very interesting point. This original piece of legislation passed overwhelmingly in the House and the Senate and the reason we're doing this piece of legislation today was precipitated because of a veto by the Governor. I think that that could very well happen again. I think that all of us receive numerous phone calls and inquiries into our offices and the assessors office, the attorneys, the States Attorneys offices in the various counties and districts that we represent. I think the Governor could again do that if he waited to sign this piece of legislation until the last and final day giving us again only one day for those seniors to respond. I would encourage the Governor if this passes and I'm sure it will, both the House and Senate when it arrives at his desk to sign it immediately so that it can be administered in a timely manner. I think it's a good idea and a good concept and I think that we ought to pass this Bill overwhelmingly and get it on the Governors desk."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Representative..."

Speaker Currie: "Yes, he will."

Black: "A previous speaker said let's put this on the Governor's desk, does this go to the Governors desk?"

Schoenberg: "Mr. Black this is a Conference Committee Report..."

Black: "Yes, you're right. Thank you for refreshing my memory. Let me ask you a question about the Conference Committee Report. Have you seen a copy of the form that the Department of Revenue has been sending out to assessors."

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Schoenberg: "Yes, I have."

Black: "There's a question on the form that says list any member of your household or children for example who live at home with the couple. Does that, why is that on there?"

Schoenberg: "I think that's an issue you should take up with the Department of Revenue. We certainly didn't make any recommendations as far as what should actually be on the form."

Black: "Well, I think it dove tails with a question my colleague, Representative Wennlund tried to get straightened out and that is, what constitutes the household income? If you have a college age son or daughter who has moved back home because of inability to find gainful employment for awhile, that the fact that that person lives at home going to change the income. I'm sure you agree there are a lot of unanswered questions about the intent of this legislation."

Schoenberg: "In the scenario which you just outlined household, household income would only be impacted if, in fact, other people living in the household were paying rent. But Mr. Black, Senate Bill 33, the Conference Committee Report does nothing to alter the original definitions of household income from the original Bill and nothing has been done to change that."

Black: "Okay."

Schoenberg: "And no ones offered any suggestion as far as how to redefine that."

Black: "And...and I think that's important. In other words all your doing is establishing in this Conference Committee Report by statute a sign up date so that we are removing assessors who have been kind enough to allow them to sign up after December 1. We are really protecting those people and those counties from litigation, are we not?"

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Schoenberg: "We are not only protecting them from litigation but what were also doing is telling senior citizens in Illinois that their government is working for them when they're trying to help them and not making it more difficult."

Black: "Well said, and when you revise and extend those remarks put my name in there too."

Schoenberg: "I'd be happy to give you an autographed copy of it, Sir."

Black: "Thank you. I wish I could, put me on there. One last question. The age limit still is the same has to be 65, right?"

Schoenberg: "That's correct."

Black: "I'm a member of AARP, if I vote for this Bill am I in conflict of interest?"

Schoenberg: "Mr. Black, I believe that's between you, your birth certificate, and your conscience."

Black: "Well, at the appropriate time I'll read that on the record. Thank you Representative, you've done an outstanding job. But I do look forward to working with you in the next Session because I think there's a lot of language that we're going to have to clarify on this issue."

Schoenberg: "Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Murphy. Maureen Murphy."

Murphy, M.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to ask the Sponsor a couple of questions pertinent to Cook County I suggest Cook County Legislators listen. It has come to my attention as all of you see that there is no deadline for Cook County, once again we have special legislation for Cook County. It's not, it's good enough for 101 counties but for Cook County it's not good enough. I'd like to ask the Sponsor, is there legislative intent to insure senior

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citizens of Cook County will be able to get relief on their '94 tax bill payable in '95?"

Schoenberg: "Representative, like you I represent an exclusively Cook County district, suburban Cook County district and it's not only the legislative intent but it's my personal intent that we do so."

Murphy, M.: "Where in this legislation does it say, Cook County seniors will receive this freeze on their assessment for 1994 if there is a open, or I should say silent deadline for Cook County. What if Cook County never enacts a deadline or else what, what happens to our seniors. What if they don't enact a deadline?"

Schoenberg: "Representative, under our current statute for Cook County, the deadline is not incorporated within the Illinois State statute, but rather the deadline is established by the assessor. And what we have done here is establish the sign-up period as being specified by the assessor, how it's to be done for '94 and the subsequent assessment years."

Murphy, M.: "Is this, is this a vale attempt to allow Cook County to not give seniors an exemption for '94 taxes? Well is this a little loop hole for Cook County to escape under in light of property tax caps that may certainly be coming."

Schoenberg: "No. Absolutely not."

Murphy, M.: "Where...what, why did we not give Cook County a time with which to allow our senior, now Kendal County, Kendal County met the deadline, Representative. Some County Assessors are able to meet this deadline. Is Cook County not up to meeting this deadline, is that the concern?"

Schoenberg: "There is no concern as to whether or not Cook County is up to, up to snuff. As I indicated in my earlier remarks, statutorily when it comes to these issues, Cook

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County is...receives a different, a different treatment and accordingly what we're doing is adapting...tailoring adapted deadlines to suit the current existing statute. We're not creating any loop holes. We're not creating any...we're not creating any loop holes and we're certainly not creating any obstacles for senior citizens in Cook County, Suburban Cook County or otherwise to participate in this. When we put this on the Governor's desk, the Governor, I will also encourage him to sign this as soon as possible to eliminate any potential confusion, not just in Cook County but in any other county. While we were here during the last week of the Veto Session, senior citizens showed up at assessors offices throughout the state. Even though we clearly established it, we were the only ones to, who had the authority to implement this and to extend the deadline. Now, today we are extending the deadline, we are creating a window of opportunity for senior citizens throughout the state, including Cook County, your constituents and mine by treating the statute accordingly and making the necessary changes so that all senior citizens regardless of where they live in Illinois can indeed participate for the '94 year in this program."

Murphy, M.: "Representative, I called the assessors office last week for many of our seniors, I talked to an assessors staff member that suggested that perhaps maybe they would be mailing out forms along with the senior citizen exemption forms, through mailing, a special mailing. Well if that would be the case they should have a shorter window of time with which to meet this deadline. I simply ask you one more time, what happens if Cook County does not enact anything. What if they do not send any notice out? What happens if Cook County does not establish a deadline?"

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Schoenberg: "There are no dates established in the statute for Cook County, therefore we can't alter the dates because no dates initially exist. That scenario which you outlined is highly unlikely and virtually impossible as I see it, and I represent, I represent a suburban Cook County constituency just as you do and in the event that this were to occur I would come pick you up and we'd go down to the assessors office together to ask some very pointed questions and hopefully receive the necessary answers."

Murphy, M.: "Thank you. To the Bill, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "To the Bill."

Murphy, M.: "To the Bill. Because I want our seniors to be able to receive their assessment freeze, of course I will vote for this, but please be aware Representatives that join me in this. This is permissive, we let Cook County get away with, can they, will they, may they, might they. We do not know when we leave here today once again if seniors in Cook County will be able to have their 1994 taxes or the assess value frozen in a 1995 tax Bill. So once again, we are passing special legislation for Cook County. We knew we needed to work since November 8th to do something to get this straightened out, but once again assessors Hines office comes in and includes themselves, or excludes themselves through special legislation. I certainly hope, it is my legislative intent if we have anything to say about it here, to meet with Representative Schoenberg to go assessor Hines office and to make sure this mailing takes place before the circuit breakers are mailed out. So, I certainly hope that this is not a valed attempt to have Cook County not have the huge populations of seniors take advantage of legislation we so dearly wanted them to have. I thank you."

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Speaker Currie: "Representative Schoenberg moves adoption of the First Conference Committee on Senate Bill 33. All in favor vote 'aye'; oppose vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk, please take the record. On this Motion there are 110 voting 'aye', none voting 'no', and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 33, and this Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Second Reading, Order of Second Reading on Government Administration appears Senate Bill 1502. Representative Turner, Are there any Amendments? Or Clerk do you want to read, has the Bill been read on Second, previously?"

Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill, Senate Bill 1502 has been read a second time previously."

Speaker Currie: "Are there any Amendments?"

Clerk McLennand: "No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Currie: "Are there any Motions?"

Clerk McLennand: "No Motions."

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 1502, a Bill for an Act that amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Turner."

Turner: "Thank you Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentleman of the Assembly. Senate Bill 1502 amends the Hospital Licensing Act and what it does is it requires every hospital to prove to the Department of Public Health as a condition of Licensure that they have devised methods to curve the probability that an infant patient will be abducted from the hospital and also that they will assist in aiding and

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identifying those infants that have legibly been abducted.

And I move for a favorable adoption of Senate Bill 1502."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Turner moves passage of Senate Bill 1502 and on that Motion is there any discussion? Representative Clayton."

Clayton: "No discussion on this Bill, but I wish to be recorded as 'yes' on Senate Bill 33."

Speaker Currie: "The record will reflect that you wish to have voted 'yes' on that measure."

Clayton: "Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "There being no discussion, Representative Turner moves passage of Senate Bill 1502. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Kubik, 'aye'. Kubik, 'aye'. Vote Kubik, 'aye'. Have all voted who wish? Clerk please...Clerk, please, please take the record. On this Motion there are 113 voting 'aye', none voting 'no' and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Turner in the Chair. Representative Deuchler for what reason do you rise?"

Deuchler: "Madam Speaker, since there's a pause in the proceedings I would like to announce that the Conference of Women Legislators is meeting immediately after Session in Room C-1 in the Stratton Building. We'll be discussing the result of the Allerton Conference. Request that all Members attend."

Speaker Currie: "Conference of Women Legislators in Room C-1 of the Stratton Building immediately after Session. Representative Turner in the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Madison, Representative

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Stephens."

Stephens: "Inquiry of the Chair?"

Speaker Turner: "Proceed with your inquiry."

Stephens: "Can you tell me when the Conference of Men Legislators will be meeting today?"

Speaker Turner: "You mean the Conference of the Brotherhood of Associated Leaders?"

Stephens: "Yeah, that's the one."

Speaker Turner: "That's B.A.L.L.S., yes, they should be meeting...Would the Chairman please be recognized so he could tell us what time. On the Order of Conference Committee Reports, we have House Bill 61. Representative Steczo."

Steczko: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. The First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 61 deletes everything after the enacting clause and contains two items. One item addresses the question of the general professions dedicated fund, which we in the Legislature approved for the Department of Professional Regulation last year. It takes smaller funds and lumps them into one general professionals dedicated fund so one fund, or one professional account at the department will not have to borrow from another. That was so successful the department has now asked to put ten other funds into that general professions dedicated fund and that's what portion number one of the Conference Report to House Bill 61 does. Secondly, in 1994 we created a Limited Liability Company Act and what this Bill does is amends the Real Estate Licensure Act of 1983 to allow them to have limited liability companies. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, there is no opposition to the provisions of this report and I would encourage it's adoption."

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House.

Will the Sponsor please answer some questions?"

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Parke: "Thank you. Representative Steczo would you agree that the Governors Office would be in agreement with this legislation?"

Steczko: "There is no opposition to this legislation Mr. Parke, and, in fact, on the General Professions Dedicated Fund that language was asked for by the Department of Professional Regulation. The second part was an agreement between the department and the realtors."

Parke: "Are there any Members that are governed by the licensure committee that would be in opposition to this legislation."

Steczko: "There is no opposition."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would rise to support this legislation."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from DuPage Representative Cowlshaw."

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you. Representative Steczo did you say that one of the elements in the Conference Committee Report is a change in some provision of the licensor for realtors?"

Steczko: "Representative Cowlshaw, the realtors and the department have discussed and come to an agreement on language, which amends their Licensor Act to allow them to create limited liability companies as other, as other professional groups can do. That's the provision relating to that..."

Cowlshaw: "The Illinois Association of Realtors however, were taken into the discussions and are in support of this

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Conference Committee Report, is that correct?"

Steczo: "Representative Cowlshaw that is correct."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Steczo to close."

Steczo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just urge the adoption of the First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 61."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House...Shall the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 61 be adopted?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question there are 115 voting 'yes', no 'noes', no 'presents', and this Conference Committee Report is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Third Reading, Government Administration you have Senate Bill 1125, Representative Dart. The Gentleman asked leave to bring this Bill back to Second Reading for purpose of an Amendment. Does he have leave? Leave is granted. Just a minute, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, take the Bill out of the record. I'd like to welcome former Representative Bob Dunn to the House chamber, he's sitting over by Representative Murphy's seat. Representative Bob Dunn a former Member."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Currie in the Chair. Resolutions. Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk McLennand: "House Resolution 3536, offered by Representative Andrea Moore; House Resolution 3537, offered by Representative Woolard; House Resolution 3538, offered by Representative Tim Johnson; House Resolution 3539, offered by Representative Tim Johnson; House Resolution 3541, offered by Representative Roskam; House Resolution 3543, offered by Representative Novak; House Resolution

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House Resolution 3573, offered by Representative Black;
House Resolution 3575, offered by Representative Black;
House Resolution 3576, offered by Representative Hoeft;
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House Resolution 3583, offered by Representative Zickus;
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House Resolution 3589, offered by Representative Novak.

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House Joint Resolution 183, offered by Representative Kubik; House Joint Resolution 184, offered by Representative Kubik."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Steczo moves passage of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, the Resolutions are adopted. Death Resolutions."

Clerk McLennand: "House Resolution 3540, offered by Representative Dart, with respect to the memory of James Louis Jordan. House Resolution 3542, offered by Representative Martinez, with respect to the memory of Navidad Gonzalez. House Resolution 3546, offered by Representative Morrow, with respect to the memory of William H. Shannon. House Resolution 3550, offered by Representative Ryder, with respect to the memory of Jay Ivan Heden. House Resolution 3551, offered by Representative Deering, with respect to the memory of Dr. William Leitch. House Resolution 3555, offered by Representative Tim Johnson, with respect to the memory of Robert Zack Hickman. House Resolution 3556, offered by Representative Tim Johnson, with respect to the memory of Elmer Percell. House Resolution 3574, offered by Representative Black, with respect to the memory of Gineveve March. House Resolution 3578, offered by Representative Tim Johnson, with respect to the memory of John Jack Rodden. House Resolution 3579, offered by Representative Tim Johnson, with respect to the memory of John Charles O'Conner. House Resolution 3580, offered by Representative Tim Johnson, with respect to the memory of Ruth Elizabeth Wickoff. House Resolution 3581, offered by Representative Tim Johnson, with respect to the memory of Creed Tucker. House Resolution 3584, offered by

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Representative Speaker Madigan, with respect to the memory of Henry Stanley Brozak. House Resolution 3586, offered by Representative Ostenburg, with respect to the memory of Lester Von de Burg. House Resolution 3587, offered by Representative Ostenburg, with respect to the memory of Daniel Walter Burn. House Resolution 3588, offered by Representative Novak, with respect to the memory of Bertha Koger."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Steczo moves adoption of the Death Resolutions. All those in favor, excuse me, there's one more."

Clerk McLennand: "House Resolution 3591, offered by Representative Edley, with respect to the memory of Maurice Rorke."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Steczo renews his Motion. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Death Resolutions are adopted. General Resolutions."

Clerk McLennand: "House Joint Resolution 182, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy."

Speaker Currie: "Committee on Assignment. Congratulatory and Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk McLennand: "House Resolution 3523, offered by Representative Daniels; House Resolution 3524, offered by Representative Daniels; House Resolution 3590, offered by Speaker Madigan; House Resolution 3592, offered by Speaker Madigan; House Resolution 3593, offered by Speaker Madigan; House Resolution 3594, offered by Speaker Madigan; House Resolution 3595, offered by Speaker Madigan; House Resolution 3597, offered by Speaker Madigan; House Resolution 3598, offered by Speaker Madigan; House Resolution 3599, offered by Speaker Madigan; House Resolution 3600, offered by Speaker Madigan; House

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Resolution 3609, offered by Speaker Madigan; House
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Resolution 3612, offered by Speaker Madigan. House
Resolution 3613, offered by Speaker Madigan. House
Resolution 3614, offered by Speaker Madigan."

Speaker Currie: "On the Congratulatory and Agreed Resolutions,
Speaker Madigan."

Madigan: "Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentleman. These matters
are the Congratulatory Retirement Resolutions for all
Members, Democrat and Republican. On behalf of the
retiring Democratic Members, I wish to thank them for their
very dedicated service to the people of the State of
Illinois to the institution of the House of Representatives
and to the furtherances of a better State of Illinois for
all of us. All of these people have served with
distinction in the General Assembly, most of them came here
with prior governmental experience and so their time in the
General Assembly has only added to their reputation as
people who are devoted to the well being of the citizens of
our state, and so I would move for the adoption of this
Resolution, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "An on the Resolutions, Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And to Speaker Madigan I

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thank you for your comments regarding the retiring Members and I agree with you and echo those comments. Many of and all of the people that will be retiring have served this Body well, have worked hard and have done their best to represent their constituents. On this side of the aisle we have once again the distinction of training somebody in the House and sending that person out of the Senate. In Tom Walsh's case he learned a lot faster than a lot of other people and so Senator Walsh we wish you well in the Senate and bless you and thank you for your efforts in the House, even though it was a short stay. So congratulations to you. And Representative Olson of course has chosen retirement and will be seen around and is doing an excellent job in the retirement mode, and he has been placed by Representative John Turner, who we're looking forward to many, many years of great service. You all know also this Body has served as a tremendous training ground for future leaders, including Abraham Lincoln who was once Minority Leader of the House and then served as President of the United States. We have Jerry Weller who served as a Member of the Republican side is now a Member of Congress in the United States. So, once again we have trained a leader in Washington. Virginia Frederick, what could I say about Virginia Frederick that wouldn't take me volumes that I could speak about. This is a Lady of class, dignity, integrity and truly leadership ability. She has been a lecturer, a traveler and yes, today she is a college student and we're just delighted that she'll bring so many good things to the colleges because I'm sure that we're sending somebody to college that will teach the professors a thing or two; what life is really about and what education is about. And if I'm not mistaken she is

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studying eastern studies or some exotic thing like that, is that right Virginia? So to require her to travel further. We've had many times that we could of spoke of Virginia Frederick and we have done that. Virginia, I want to for the last official time before we adjourn sine die is to say to you, you are the best. You are what exemplifies the good in everything there is. We love you dearly, we wish you and Ken many years of happiness and we know whatever you choose to do, you will do it in the top fashion and it will bring credit to all of us. So, Mr. Speaker, Madam Speaker and Speaker Madigan, we also want to point out that we have Resolutions in there honoring our great staff and the wonderful job they've been doing as I'm sure you do and of course I would be remiss if I didn't wish my former Chief of Staff Mike Trastano the absolute best at the University of Illinois, Chicago campus in his duties over there. So, I would join Speaker Madigan in moving the adoption of all these Resolutions. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Speaker Madigan then and Representative Daniels move for the adoption of the Congratulatory Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolutions are adopted. Representative Black for a Motion on the approval of the journals."

Black: "So moved, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Black."

Black: "So moved."

Speaker Currie: "All in favor say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolutions are adopted. Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk McLennand: "A Message from the Senate by Mr. Harry, Secretary of the Senate. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has

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adopted the following Senate Joint Resolution, in the adoption of which I'm instructed to ask concurrence of the House of Representatives to wit Senate Joint Resolution #204. Resolved by the Senate of the 88th General Assembly of the State of Illinois. The House of Representatives concurring herein. That when the two houses adjourn on January 10, 1995 they stand adjourned sine die adopted by the Senate January 10, 1995. Jim Harry, Secretary of the Senate'."

Speaker Currie: "All right, Representative Flinn moves adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted and...No further business to come before this Body...Representative Dunn for what reason do you rise?"

Dunn: "Madam Speaker very briefly on a point of personal privilege. During the 20 years that, that I have been here there has been a bull work that I think we should not leave this chamber without recognizing. Today as soon as this Resolution is adopted the service of Mike Pollick as House Parliamentarian comes to a close. For those of us on this side of the aisle he has been our guiding light and I'm sure that on the other side of the aisle you as well respect his genius and his dedication to the process and his congeniality, friendship and talent. So, I think we owe a departing, House Parliamentarian Michael Pollick a big round of applause for, for the work he has done these past years on behalf of all of us here in the House of Representatives."

Speaker Currie: "Again with no further business to come before the body the Chair recognizes Representative Monroe Flinn."

Flinn: "Madam Speaker. I move that the 88th Session of the

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General Assembly of the House of Representatives in particular now stand adjourned. Sine Die."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Flinn moves that the House stands adjourned, Sine Die. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and this House stands adjourned. Sine Die."

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