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Speaker Giglio: "House will come to order. Representative John Sheehy will give the invocation this morning. Guests in the gallery may wish to rise for the invocation."

Sheehy: "Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we ask You to send Your blessing on this Assembly. Grant that we may have understanding hearts and a compassionate nature as we fulfill our duties as Representatives of this great state. We thank you for the individual gifts You have given to each one of us. May we use them to the best of our abilities, and for the common good of all those we represent. Bestow upon us the wisdom, kindness, justice and peace we have learned by the example of Your son, our Lord, in whose name we are gathered today. Amen."

Speaker Giglio: "We'll be led in the pledge by Representative Balthis."

Balthis - 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 Giglio: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that the Republicans have no excused absences today."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Monroe Flinn is excused because of illness."

Speaker Giglio: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. Hundred and seventeen answering the quorum call, the House is ready to do it's business. The Gentleman from Livingston, Representative Rutherford, for what reason do you rise, Sir?"

Rutherford: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. I'd

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like to take a moment to introduce the Mayor of the City of Henry, and the lovely First Lady of the City of Henry in Marshall county, good friends of mine and of the Illinois General Assembly. I'd appreciate it if you'd welcome Jay and Kim McCracken."

Speaker Laurino: "Representative Laurino in the Chair. For what reason does Representative Persico rise?"

Persico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For a point of personal privilege. Senator Dan Cronin and Representative Saviano and Persico, would like to welcome the school group from Milan, Italy and would like to also...all Italian American Legislators to come down and welcome them, and to get our picture taken. Thank you."

Speaker Laurino: "Come to order. Committee Reports."

Clerk Rossi: "The Committee on Rules has met, and pursuant to Rule 14(a)5, House Bills amended in the Senate, recommends consideration and the following Bills be placed on the Order of Concurrence: House Bills 1038. The Committee on Rules has also met pursuant to Rule 14(a)4, Conference Committee House Members Appointed, and recommends consideration, and the following Bills be placed on the Order of Conference: House Bills 300, 419, 1040 and 2282. Senate Bills 345, 522, 617 and 946. Signed, Frank Giglio, Chairman."

Speaker Giglio: "Supplemental Calendar Announcements."

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

Speaker Giglio: "On page 7 of the Calendar under Speaker's Table, appears SJR 20, Representative Currie. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. First I would like to offer to this Resolution, House Amendment #1. The effect of House Amendment #1 in this Resolution

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creating a task force to look at issues of diesel emissions would be, first of all, to house the task force within the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and second to apply a date for the report of the task force, that date being July 1, 1994. I'd be happy to answer your questions, and would appreciate your approval of this Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Any discussion? Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Giglio: "Proceed."

Black: "Staff informs me that there is a drafting error in the Amendment, that it references line 22, after the word 'force', and there is no such word in line 22, so I certainly don't stand in opposition, but I think we need to have...maybe this taken out of the record, get staff together, and get this corrected so it's in form that we could act on in the very near future."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Currie?"

Currie: "Representative, our staff suggests that maybe you have the wrong copy of either the Amendment or the engrossed version of the Resolution. We're looking at...amends Senate Joint Resolution on page 1 in line 22 by inserting 'shall be under the direction of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and after 'force', that's also in line 22."

Black: "Right. Well, that's what... This is stamped July 12th. I could give you the LRB number."

Currie: "Okay."

Black: "LRB8807704EGFGAM01."

Currie: "That's the same. Let me take it out of the record, and we'll do a little conference."

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Black: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Any further discussion? Representative Black?"

Black: "Thank you very much, I'll withdraw my inquiry of the Chair. We had the incorrect engrossed copy of the original Resolution. I apologize for that."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "So, again I would move adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor of the adoption of the Amendment signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Currie, on the Resolution."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This Resolution sponsored in the Senate by Senator Topinka would create a task force within the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to assess the question whether legislation would be appropriate in respect to testing of trucks...of diesel vehicles pursuant to regulations adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Diesel emissions are an issue across the state, as they have been in other states, and under the federal 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, states are encouraged to begin an address of those issues, and this task force, I think will help us hear from the trucking industry and others in the environmental community on the question what should the appropriate response of this state be to questions of pollutants from diesel powered vehicles on our roads and highways. I'd appreciate your support for the Resolution."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion on the Resolution? Hearing none, all those in favor of the Resolution... Representative Black."

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Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Just one quick question of the Sponsor, if she would?"

Speaker Giglio: "Proceed."

Black: "Representative, this only deal with trucks? It doesn't deal with diesel automobiles?"

Currie: "It actually deals with all diesel vehicles."

Black: "In other words, we can go after those imported diesel cars? That sounds like a good idea to me. All right."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "She indicates she will."

Hartke: "Representative, this testing would be on all diesel engines, off road, on road, stationary, construction equipment, mining equipment, farm equipment, all diesel engines, is that correct?"

Currie: "This Resolution does not prescribe what, where, whom, how or what would be the cost and who would pay it. What the Resolution does is create a task force to hold hearings within the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, to invite testimony from the truckers, the trucking association, state police, municipal league, pollution control board, which has adopted regulations and the lung association to assess the question."

Hartke: "They would make recommendations on..."

Currie: "To us, yes."

Hartke: "To the General Assembly on what type of testing or controls to put on diesel engines."

Currie: "On whether to do testing, and if so, what should be included in the testing program, how would the costs of the program be covered, that... Really the point of the Resolution is to begin an address to the whole set of issues."

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Hartke: "Okay. I was... I don't know if I was paying attention before, who did you all say was going to be on this Joint Committee."

Currie: "The task force would be chaired by the Director of the IEPA, and there would be six legislative Members; two appointed by the President and the Speaker, one appointed by the Minority Leader in each chamber, and then, specifically, the task force is not only to have hearing, but those who would be for sure invited to testify would include the state police, the Pollution Control Board, the Lung Association, Midwest Truckers Association, Illinois Trucking Association, the Municipal League."

Hartke: "Okay. I was just curious. Thank you very much, you've answered my questions."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Coles, Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, be careful, particularly those of you downstate. As was just pointed out, this may result in testing of emissions for tractors, diesel tractors, diesel fuel combines, I... Well, if you want to have to explain to the folks back home why they gotta take their tractor out of the field, take it in and get it tested, and maybe take it off the road and out of service entirely, go ahead and vote for this. Otherwise, you may have some problems back home."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to the previous speaker, first of all, this is merely a task force to look at the issue and see whether or not we should proceed with anything. But, I got to tell you, it's pretty tough to go back home and tell people that you gotta have your car

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tested for emissions when a truck is barreling down the street spewing garbage all over the road, and he doesn't have to be tested. So, you know, I don't understand why we shouldn't at least look at this issue and see whether those trucks ought to be tested. I would also point out that as Representative Currie has said, the truckers will be involved in this task force, they're going to be a part of it. So, they're not being excluded by this Resolution at all, and they will have input. But, so... For those of you who are concerned about this issue, I think a 'yes' vote is the correct vote on Senate Joint Resolution 20."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Parke."

Parke: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was just wondering, if the Sponsor can nod, does this affect diesel river boats, will that be covered under it too? Okay, thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Currie, to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I think the issue's been well aired. The point is to create a task force to report to this Assembly on the issue whether there oughta be testing programs for diesel powered vehicles; and, if so, what that kind of testing program should look like. This measure is not opposed by any organized group of which...with which I am familiar, and it certainly has strong support from people who wonder why diesel vehicles are unregulated while their own cars are fairly throughly regulated. So, I'd appreciate your support for this creation of a task force to give us guidance after discussions with the people who drive the vehicles, as well as those who are concerned with particulates in the air we breathe."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor of the Resolution signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. In the opinion of the chair the 'ayes' have it. All those in favor signify by voting

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'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 90 voting 'yes', 24 voting 'no', and Senate Joint Resolution 20, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 2 of the Calendar under Senate Bills, Third Reading, appears Senate Bill 284. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, 284. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd ask leave to bring this Bill back to Second Reading for purposes of Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "Does the Lady have leave? Hearing none, leave is granted. The Bill's on the Order of Second. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 284. The Bill has been read a second time previously. Amendment #1 has been adopted to the Bill. No Motions filed. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. The Bill as we saw it on Third Reading involved the opportunity for telephone companies, telephone carriers, to collect vendor charges if a local community adopts a telecommunications charge as would be contained in House Bill 1038, the Senate Amendments that we're likely to vote on later this afternoon. The problem with the language in the Bill that we saw on Third is that it didn't specify a starting date, and didn't create an incentive for telephone companies to remit the tax in a timely fashion to a local municipality that might authorize the same. This Amendment, Amendment #2, makes those two clarifications; first it says that the vendor charge begins January 1, 1994, and second it applies the vendor charge opportunity to those collections and reimbursements to



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local governments that are made in a timely fashion. This language is an agreement...represents an agreement between the telephone carriers and Illinois cities. So, I would appreciate your support for this Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion on the Amendment? Representative Black."

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

Speaker Giglio: "She indicates she will."

Black: "Representative, this Amendment now encompasses all carriers, correct, MCI, Sprint, AT&T?"

Currie: "Yes."

Black: "So, it...in the trite language of, you know, cliches that we use around here, puts everybody on the same playing field."

Currie: "Yes."

Black: "And this was requested by the telecommunications industry, and the city is in complete agreement, correct?"

Currie: "That's my understanding. The changes in this Amendment were requested by local communities, who wanted to make sure that there was clarity about beginning time for the tax collection and also..."

Black: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Representative Currie, to close."

Currie: "I appreciate support for the Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor of the Amendment signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'na'. .. the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Giglio."

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Speaker Giglio: "Withdraw Amendment #3. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Currie, now moves... Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 284, a Bill for an Act amending the Revenue Act of 1939. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I would ask leave to have this Bill heard on Third Reading."

Speaker Giglio: "Hearing none, leave is granted."

Currie: "Okay, then I think the issue is pretty clear, this is the measure that was inadvertently omitted from language in a Bill permitting vendor charges for those telecommunications carriers who are responsible for remitting a telecommunications tax imposed by Illinois municipalities. I think there's general agreement that the vendor fee is a fair one, and I would appreciate your support for the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Representative Black."

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

Speaker Giglio: "Indicates she will."

Black: "Representative, I need to clarify just exactly what this Bill does now as amended. The Amendment that you explained and was just added to the Bill, Amendment #2, is an agreed Amendment with the telecommunications industry and those cities that utilize the telecommunications tax. Is there anything in the Bill since Amendment #3 was withdrawn, is there anything in the Bill that would allow only the City of the Chicago or the County of Cook to impose a cigarette tax or tax on tobacco products?"

Currie: "No."

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Black: "In other words, the Amendment that we had some problems with was embodied in Amendment #3, which simply said that any other...any city currently levying a city or municipal tobacco tax could not do so, other than the City of Chicago and the County of Cook. That language does not appear anywhere else in the Bill, correct?"

Currie: "Correct."

Black: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would rise in support of Senate Bill 284. As Representative Currie has indicated, this Bill deals with the telecommunications tax in the City of Chicago. It simply makes sure that the taxes are collected and remitted in a timely fashion by the telecommunication company. This is an agreement between the companies and the cities. This Bill has no other provisions, and I would urge support for Senate Bill 284."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Hearing none, Representative Currie to close."

Currie: "Just appreciate your support for passage of this Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 284 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question, 102 voting 'yes', 13 voting 'no'. Senate Bill 284, having received the required three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. For the Body's information, the Amendment to the Bill on the budget is now being distributed. Page 5 of the Calendar under Committee Reports, appears Senate Bill 499, Representative McPike."

McPike: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the

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House. This is a unemployment insurance agreed Bill, agreed to by both the management and labor. It affects a new plant that opened in Granite City. It allows the plant some extra write-offs on the employment insurance. This has not been approved by the federal government. The reason that this is the only provision in the Bill, is that if we do not get federal sign-off the Governor will veto it. We do get federal sign-off, the Governor will sign it. It saves a new company that has hired 1200 new steelworkers in Granite City. It saves them approximately \$500,000 the first year and a million dollars the next year. Move for the passage of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Representative Black."

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

Speaker Giglio: "Indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, this is not, and you are not purporting this to be any kind of an agreed Workers Compensation Bill, correct?"

McPike: "This is a Unemployment Insurance Bill. It was a work comp vehicle."

Black: "Okay."

McPike: "It amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. It has nothing to do with workers comp."

Black: "Okay."

McPike: "It was agreed to by the steelworkers and the manufacturers association."

Black: "Is there any understanding that the... It's basically a Bill designed to attract some jobs to Illinois? It doesn't affect..."

McPike: "Approximately 1200 steelworkers. The plant closed down in Ohio and agreed to move to Illinois, hired 1200

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steelworkers in Granite City."

Black: "Okay."

McPike: "And this affects them and them alone."

Black: "Okay, that's what I wanted to get at. It doesn't change the current UI law in any way, shape or form?"

McPike: "Yes. Yes, it does. It changes the Unemployment Insurance law in regards to this one plant."

Black: "And you said the feds have not yet signed off?"

McPike: "They have not... The feds have not signed off on this yet."

Black: "Okay. But, it's my understanding that this is pretty much an agreed Bill within our process, correct?"

McPike: "That's correct."

Black: "Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall the House... Excuse me, Representative Daniels.'"

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Just to add my support of this measure. I would join in support of this good measure which amends the Unemployment Insurance Act for any employer which ceased operations in Illinois Manufacturing facilities, and think that's it a good addition to the law, and I would recommend its support."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 499?' And on that question, all those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 499, and this Bill having received the

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three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Supplemental Calendar #1 appears Conference Committee Report, House Bill 300, Representative Novak."

Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Ladies and Gentleman, here it is. House Bill 300 is a product of many weeks and months of negotiations dealing with the serious problem we have around the State of Illinois. This particular piece of legislation is probably the most important environmental legislation that this General Assembly intends to pass this year. It deals with a situation that we are all aware, that we all experience in our particular legislative districts, the leaking underground storage tank situation has reached a crisis proportions in the State of Illinois. Currently the fund right now does not have enough money to pay the owners of underground storage tanks that, unfortunately, had pollutant contaminants that get into the water supply, or have a potential to contaminate the ground around it, we don't have enough money to pay those individual, private individuals and small business people back. These people are on the brink of bankruptcy, Ladies and Gentleman. On top of that, the program has become so bureaucratically burdensome to small business, we need to streamline it. So, that's the essence of the Bill. This is a major re-write of the Underground Storage Tank fund and a continuing funding source so we can pay people back, and also get on with the business of allocating dollars and resources and identifying and newly prioritizing how we are going to be concerned with...how we classify underground storage tanks, and whether they are a high priority as the Bill indicates. There are three levels of priority that needs immediate remedial action. There's a medium priority

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which indicates a lesser degree of action from the EPA, and also the lower priority which we believe over 50% of the thousands of underground tanks that are currently in the soil right now in the State of Illinois will fall under this low priority. So, it will save business people money, it'll save the taxpayers dollars, and it will also contribute to solving serious environmental or potential environmental problems in the State of Illinois. Representative Persico, I believe, has some questions to ask on the legislative intent."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Jersey, Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of this legislation. After many hours of long negotiation, this Bill as it now comes before you, is a compromise to which agreement has been achieved by most if not all interested groups. It does rewrite the Leaking Underground Storage Tank. It set some common sense into the way that we will go about examining, auditing, evaluating and financing the cleanup of underground storage tanks. Most importantly, it will allow very quickly the \$12 million that is to be paid for which approval has been made but no money is available, to be paid now. We... Later today we will be authorizing the bonding necessary to provide funds to be able to pay the money, not only for the \$12 million, but for the amount almost \$60 million that is in the pipeline not authorized, not approved, but likely to be paid in the end. In addition to that, this Bill sets up new strategies, so that only those underground situations that are imminent to causing harm to life, that pose an immediate danger, only those would be part of the immediate response. As a result, just like any other piece

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of legislation it's a compromise. It contains things that some folks may not like. It contains items that other folks like very much, and it omits some things. But, it is a major change in the way we treat underground storage tanks. I'm proud to have participated in the negotiations, and I'm proud to be a Sponsor of the Bill. I would ask for your support."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Persico."

Persico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise in support of this piece of legislation, for the various reasons given by the two previous Speakers. But, I do have a few questions of the Representative for the legislative intent. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "Indicates he will."

Persico: "Representative Novak, I understand that the Bill distinguishes between audit reviews and full reviews by the IEPA. What is the difference, and why was this done?"

Novak: "Yes, Representative Persico, there is a significant difference. In the case of site evaluations and ground water monitoring plans, the Bill authorizes an audit procedure. In these cases, the dollars expended are relatively low, and the steps required are fairly well defined and repeatable from site to site. Engineers can certify to the appropriateness of the proposal and associated costs. The Bill requires the Pollution Control Board to adopt regulations directing how the audit procedure should work. As envisioned, the Illinois Environmental Protection agency would formulate model plans or benchmarks, against which incoming plans would be compared. The incoming plans would have a cover sheet that provides basic information so that the agency could screen the plans and select those that are out or the norm for the



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audit. An audit rate would be selected at balances limited, agency resources with assurance that inflated proposals would be targeted for review. In the case of corrected action plans, about 15% of all sites, the dollars are much higher and the plan elements more varied. In these cases, the agency would be required to review each plan. Again, the board would adopt the regulations."

Persico: "Representative, I also note that the Bill targets indicator parameters for cleanup. How does this relate to ground water standards?"

Novak: "Representative Persico, Representative Granberg just stole my sheet. Representative Persico, the indicator parameter concept is designed to insure that extensive analysis is limited to those chemicals that are released by the product in the leaking tank. For example, if the product is gasoline, we would look for benzene and BTEX, which is a combination of chemicals. We then look for those levels that are in excess of the Class I ground water standard for those specific compounds. The board will ultimately define the indicator parameters. This is a petroleum cleanup and reimbursement program. The fund has an upstream attempting to pay for petroleum cleanups, without looking for contamination that may have been caused by other problems, or it is naturally occurring. We anticipate the board will focus on this intent in adopting regulations."

Persico: "And one final question, Representative. I noticed that there is a deferred action concept, and a provision by which the agency can deny the option to defer. How will the agency make those decisions?"

Novak: "Representative Persico, we anticipate that the agency will be reasonable in making these...such decisions. If

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the agency determines that the side poses a threat to the human health or the environment, they can deny a request to defer action. The agency is well aware of the problems encountered by our constituents not being reimbursed in a timely manner. We expect that they will limit denials to those cases in which a real demonstration of a problem is evident."

Persico: "Thank you, Representative. This is a good Bill, a much needed Bill, it is a Bill that is agreed to by all concerned parties and I urge your adoption of this Conference Committee."

Speaker Giglio: "Any further discussion? The Gentlemen from Fulton, Representative Homer."

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

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Homer: "Representative Novak, first of all I commend you on the hard work and effort you put into this. This is an important issue this underground storage tank problem in all of our districts. However, I want to specifically ask you about a provision in the Bill that's found on page 106 of the Bill. You have the Bill in front of you? Specifically, I'm referring to lines 27 through 32 on page 106, which calls for two demonstration projects, and I'd like you to explain the purpose of that provision to this Bill."

Novak: "Yes, Representative Homer, the EPA has selected a...will be selecting the projects. They're pilot projects."

Homer: "Who selects the two demonstration projects?"

Novak: "The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency."

Homer: "Have they already selected those two projects?"

Novak: "I believe they have."

Homer: "Do you know where those projects are located?"

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Novak: "I believe they're up in the northwestern suburbs."

Homer: "Like in DuPage county, perhaps?"

Novak: "Somewhere around there. It's to be determined."

Homer: "Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. I want to commend all who worked on this Bill. This is a very important piece of legislation that addresses problems that all of us have in our districts where there are underground storage tanks, particularly those that were not registered by the 1988 registration date, because for those who didn't register in time, under current law they instead of having a \$10,000 deductible, have a \$100,000 deductible in a cleanup, and there are those who have cleaned up their sites, and paid the \$100,000 who failed to register by the triggering date in 1988. This Bill attempts to address the overall problem by lessening the standards and lowering the overall cost to clean...the average cleanup of underground storage tank sites. However, what happens in this Bill in this Conference Committee Report is so symptomatic of what we see happening year in and year out in the eleventh hour that comes before this General Assembly, when one Member or small group of Members of the General Assembly bargain in a pork barrel piece into a Bill that otherwise is good legislation. This provision that calls for two demonstration projects, would allow two developers in DuPage county to get the benefits of the \$10,000 deductible, where constituents in my district and your district had to pay \$100,000. Why is that in there, that's in there because certain negotiators at high levels in this Body insisted it be in there as a condition in moving the Bill. That's wrong, and we see that happen time and time again here. It's unfair to the taxpayers. It's unfair to the other honest citizens of this state that we do these

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favorable projects for people who are politically connected to sources in this General Assembly. I think it's regrettable. I'm going to vote against this Bill. I hope that the Bill fails, and that they go back and do a amended Conference Committee Report to take out that kind of provision that, frankly, has no business in this Conference Committee Report that otherwise addresses the legitimate needs of the State of Illinois. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Logan, Representative Olson."

Olson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was going to ask a question of the Sponsor, and I caught the tail end of Representative Homer's remarks, and so maybe my question is not necessary. If you're from downstate, I want you to pay attention, both sides of the aisle. A couple of years ago, I introduced a Bill to reopen the registration period for underground tanks, because I had some constituents in my district who weren't aware of the original registration period, it wasn't well advertised, but I could not get that Bill through committee. The Illinois Petroleum Marketers were speaking against me. There's not enough money in the fund they said to take care of everyone who is registered, so we're not going to pen it up for those that aren't registered. If you're registered it can cost you \$10,000, if not registered, it can cost you \$100,000. I was very depressed that day and still am that we could not open up the registration period again. I was hoping this Bill would make some reference for that, and I think it does. But, after listening to Representative Homer's remarks, I think there must be a interim period in there where you cannot register late. If you've had any experience with an underground tank and the owner of that property or that

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tank was not registered, you know it's a financial tragedy. I would concur and suggest that we cooperate on both sides of the aisle. Representative Homer has made a suggestion over there, I think his remarks were very much on line. I believe this ought to go back for another Conference Committee Report, because if what he has said is in fact, is fact, this is a bias piece of legislation and it's going to assist some special interest groups where when the legislative process two years ago it was closed, it was closed. Every one of your constituents, every one of you are paying a three/tenths of a cent of a gallon, and you should have an opportunity to have fair access to this insurance fund. I urge a 'no' vote from both sides of the aisle. Representative Homer has asked over there, I ask on this side. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Leitch."

Leitch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Next to the looney granny tax, no greater idiocy has been perpetrated upon the citizens of my district than the efforts to deal with underground storage tanks. I'm absolutely delighted that this Bill, or perhaps a version of this Bill, will be moving through this General Assembly. This Bill will solve a tremendous number of problems and very tragic expensive problems for the people in Illinois, and I would like to applaud director Mary Gade and the other negotiators who worked so hard to bring us as far as this Bill is, and I hope that we can get this thing passed. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Weaver."

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

Speaker Giglio: "Indicates he will."

Weaver: "Just a couple of questions, and I understand there's

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some good and some bad in this Bill. But, I need to know, dealing with some of the problems we've had in the past pre 1974 or unregistered tanks were not covered. Would this new version cover those tanks for reimbursement?"

Novak: "No, it would not. No, it would not, Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "So, if they're older tanks, we still have a problem."

Novak: "Absolutely correct. We just don't have the money."

Weaver: "One of the other questions...or one of the other major, major problems that we had was with the Department of Environmental Protection, in terms of them establishing a final cleanup decision, issuing that certificate. Does this new version place enough onus or enough pressure on the department to get them to issue these certificates?"

Novak: "This entirely streamlines the current process we have now. It's going to make things much, much easier for the owner of the underground storage tank. To answer your question, yes Mike."

Weaver: "So, the agency has to respond."

Novak: "Absolutely."

Weaver: "Even though they may establish as one of the cleanup criteria an ongoing audit, an environmental audit, where they may sink some wells and monitoring wells, there has to be a definite time period for those."

Novak: "Correct."

Weaver: "Okay, great. Thank you very much."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Morrow."

Morrow: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "Indicates he will."

Morrow: "Representative Novak, I believe it was four or five years ago when we passed a Bill that would set up a tax for

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the sale of wholesale fuel, or no...or household fuel. Will that tax now...is that tax going to also go on with this new fee?"

Novak: "Yes, Representative Morrow, and for the edification of the other Members, there currently, to help pay for this fund, the current fund, there's a three cent...three tenths of a cent gas tax that's been in affect for a few years. Under the current law it's supposed to sunset in 1998. In this proposed legislation, in order to pay back the \$110 million in bonds that the state's going to sell to handle the insurance and for the underground tank problems, the three tenths of a cent will be extended through the year 2013, to help pay this bond issue off."

Morrow: "Okay. So, now what about a situation that I've seen in Cook County, and I think some of my colleagues from Cook County ought to listen to this, because when we passed this tax two or three years ago, when several people in my district came to me for help in getting their tanks removed, or the leaks repaired, all of a sudden that fund was wiped out. I need some kind of assurance from the EPA that they're going to be looking at tanks throughout the state, not in just certain areas of this state, cause I'd hate to see some of the areas where the businessmen do not have the wherewithal or the insurance to fix their problems, or to remove their tanks, that they don't end up on the short end of this issue."

Novak: "Representative Morrow, I can assure you in our discussions with the task force that represented a myriad of business and environmental groups, that the Illinois Environmental Protection agency will not be selective. As you well know, there are literally thousands of underground tanks under the ground of Illinois, all over the State of

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Illinois, including the City of Chicago. We're going to have enough money in this fund, assuming this Bill passes, to be able to remediate all the people that are waiting to be paid off, and then deal with some of the other ones. This... This is an...this situation, as it is right now, poses an imminent danger to the public safety, and the environmental health of people in Illinois. It's a \$110 million bond issue."

Morrow: "Well, I just want to see some of that \$110 million come to Cook County and preferably on the southside of the City of Chicago. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hicks."

Hicks: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I think it was mentioned awhile ago, a little bit about the demonstration projects. And let's just be very clear whose getting those demonstration projects. They're being done right over in the Senate for the Senate President. He's the one getting the demonstration projects, he's the one that's getting the pork out of this, so the reporters oughta listen up to this, because when you talk about pork and we see it in the paper today about the pork some people are taking home, that's whose taking home the pork in this thing, the Senate President's the guy getting the pork. He doesn't deserve any more than your district or my district or anybody else's. Now let me tell you, I sponsored the original legislation that put the three tenths on, and I'm proud of that, because we took care of a problem. But, we don't need to have pork in this thing, it needs to be taken out of this."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Novak, to close."

Novak: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly. I know every Bill can't be ideal in its ways, and some things you



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don't like and some things you do like. But, if we don't act on this legislation today, we are letting down the public health and the environmental safety of people in Illinois. You know in your districts, you've had constituents call you saying, 'Representative, Senator, I'm having a problem with my tank, but there's no money in the fund. But, I have to have the tank removed. I would like to sell this property.' To give you an example, a friend of mine who had a closed gas station off Interstate 57 south of Kankakee would like to sell his property to another business person. He went to the bank to try to borrow a quarter of a million dollars so he can clean up the tanks, get the tanks out of the ground. Do you know what the banker said, 'no way are we lending you this money, cause we know the fund, the underground storage tank fund is negative. There's a tremendous backlog.' So, if we want to continue this, if we want to continue to do a disservice to our constituents, if we want to continue to do a disservice to promote the environmental health of Illinoisians in Illinois, do it. But, if you want to vote for a huge gas tax increase, fine. We're not going to get the support for that. We have the support here for this \$100 million bond issue. This is the most prudent logical and best way to go ahead and deal with this problem. I urge your support. When you vote for this Bill, you are voting for your constituents back home that have called you and that have problems pending concerning the extraction of underground tanks. Please support this legislation."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the Second Conference Committee Report to House Bill 300?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The

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voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On... Representative Woolard votes 'aye'. Representative Novak."

Novak: "I want to thank. I just want to thank all the groups, all the business groups, just as the Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Manufacturers Association, the Petroleum Marketers..."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative, we're on a roll call."

Novak: "The Illinois Petroleum..."

Speaker Giglio: "We're on a roll call. Have all voted who wish? Representative Hoffman. Take the record. On this question... Representative DeJaegher, 'aye'. On this question there are 91 voting 'yes', 21 voting 'no', and the House does adopt the Second Conference Committee Report to House Bill 300, and this Bill having received the required three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Supplemental Calendar #1 appears House Bill 1821, Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1821 deals with some of the downstate problems that we're having now in the flood area. In 1987, the five collar counties of Illinois experienced major flooding, and as a result we passed the Flood Control Act of 1987. In 1990 this was followed by Cook County. The Bill before you would authorize each of the ninety six downstate counties to create a storm water management planning committee appointed by the county board to develop a county wide storm water management plan outlining various flood control improvements. As a result of discussions with the Speaker and the other leaders, we are presenting this to the General Assembly so that we could start the plans to

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eliminate flooding in the future in downstate Illinois, as we have done in the northern part of Illinois. I seek your favorable support for this very important piece of legislation."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? The Gentleman from Kankakee, Representative Novak."

Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "Indicates he will."

Novak: "Yes, Representative Daniels, I understand, in House Bill 1821 in sub-section G, there is a provision which permits a county board to adopt a schedule of fees to mitigate the affects of increased storm water runoff resulting from the new development. This section further provides that the fees shall not exceed the cost of satisfying the on site storm water, retention or detentionary requirements of the adopted storm water management plan. If a developer constructs on site storm water retention or detention facilities that satisfy the requirements of the adopted plan, is it the intent of this legislation that that developer is exempt from paying the fees authorized in this sub-section?"

Daniels: "Yes."

Novak: "Thank you, Representative Daniels."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Hearing none, Representative Daniels, to close."

Daniels: "Seek your favorable support."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 1821. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Leitch, 'aye'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record.

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On this question there are 92 voting 'yes', 19 voting 'no', and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 1821, and this Bill having received the required three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Supplemental Calendar announcements."

Clerk Rossi: "Supplemental Calendar #2 is being distributed."

Speaker Giglio: "Senate Bill 706. Representative Capparelli, Senate Bill 706. Representative Hicks."

Hicks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We've seen a number of analyses of the budget Bill floating around, but it seems like when it gets in back of the rows back here, we don't seem to get those. Could you possibly find four or five additional copies of the analyses, so we don't have to read the 800 pages, we could look at some of the analyses and maybe, possibly, have a little bit of time to do that. I've already made an inquiry they have no more down there. We've looked around for them. Would appreciate it, thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Point is well taken. Representative Capparelli."

Capparelli: "I'd like to refuse to recede and send this Bill to a Conference Committee."

Speaker Giglio: "You hear the Gentleman's Motion. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the House refuses to recede Senate House Amendments #1 and #2 to Senate Bill 706, and the Gentleman asks for a request for a Conference Committee. Representative Hartke, for what purpose do you rise?"

Hartke: "Mr. Speaker, I'm just following up on what Representative Hicks requested. I think the last three rows here do not have analyses of that budget. So, there

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are... Okay, thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "On the Order Senate Bills Third Reading, page 2, appears Senate Bill 357, Representative Santiago. Out of the record. Supplemental Calendar #1, under Concurrence, appears House Bill 1038, Representative Madigan. The Gentleman from Cook, Speaker Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen. I move to concur in the Senate Amendment to House Bill 1038. The Amendment would provide for an advisory referendum in Cook County in November of 1994 on the question; 'Should property tax caps be imposed in Cook County?' In addition, the Amendment would provide for the continuation of four local taxing authorities. Three of these authorities only apply to the City of Chicago. The fourth, which is authority to impose a local tax on interstate telecommunications, is a statewide authority which would permit any municipality, home rule or non home rule, to adopt that tax. I move for the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. If I might, with the consent of the Chair, I'd like to read into the record some....for purposes of legislative intent."

Speaker Giglio: "Proceed."

Black: "Thank you. For purposes of legislative intent on House Bill 1038, I would like the record to reflect the very careful thought that was given to placing the Property Tax Cap Referendum on the ballot only in counties of over two million in population. Fact finding hearings were held in both the Senate Executive Committee and the House Revenue Committee to consider the issue of property tax caps. Overall, these hearings revealed that rising property taxes and increased assessed evaluation are a greater problem in

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the more populous counties. Further, Cook County is surrounded by counties that have property tax caps. Smaller counties may be experiencing declining rates or declining equalized assessed valuations. Therefore, a decision was made to make a rational effort to evaluate whether property tax caps would be beneficial to Cook County. The State of Illinois has a strong interest in containing the growth of property taxes. This Referendum allows a populous county to address the issue of tax caps, and is accomplished with rational means. The Illinois compiled statutes contain many examples of situations where it was necessary to address the special needs of either Chicago, Cook County, the collar counties or all of Northeastern Illinois. For example, the Regional Transportation Authority was adopted via a binding Referendum, only on Northeastern Illinois ballots. Placement of the binding RTA Referendum on the various Northeastern Illinois ballots was accomplished by action of the Illinois General Assembly. In contrast, the Property Tax Cap Referendum called for in this legislation is 'non-binding' and merely seeks to assess voter attitudes. Based upon the precedent of a similar Referendum, such as the RTA Referenda and the rational basis in which the state has addressed an important governmental objective, we believe this Referendum is proper. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "You know, if this Bill were actually going to do something for property tax caps, it might make sense to have read all of that into the record. Indeed, we did create the Regional Transportation Authority in this

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General Assembly. However, it was not implemented until the people had approved it in a Public Referendum. This Bill that we are voting on could have had, it still could have actually if it's defeated, language which would require the tax caps to be implemented upon approval in November 1994. For some reason, the negotiators of this Bill decided that we wanted to find out public opinion. We know what public opinion is, public opinion wants taxes capped. I consider this Referendum a total sham, and for that reason will not vote for the Bill. But, I'd like to make one other comment, and that is the tradeoff that the City of Chicago has so skillfully negotiated here. The City of Chicago is going to get \$40 million out of this Bill, \$40 million that it's taxpayers are going to have imposed upon it by virtually every Democrat in the City of Chicago. I see nothing that anyone else in the rest of the state is getting from this Bill, absolutely nothing."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Ostenburg."

Ostenburg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Two weeks ago, we took approximately \$120 million away from the cities and villages of this state, and now what we're doing is moving on a Referendum item that is almost certainly going to put pressure on the elected officials of our cities and villages, of the elected officials of our local school districts in the Cook County area, in the suburban area to reduce the amount of funds that they have available even further. I think this is an outrageous measure. The fault does not lie with the individuals who serve on those school boards, or with the individuals who our are village presidents, mayors, trustees. They're working as hard as they can to try to

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make ends meet. Unfortunately, because of the way we fund schools in this state, we have escalating property taxes. The burden of responsibility for correcting that problem rests with the Legislature. It rests with the General Assembly. But, instead of dealing with that problem, we're passing on the responsibility and telling the local homeowner to vote in a referendum, or be it advisory on whether or not they want to reduce their local taxes. Of course, they want to reduce their local taxes. But, this is a shell game to pretend that by putting property caps on; that we are, in fact, going to bring about legitimate tax reform, it's not going to happen. If we want tax reform, we have to revise the entire taxing structure of this state, that's the only way we're going to see it. I think this is an outrageous measure and I urge everyone to vote 'no'."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from DuPage Representative Biggins."

Biggins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of this measure representing part of DuPage County and part Cook County, I can tell you that the residents of Cook do not understand why they do not have the opportunity to have tax caps as we do in DuPage. I've taken a survey of questionnaires, informal questionnaire. It comes back very heavily in support of property tax caps for that portion of Cook County I represent; but, I think, the voters should have the opportunity to have a formal questionnaire, one with a complete record on it, via referendum, to let all the officials know that the Cook County voters request property tax caps. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Giglio: "The Lady from DuPage, Representative Cowlshaw."



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Cowlshaw: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the regrettable absence of Representative Flinn, I move the previous question."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Madigan, to close. Speaker Madigan, do you wish to close, Sir?"

Madigan: "Again, Mr. Speaker, I move to concur in the Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #6 to House Bill 1038?'. And on that question all those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would urge my colleagues to vote 'yes' on this Bill. The fact of the matter is, there are two reasons why you oughta vote for this Bill. One is the issue of the tax caps, and I think that that for any suburban Legislator is a vote that they oughta cast in favor of this legislation. The second issue is the authorization of the city taxes. Now, the fact is, that nobody likes to authorize taxes. But, for some of my colleagues on this side of the aisle, we should recognize that if we don't give the city the authority to levy those taxes and tax its own people for its own services; we, the State of Illinois, we suburbanites will be subsidizing the city by providing state taxes to pay for those services. So, in my judgment, it's good sound public policy to allow those people who wish to provide services to tax themselves. This doesn't say that they're going to have a tax, it merely authorizes a tax, and my belief is that is that it is better that if the City of Chicago wishes to tax its own people it oughta do it by themselves with their own taxing authority. That is all this Bill is doing, and I think we oughta support

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it, and would like to see the requisite number of votes on the board; because, believe me, if it doesn't come from the city residents it's going to come from the state. It's part of the agreement, and I think we oughta support the agreement, and give it 71 votes. I appreciate your favorable consideration of this Conference Committee Report."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Homer, one minute to explain your vote."

Homer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to say that I think this is such a good idea that we ought to really accelerate it by having the referendum held in March, as opposed to November; and, so, because I think think that there's more of an urgency than many of the Members promoting the Bill apparently do, I recommend that we vote against this Bill and bring it back with a March date, so that we can get this on the ballot as soon as possible."

Speaker Giglio: "Lady from Cook, Representative Murphy. One minute to explain your vote."

Murphy, M.: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. By putting a 'yes' vote on this, you'll be okaying a referendum that will be framed out in next year's gubernatorial election year when we are all running, and once and for all the raging debate between locals not needing to be capped and the public's perception of wanting property tax caps can be put to rest. What better than to put something on the ballot and find out what the people really want, and to frame out this debate that is so sorely needed. A 'yes' vote puts it on the ballot and allows secondly Chicago to again help itself in getting out of the mess that they're in financially. I urge 'yes' votes for this House Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. Representative Younge. Representative Wyvetter Younge votes 'aye'. On this question, there are 71 voting 'yes'; 38 voting... Representative Hicks."

Hicks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request a verification, please."

Speaker Giglio: "Poll those not voting, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "A poll of those not voting. Representative Phelps, and Representative Capparelli."

Speaker Giglio: "On this question, there are 71 voting 'yes'; 38 voting 'no'. Read the Affirmative Roll Call, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "A poll of those voting in the affirmative: Representative Biggins. Black. Blagojevich. Brady. Bugielski. Burke. Churchill. Clayton. Currie. Daniels. Dart. DeJaegher. Dunn. Erwin. Flowers. Frederick. Frias. Gash. Giglio. Giles. Giorgi. Granberg. Hannig. Hassert. Hawkins. Hoeft. Hoffman."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative... Excuse me, Mr. Clerk. Representative Hicks, for what purpose do you rise, Sir?"

Hicks: "Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my question."

Speaker Giglio: "On this question, there are 71 'yes', 38 'noes'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1038. This Bill, having received the required three-fifth's Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Supplemental Calendar #1, appears House Bill 419. Representative McPike."

McPike: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that that the House adopt the Joint Conference Committee Report to House Bill 419. This is the annual bond Bill. This calls for \$550 million in new bonds, and \$250 million in refunding bonds, with a breakdown as follows: \$95 million for higher education, \$114 million for corrections, \$30 million for

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conservation, \$45 million for mental health, \$149 million for various state agencies, \$7 million for water resources, \$110 million for the Underground Storage Tank Bill that we passed a few minutes ago and \$10 million for anti-pollution. I move for the adoption of the Conference Committee Report."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? The Gentleman from Jersey, Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of this legislation. It is an annual event. Typically, it's the last Bill that we pass, but today's a little bit different. It does contain the necessary obligations of the state, without which, it would be impossible to operate. I join in support of this piece of legislation."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Hearing none the question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 419?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open and this is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question, there are 98 voting 'yes', 17 voting 'no', and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 419 and this Bill, having received the required three-fifth's Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Moseley, votes 'aye'. Conference Committee Report. House Bill 2282, Representative Gash."

Gash: "Conference Committee Report #1 to House Bill 2282, deletes all of it and becomes the Bill. The jest of it is that it creates a Chicago Learning Zone Advisory Committee, composed of the Governor, the State Superintendent of Education, the President of the Chicago Board of Education,

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Mayor Daley and various other Members appointed by Governor Edgar. It requires the committee to develop a proposal for the creation of a learning zone in Chicago, which would give Chicago schools more flexibility in educating Chicago children, which is badly needed. The affective date is immediate. I know of no opposition to this. This is the educational version of enterprise zones. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Minority Leader, Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. (House Bill) 2282 as stated by Representative Gash, is the Governor's initiative on the learning zones in Chicago, and it contains other provisions that were instituted by Representative Cowlshaw. I think that there are times we need to single out for credit some exceptional work, and I would like to Representative Cowlshaw for her efforts in this regard, as well as to our Governor for his improvement and his vision and his actions in dealing with the Chicago learning zone. So. I seek your favorable support of this legislation. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Salvi."

Salvi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have the opportunity this year to implement some real reform in education, and we've failed to do that, and this to me is the answer to those who are criticizing this General Assembly for failing to get to the heart of the school funding crisis in this state. Now, I'm going to vote for this, but I do want to ask the General Assembly to look at the school funding formula in a more substantive way, look at the roots of the problem, and try to get serious school reform passed through this Body and signed by the Governor. Thank you."

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Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Representative Gash to close."

Gash: "I think that pretty much summed it up."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference report to House Bill 2282?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open, and this is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question there are 116 voting 'yes', none voting 'no', and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 2282, and this Bill, having received the required three-fifth's Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Leitch."

Leitch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We would like to request a Republican Conference lasting about 30 minutes."

Speaker Giglio: "Republicans will meet in Room 118 and return at the hour of 2:45. Democrats will be at ease and go to lunch. Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Well, I object. But, actually, I wanted to introduce a former House Member and current Senator who is visiting us today who's birthday it happens to be, Senator Brad Burzynski."

Speaker Giglio: "The House will stand at ease. Supplemental Calendar announcements."

Clerk Rossi: "Supplemental Calendar #3 is being distributed."

Speaker Giglio: "Supplemental Calendar #3. Nonconcurrency appears Senate Bill 420, Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would move that we...the House recede from House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 420. House Amendment 2 was an Amendment that was offered by Representative Wennlund, to

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assist a constituent in his district and provide a 60 day window, and the Senate disagreed with the Amendment, and I've talked to Representative Wennlund, he has agreed that he will recede from the Amendment. If we recede from this Amendment, the Bill will go to the Governor; and, as such, the Bill would take out the current law which is that newspaper publishers must police the Plumbing Licensure Law. We believe that responsibility is best left with the state, and it makes...I'd be happy to respond to any questions, and I would appreciate your support on the Motion to recede from House Amendment 2."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Hearing none the question is, 'Shall the House recede from Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 420?' And on that question, all those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question there are 115 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no' and the House does recede in House Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 420 and this Bill, having received the required three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 7 of the Calendar under Motions appears Senate Joint Resolution 64, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 77(a), I move to discharge the Committee on Executive from further consideration and advance to the Order of Speaker's Table SJR 64. This Resolution simply asks the Department of Defense to speed up the process to deed the now or soon to be closed Chanute Air Force Base over to the City of Rantoul, so that they can begin the development process. I would...I know of no opposition. I think it's been cleared with your side of the aisle."

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Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Hearing none, does the Gentleman have leave? Hearing none, leave is granted by the Attendance Roll Call."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the support of the Members of this Body to advance Senate Joint Resolution from Committee. With leave of the Body I would like to have this considered immediately."

Speaker Giglio: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. Any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'nay' and in the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it and the Motion carries. Shall the Resolution be adopted? Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, I've explained Senate Joint Resolution 64. It involves the closing of Chanute Air Force Base, the County of Champaign, the City of Rantoul, that will take place in September. This is simply urging the Department of Defense to expedite the transfer of land, so that the City of Rantoul can begin to try and redevelop that area as it obviously has created a financial and economic loss for the community and the quicker they can redevelop that property, the better off they'll be. I'll be glad to answer any questions. I urge a favorable vote on SJR 64."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor of the Resolution, signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'no' and in the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it, Senate Joint Resolution 64 is adopted. On Supplemental Calendar #1, appears Senate Bill 522, Representative McPike."

McPike: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move for the adoption of the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 522."



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The...the House Democrats started working on this Bill right after the first of January after we were sworn in. The Speaker immediately called for a job summit and out of that job summit, the major focus for job creation was to focus on the manufacturing sector of the economy and to provide tax credits to the manufacturing base in the hopes that those tax credits will spur investment and create jobs. We passed originally 1038 out of the House that would provide \$150,000,000 in tax credits. That Bill was not called in the Senate. After months of negotiations with the Governor's office, we finally agreed on the product before us today and it's a scaled down version of what passed the House some months ago with bipartisan support. This has in it two provisions that were in the House Bill. One came from Representative Rotello in regards to tech prep. It creates a credit equal to 20% of the direct payroll of expenditures in regards to on the job training for high school students who are trained at the site of the manufacturer's plant. It provides a tax credit of 5% of the expenditures of the amount claimed for on site child care and a third and major item in the Bill is the...is it expands that type of equipment used in the manufacturing process both for research and development. It expands it to provide for...an additional 15% tax credit beginning July 1 of 1994, 25% the following year, 40% the following year and after a five year phase in 50%. It is...it is economic and physic analysis that this will provide approximately \$60,000,000 of tax relief at the state level and \$15,000,000 of tax relief at the local level when fully implemented in five years. Now, because of the current budget crunch, the Governor would not allow...or would not agree to any tax credits the first

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year, but he did agree to sign this Bill that would phase it in over five years. This is not everything that we had asked for, as I said with bipartisan support, we passed House Bill 1038 out of here some months ago and that was our desire to implement that immediately. However, I fully support this Bill. As you know, around here, no one ever gets everything they wish. The IMA doesn't get everything they wish and neither do House Democrats or House Republicans. This came out of bipartisan negotiations between the four leaders, the Governor and the manufacturing community. I think they are very pleased with the final product and it is our belief that by providing these tax incentives we will indeed try to assist the manufacturing segment, of this state, and try to bring new jobs here instead of watching them leave, so in order to provide support for the manufacturer and to create decent jobs for our people, I would urge you to join me in voting 'aye' on the adoption of the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 522."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 522 would send a positive message to manufacturers in Illinois and around the country, who are planning an expansion or a move. This legislation says that Illinois is serious when it talks about improving the business climate. This Bill will result in increased revenue to Illinois businesses. Revenue that can help expand employment and output and help with job development. Senate Bill 522 creates a tax credit program for manufacturers. Manufacturers who get the current exemption for production machinery and equipment will receive a bonus credit to be applied towards the use tax on production

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related capitol purchases. This includes equipment for research and development that is not already covered by the exemption. The credit will equal 15% of the sales tax in FY 95, 25% in FY 96, 40% in FY 97 and 50% in FY 98. This tax credit translates into a tax savings for Illinois employers of \$20.2 million in FY 95 rising to 75.7 million in FY 98. Senate Bill 522 also creates a 20% tech prep youth vocational program tax credit to encourage vocationed programs that prepare students to become technically skilled workers to meet the standards of business and industry. An employer earns an additional 5% credit if a student completes the program and is hired full time. Now, because we have heard Illinois workers and employers tell us of the need for the quality child care, Senate Bill 522 provides that businesses offering on site child care pick up a 5% dependent care assistance tax credit as well. State taxes should be designed to encourage growth and employment, not punish success and innovation. We all know the truth. The key to economic growth is not big business or big government. The key to economic growth is small business. The kind of businesses that will be able to flourish under the system set up in Senate Bill 522. By enacting this Bill we are sending a message around the nation. Illinois means business and Illinois means jobs and Illinois means economic development and I seek your favorable support for this Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 522?' And on that question, all those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Biggens, one minute to explain

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your vote."

Biggins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to explain my 'present' vote as one reflecting a potential conflict of interest."

Speaker Giglio: "Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no' and the House does concur, adopt the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 522 and this Bill, having received the required three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 3 of the Calendar under Senate Bill, Second Reading, appears Senate Bill 358. Representative Lopez. Senate Bill 358. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 358, the Bill's been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Speaker Madigan."

Speaker Giglio: "Speaker Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This Amendment reflects an agreement between the City of Chicago and the local Firefighters Union. The Amendment relates to duty disability, so if a firefighter has been placed on duty disability for at least 10 years, the Amendment would provide that the benefit level would never be less than 50% of the current duty disability arrangement as provided by law, so if someone were to be severely injured and placed on duty disability, the current law provides that they would get 75% of the current salary. This Amendment would provide that into the future, whatever amount it could never be less than 50% of the then current duty disability amount, so what it provides is an inflation factor for those who have been on duty disability for more than 10 years. I would move for the adoption of the Amendment."

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Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion on the Amendment? Hearing none, all those in favor of the Amendment signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Daniels."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Daniels, on Amendment #2."

Daniels: "Withdraw."

Speaker Giglio: "We'll withdraw Amendment #2. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. The Gentleman asks leave for immediate consideration. None, leave is granted. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 358, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Lopez."

Lopez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just move to the adoption of Senate Bill 358."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Chair? I thought there were to be two Amendments on this Bill? Withdrew Amendment #2? It's also been pointed out to me, if you'll bear with me just a second, there may be a technical flaw in the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Take the Bill out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, bring the Bill back to the Order of Second Reading. Special Order, this is regular Calendar, page 2, appears House Resolution 955. The Lady from Cook, Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On House Resolution 955, there's

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an Amendment #2 and we ask that we adopt Amendment #2 to Resolution 955."

Speaker Giglio: "Do you want to withdraw Amendment #1, Representative?"

Davis: "I withdraw Amendment #1."

Speaker Giglio: "Withdraw Amendment #1. Are there further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Davis."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Davis, on Amendment #2."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #2 is an Amendment which asks that the State of Illinois recognize the fact that the slave trade existed in Illinois between the 15th and 19th centuries and that the African-American people suffered great economic and social violence that denies them first class citizenship and without pay there was great representation in the work force. This Resolution asks that the state, Secretary of State provide the opportunity for those homeowners that were rest stops or part of the underground railroad, that they be allowed to exhibit that on their property if they so choose and this piece of legislation, the part with the Secretary of State asking that some of the underground railroad homes be given the appropriate plaques by the Secretary of State was in order to honor the wishes of some Members on the Committee and we urge your adoption for Amendment #2 for House Resolution 955."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion on the Amendment? Representative Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "A question for the Sponsor. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "Indicates he will."

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Schoenberg: "Representative Davis, the...could you please tell the Body if there is any terminology in this Amendment which specifically makes reference to a holocaust?"

Davis: "Well, there is not particular language, if you're speaking of the World War II holocaust."

Schoenberg: "That's correct."

Davis: "No, it doesn't."

Schoenberg: "Is there any content in this amended version of this Bill is there anything that would equate the...that would equate the holocaust as it's known through world history with this phenomenon?"

Davis: "I don't understand your question?"

Schoenberg: "The question is, 'Is there anything that refers to slavery as a holocaust within this Amendment?'"

Davis: "Well, I'm not sure if it does or not, Representative. The point becomes that it was a holocaust. When we talk about the term 'holocaust', and we ask what is the dictionary definition. It's when acts of violence and acts of deportation, deprivation are perpetrated on a group of people based upon their color, based upon their religious affiliation. I don't know what your concerns are?"

Schoenberg: "Well, my concerns are that and I indicated this to you after this was discussed in Committee. My concerns are that the holocaust was a specific...a specific event in history and that there's a tendency at times to trivialize distinctive events in history by just equating other events which are not on the same parallel with them. I asked you earlier, when we did do this in Committee, I specifically recall asking you if you could find another choice of words, one which would be more inclusive. One which would not refer to holocaust, so that perhaps those of us who might feel that it trivializes the term that it trivializes

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a very significant event in world history, so that we wouldn't feel on the spot. Apparently that change was not made."

Davis: "Well, this really doesn't trivialize...trivialize your history nor the African-American's history, Representative. As you speak, I'm continuing to look for what you're speaking of and I don't see it. I think what you're referring to is that very frequently when we talk of the word 'minority' that women have now become known as 'minorities' and it becomes very advantageous to get the benefits that people fight for, for those who have been denied certain opportunities in this country and if you're stating that the use of the term 'holocaust' in any way diminishes what occurred with the group of citizens in Germany during the 40's, it in no way does that, nor do I believe that you or I, you or I want to trivialize, trivialize what has happened to your people or my people. Now, if you're stating that the holocaust that happened to the German Jewish people during the Hitler regime is more significant or more harsh than what happened to the Africans who were brought here and held in the homes of ships and made to work for 400 years without pay and where laws prohibited them from being citizens, from voting. But we didn't...we didn't put forth this Resolution in order to create this kind of dialogue with you. We put forth this Resolution to make it a matter of record that some of the citizens in the State of Illinois were active in the underground railroad in seeing that African-Americans made a safe journey to Canada without being captured and killed like wild animals and this legislation also ask that we just recognize that the denial of citizenship enforcing people to pay taxes without representation, that they were



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asked to subsidize their own poverty and we're also asking that the Secretary of State recommend a plaque to the property owners for those whose property, it has become known recently, or a part of the underground railroad. And we think that will be very helpful and beneficial in bringing tourism in the State of Illinois."

Schoenberg: "Is the word 'holocaust' in here?"

Davis: "Yes, it is."

Schoenberg: "That's precisely my point. My point and which is the point that I made, when we dealt with this in Committee and I apologize to the Body and I know we're all anxious to get on to other matters. My point that I made was that I specifically asked that because the holocaust was a specific tragedy phenomena which has only occurred once in world history, I asked that we substitute language for this. I specifically asked the Sponsor to do so. She declined. She told me that she would take it under consideration that obviously is not the case. Again, I apologize to the Members of the Body, but I have to say that I personally find the use of the word holocaust within this...within this Amendment, within this legislation to be offensive and trivializing and I was hoping that this could be resolved and taken care of before it came before the Members of the House floor. We by no means want..."

Davis: "Representative, I am offended by you saying to me that using the holocaust in reference to slavery trivializes what happened to you. I'm offended by your remarks. I am really offended by your remarks. Now, if you're saying to me that what happened to you was worse than what happened to me, I have to disagree with you."

Schoenberg: "That's precisely..."

Davis: "Because this is..."

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Schoenberg: "That is precisely my point."

Davis: "My Resolution."

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Davis: "This is my Resolution."

Schoenberg: "That is precisely my point. What I asked was that we distinguish between two very significant historical events. You decided not to distinguish between the two. I asked you in good faith outside of a legislative context to do so and you declined to do so. I did and I let you and I gave you the vote to get this out of Committee despite that fact."

Davis: "Representative...Representative, I think we make an extremely poor judgement call, when we decide that certain words only belong to certain groups of people. Now this is a word that exists in the dictionary and its a word that anybody in this General Assembly or any of the 50 General Assemblies across the State of Illinois have freedom to use and it in no way trivializes what happened to you nor what's going to happen to you."

Schoenberg: "Well, I'd just like to say that I would encourage everyone to vote 'present'."

Speaker Giglio: "Before I recognize the next Speaker, the Chair would like to make an announcement that there...there's a few Bills left and there's been inquiries of the Chair as to approximately what time we may leave. If the printing is brought together and the few Bills that we have left, we're looking, perhaps, another two hours, so please be patient and we'll continue to do our work and hopefully adjourn at a reasonable time. On that, the next Gentleman, Representative Skinner from McHenry."

Skinner: "Well, Mr. Speaker, I hesitate to enter the fray here. I thought this was a Resolution which might make us feel

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better about each other. I wrote paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 about the underground railroad and it seems to me that there is a certainly a...a need to recognize those people, in the State of Illinois, during the middle 1800's that helped slaves escape. Their houses, safe houses, if you will, were stops on the underground railroad located throughout Illinois off and along river...along river valleys. There are...there's at least one that's been discovered in McHenry County, this year, when a couple remodeled a house and discovered when they took whatever covering was on the kitchen floor up, a trap door, in the original wooden floor and it led down to a room that had no windows, no exit and it was next to the rest of the basement. I thought it might be a decent idea to have homes like this plaqued by the Secretary of State, perhaps Secretary of State in cooperation with the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and the Historical Preservation Agency put together a map, so people who might want to tour Illinois using a trail that is meaningful to history would have something they could, some map they could look at. I do not wish to get involved in the...in the fight on the other side of the aisle, but it seems to me that this is a...not an objectionable Resolution, it seems to me, it would be helpful for the...for the State of Illinois in the long run."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Pugh."

Pugh: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. With...with all deference to Representative Schoenberg, I'm not sure that any race or group of people can monopolize the word 'holocaust' and comparatively speaking, Representative Schoenberg, I think there was maybe millions of Jews that died during the period that we're speaking of,

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but there was hundreds of thousands of Africans that were killed just in the middle passage alone. Hundreds of millions of Africans that were killed just coming across the ocean, not to speak of those who died during slavery itself, so comparatively speaking if there was a monopoly on the word 'holocaust', I think the African-American community would have dibs on that term."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Lang are you seeking recognition, Sir? Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Lady's Resolution, as it...as it recognizes the underground railroad, in my opinion, is an extremely important and appropriate. Many of the people who live along the border states were part of the underground railroad and some of the historic locations that were functional parts of the underground railroad have in the past, in the recent past in our area been inappropriately destroyed. I'm thinking of Bethel Baptist Church in Representative Hoffman's district was destroyed some years ago, which in fact was a hiding place for slaves in their journey North. To that, the Representative, as the Sponsor, I salute you. I wonder if the Lady will answer a couple of questions if she doesn't have...if she's not too busy?"

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Davis?"

Stephens: "Representative Davis, I was just praising the intent of your legislation, but I did have a couple of questions. Have you met with the Secretary of State's Office about implementation of the request in this Resolution?"

Davis: "Have I met with them?"

Stephens: "Have you discussed it with them or..."

Davis: "We had discussed it with some people, from the Secretary of State's Office."

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Stephens: "You have?"

Davis: "Yes."

Stephens: "The...and did they talk to you about the cost of the implementation? Will there be any..."

Davis: "Well, what we were seeking was what kind of revenue would it bring into the state, in the reference of tourism, so we think it will bring in at least about \$1 million the first year and approximately \$2 or \$3 million the following year, depending on how many people visit Illinois would like to go and see the...underground railroad."

Stephens: "I was more interested in if you had any figure on the costs of the program?"

Davis: "Well, the cost was...there is no request for a cost. There was no major cost initiative that anyone thought would occur. We thought it would bring in revenue to the State of Illinois."

Stephens: "Representative, I'm trying to help you..."

Davis: "Without taxing anybody."

Stephens: "I have one other comment. I think that the earlier discussions about the term 'holocaust' were unfortunate and Representative, as the Sponsor of the Resolution, I have to agree with Representative Schoenberg, maybe you could have been a little more careful about the choice of words. I...in the dictionary that I'm looking at, the New World Dictionary. I don't think the word 'holocaust' belongs to any particular race or ethnic group. I agree with your remarks there, but as an educator, you should understand that, I believe, that the simple definition of the word means and quoting from the dictionary, 'a great or total destruction of life, especially by fire.' And, I can understand the Gentleman's sensitivity to the issue and I would hope that being supportive myself of recognition of

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the tremendous sacrifices that you're...that you're referring to, for those who suffered under slavery and for those who to the underground railroad tried to give them some assistance ought to recognize, but at the same time I hope that you would try to work with the Gentleman in recognition of the significance of that particular word historically to his religious background and his beliefs and I would think that you can both have your way and this is a time to be...to be in the mood for compromise, if you wouldn't mind."

Davis: "Representative, I have no intentions of trivializing what happened to Schoenberg's group of people and I have no intentions of trivializing what happened to the African-American people and it is unfortunate...it is very unfortunate that either of us have to discuss this here today. I'm truly concerned when we want to put restrictions and freedoms or stop the freedom of people to use a word. Now it's a little bit ironic, I'd say, that people who would deny their freedom of action, their freedom of for health care, their freedom of activity, their freedom to live, now want to deny people the use of this word. The freedom to use a word and it truly bothers me. We know what happened during that period of history and this Gentleman has all the right in the world to put forth the Resolution for the same things I'm doing. He has a right to do that, but I don't think he has a right to decide for me what language I should use in a Resolution in which I seek to have passed. I don't know of any word in the dictionary, that you or I are not allowed to use and if you do, Representative, if you know of a word that exists in that dictionary that I should not use because it belongs to a certain group of people, please tell me what that word

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is. Please tell me what that word is. It does not diminish what happened to either group of people. It does not diminish. There are some people who have attempted to deny women the use of the word 'minority', but everybody recognizes that they have the freedom to use that word."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Stephens? Representative Stephens, are you finished, Sir?"

Stephens: "I didn't suggest that anyone shouldn't use whatever word, I'm saying that this particular word according to its accepted definition, in the English dictionary, is being used inappropriately, Representative. You can use any word you want, you know that."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gent...the previous question has been moved. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The previous question is moved. Representative Davis to close."

Davis: "I would just thank everyone for their support on this very small tribute to the people in the 15th, 16th, 17th centuries, who lost their lives, who came to Illinois, who were subjected to the Jim Crow Laws. We...we want to honor those Illinois citizens, whose homes still exist in which underground railroads were passages for safety for these individuals and we feel that this tour...tourism in Illinois will be enhanced if these homes have the plaque given by the Secretary of State and if the Secretary of State decides on a monument to those African... and we urged a principled 'yes'. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor of the Amendment, signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Further

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Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "On the Resolution, Representative Monique Davis. You just adopted the Amendment, now the Resolution. Are you in favor of the Resolution? Do you want to run it?"

Davis: "Yes, Sir. Please."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Davis, on the Resolution."

Davis: "Well, we're just asking that everyone support this issue. It's something that perhaps should have been done a very long time ago, but I think as each of us, as we know and as we discussed in Committee, it's a significant piece of history and Illinois should recognize its significance in that history and it doesn't have anything to do with it at this point whether they're white people or black people or Jewish people or Christian people, it has to do with people who helped other people to survive and it has to do with people who did survive in this state and it has to do with bringing tourism and tourism dollars to the State of Illinois and I would just ask for a favorable 'yes'."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor of House Resolution 955, signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question there's 65 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no' and...Representative Younge. Parcels, 'aye', 'present'. Representative Parcels, 'present'. Anybody else? Woolard, 'present'. Take the record, ... Clerk. On this question, there is 63 voting 'yes', 0 voting...Weller, excuse me. Woolard voting 'aye'. Weller voting 'present'. Representative Martinez."

Martinez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to vote 'present' on



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the previous Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Vote Representative Martinez 'present'. This takes the majority of those voting if you're looking for 71, you don't have to. 'Present', Representative Sheehy. Have all voted? On this...take the record. On this question there are now 63 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no' and the House Resolution 95, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. (House Resolution) 955. Rules will be now meeting in the Conference Room. Representative Steczo, in the Chair."

Speaker Steczo: "On the Order of the Regular Calendar, Second Reading, appears Senate Bill 358, Representative Lopez. Mr. Clerk, where is this Bill right now?"

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 358, has been read a second time previously. Amendment #1 has been adopted to the Bill. Amendment #2 is withdrawn. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Granberg."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes Representative Granberg on Amendment #3."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Pursuant to our agreement with the other side of the aisle, Amendment #3 provides exemption to the Mandates Act for the application of the Bill and I would move for its adoption."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Granberg moves for the adoption of Amendment #3. All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by...The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke. He does not seek recognition. All those in favor of the adoption of the Amendment will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

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

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 358, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lopez."

Lopez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for an 'aye' vote on Senate Bill 358. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 358. On that question is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present' and Senate Bill 358, having received the required three-fifths Constitutional Majority is hereby declared passed. On Supplemental Calendar #1 appears Senate Bill 617. The Chair recognizes Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank...thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I would move that we not accept the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 617 and that a Second Conference Committee be established."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved that the House do not adopt the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 617. Is there any discussion? There being none, all those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'no'. The 'ayes' have it

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and the House does not adopt the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 617 and will ask for the creation of the Second Conference Committee. Committee Reports."

Clerk Rossi: "The Committee on Rules has met and pursuant to Rule 14(a)4, Conference Committee, House Members appointed recommends consideration and the following Bills be placed on the Order of Conference. House Bill 508 and Senate Bills 617 and 706, signed Frank Giglio, Chairman."

Speaker Steczko: "Supplemental Calendar announcement."

Clerk Rossi: "Supplemental Calendar #4 is being distributed."

Speaker Steczko: "On Supplemental Calendar #4 appears House Bill 508, Representative Brunsvold. Out of the record temporarily. For what purpose does Representative Deering seek recognition?"

Deering: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. A point of personal privilege. Up in the gallery behind me, we have a group of educators from around the world. They're Professors of American Government and Law. They're from many countries, both North and South Hemisphere. They're visiting SIU at Carbondale for a six week program, sponsored by the United States Information Agency. I'd like for you to join me in welcoming this Group to the Illinois General Assembly."

Speaker Steczko: "On Supplemental Calendar #4, appears House Bill 508. The Chair recognizes Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 508, Conference Committee Report contains the ~~following~~<sup>following</sup> items. The original Bill contained language dealing with the Illinois National Guard eligibility and that was in 1507, by Tim Johnson. Representative Johnson's Bill also dealt...part of that Bill dealt with 3 o'clock hours as counted as a day and

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that was House Bill 753, Representative Hannig's Bill. Also provisioned in the original Bill was dealing with Mt. Morris School District and that property and a donation of that property. That was Representative von Bergen-Wessels Bill and Tod Stephens' Bill in their districts. Also, there's language dealing with some changes in terms dealing with House Bill 1384, that was Representative Cowlshaw's Bill. The last provision on the original Bill was Representative Davis's dealing some Chicago school reform language. The new Conference Committee Agreement was...that was added was language dealing with co-termanis territories that Senator DeAngelis and Representative Wennlund discussed and had problems with. It corrects that. There's some clarifying of intent of provisions of Senate Bill...a Senate Bill which deals with \$1,000 per child or \$8,000 per teacher. That was the State Board's language, clarifying language and then a provision dealing with School Nurses Certification. That was Senator Maitland's Bill. I know of no opposition to the Bill. It contains a lot of good language from a lot of different Representatives on the floor. I'm going to ask for the adoption of House Bill 508 or the Conference Committee on 508."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of the First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 508 and on that question is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Lady from DuPage, Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: ~~Thank~~ you very much, Mr. Speaker. You look right at home up there. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill has been described very well by the Chairman of the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee. I stand not only in support of this Bill, but

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in a respect to Representative Brunsvold, who has done an absolutely magnificent job this spring as the Chairman of that Committee. Thank you very much."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Salvi."

Salvi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Salvi: "Representative, why...why does it say 'religious beliefs' up there? I don't see that anywhere in the Bill."

Brunsvold: "That...is the original title of the Bill. It does not pertain anymore."

Salvi: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 508?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present' and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 508 and this Bill, having received the required three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Resolutions, appears House Resolution 921. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk McLennand: "House Resolution 921, offered by Representative McLennand. WHEREAS, The Members of this Body are honored to recognize significant milestones in the lives of the people of this State; and WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Emery Koehler is retiring after many years of service for the Illinois State Legislature; and WHEREAS, He was

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born on July 18, 1931, in Rib Falls, Wisconsin, the son of John and Alma Koehler; and WHEREAS, Emery and Beulah Koehler were married on November 14, 1953; they are proud of their daughters: Lynne Stengel and Carolyn Cowgur; their sons-in-law: Joe Stengel and Brian Cowgur; and their grandchildren: Joe and Michael Stengel and Jared and April Cowgur; and WHEREAS, Emery Koehler is an avid gardener and is proud of his greenhouse; and WHEREAS, He has owned and operated the Emery Advertising Agency for twenty years, and also does reupholstering; and WHEREAS, Mr. Koehler is a member of the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church; he is affiliated with the Elks Lodge, the Eagles, Masonic Lodge #71, and the Ansar Legion of Honor; and WHEREAS, Emery Koehler has dedicated many years of service to the Democratic party, and has served as precinct committeeman in Clearlake Township for many years; he is a charter member of the East County Democratic Club; and WHEREAS, He also served as a member of the Sangamon County Board for many years; and WHEREAS, Emery Koehler has been employed by the House of Representatives since February of 1975, and has spent a total of sixteen years as Chief Doorkeeper of the House; and WHEREAS, Among the many memories he has of his State service is when he had the privilege of introducing President Jimmy Carter to the Illinois House; and WHEREAS, He is called the "House Bouncer", and has been known to keep demonstrators in line until they could be taken into custody; and WHEREAS, Emery Koehler has performed above and beyond the call of duty; he has gone out of his way to help wherever and whenever needed; he even reported for work on the weekends whenever special groups needed the chambers; and WHEREAS, Emery Koehler has earned the respect of all who have had the privilege of

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knowing him; and WHEREAS, He will be missed; therefore be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Emery Koehler as he retires from service as the Chief Doorkeeper for the Illinois House of Representatives; that we thank him for his help throughout the years; and that we extend to him our fondest wishes for happiness and health in the future; and be it further RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and resolution be presented to him as an expression of our respect and esteem. Adopted by the House of Representatives on May 25, 1993."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any discussion on the Resolution? The Chair recognizes Representative Moseley. Representative Moseley."

Moseley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could we have a little order for a minute? I...I think...I think that right now everyone understands, everyone knows that Emery is retiring, but I don't know if they realize exactly what this means to this chamber. I've known Emery for many years. I've known him most recently because he's a constituent. He's always had a smile. He's always a very kind and gentle man. He's always done a great deal to make people feel comfortable in this chamber and I thank him for that, but in addition to that, Emery has gone out of his way to bring other people into this chamber and as mentioned in the Resolution, he comes in on Saturdays, he comes in on weekends, he leaves Beulah to tend the garden. He does a lot of things out of the ordinary and we will miss him, so all of us on the Democratic side will of course miss the fact that Emery brings us our checks, but I think we'll also miss the fact that he always has a smile

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and a good word for us and Emery, I congratulate you. I know you're not going far from me, but for the rest of the people here thank you for your service and we wish you the best...best of luck on your retirement and have a lot of fun."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Macon, Representative Dunn. Representative John Dunn."

Dunn: "Thank you, Mr...thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I, too, rise in support of the Resolution. It seems like I've been here a long time and I should act quickly of course or probably there are people here who think I've been here too long, but I...during, Emery Koehler and I came in here about the same time, if I recall correctly in the Spring of 1975 and I've watched Emery Koehler during times when there were idle moments on the floor be courteous to people who have come to the State Capitol to visit their Capitol and he leaves them with a very professional courteous impression about how State Government is operating on their behalf. I've seen Emery in the middle of the night still doing his job, relaying messages, contacting Members, telling them the family has called, and at the same time sorting out the difficult job of admitting Members and their guests to the floor and staff and sorting out the lobbyists and doing it all on a most polite professional and courteous manner. The likes of Emery Koehler are not going to be seen around here again for a long, long time and I would like to add my name to what I'm certain is a long, long list of people who express our gratitude and appreciation to Emery Koehler for an outstanding and professional job done as our House Doorkeeper, all these years and wish him well in his retirement and hope that all his days ahead are delightful



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and successful and that all the flowers in his greenhouse grow. Emery, the best to you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Shirley Jones."

Jones, Shirley: "Yes. Emery, I'm going to miss you very much. I will not have anyone coming over to me telling me, Shirley, check the washroom out for me. I'm the only one that sits close to the Lady's washroom. Also, Emery, I will not have anyone that I can come to and say, 'Well, I'm getting ready to go to the shopping center now, Emery, do you have my check', but I'm going to miss you very much and hope you come back to visit us."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? All those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution? The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Davis."

Davis: "I just wanted to commend him. I wanted to commend Mr. Emery on his professional handling of the floor. He was the Gentleman to make sure that the aisles were clear and that can be significantly important when there are a number of people visiting from out of the rest of...out of Springfield, I should say and Emery, we do appreciate you. We honor you on having an early retirement and being able to set down and rest and enjoy the rest of your days on the fruit of your labor. We thank you very much for the service that you have given to the State of Illinois in a professional manner. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? Representative Moseley asks leave of the House to have all Members of the House added as Co-Sponsor's of the Resolution. Is there any objection? There being no objection. Leave is granted. All those in favor for the adoption of House Resolution 921, will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed

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by saying 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Representative Hicks in the chamber. Hicks?"

Speaker Giglio: "On the Order of Senate Bills, Third Reading, appears Senate Bill 591. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. What's the status of the Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 591 is on Calendar Order of Third Reading."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman asks leave to return the Bill back to the Order of Second for purpose of an Amendment. Does the Gentleman have leave? Hearing none, leave is granted. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 591 has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hicks."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hicks withdraws Amendment #1. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Hicks."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hicks on Amendment #2."

Hicks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Amendment #2, to Senate Bill 591 would become the Bill and based upon the fact the last time we passed the cigarette tax this would provide that home rule municipalities that have not imposed the tax based upon the number of units of cigarettes or tobacco price before July 1, 1993 shall not impose that tax thereafter. It applies to only home rule units who have not before implemented such a tax and I'd be happy to answer any questions concerning the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "Any discussion? The Gentleman from Decatur, Representative Dunn."

Dunn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House."

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I rise in opposition to this Amendment and I hope that people will pay close attention because this Amendment proposes a very fundamental change. As you know our 1970 Illinois Constitution provided for Home Rule and Home Rule Authority and Home Rule Control and Home Rule Government in the villages and communities we serve which are designated as Home Rule Units by the 1970 Constitution. The purpose of this Amendment is to take away Home Rule powers. Take away Home Rule powers. What this Amendment says is that, if your community does not have a cigarette tax on the books today. If it does not have a cigarette tax on the books today, it cannot impose a cigarette tax. A \$.14 tax just passed this chamber and the Senate and is on its way to the Governor. That is a state tax. All that money goes to the State of Illinois. This Amendment exempts the City of Chicago and three other communities which have a tax on the books. What this Amendment says is the City of Chicago, in addition to whatever tax it has on the books now, can raise its tax by a dime, by a quarter, by a dollar, by ten dollars, by whatever it wants, but your village, your community, which has a zero tax as we speak here this evening cannot ever get above 0. This legislation proposes to preempt Home Rule for the tobacco industry. I urge you not to vote for this Amendment and I ask for a Roll Call Vote on this Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield? Would the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Kubik: "Representative? Representative Hicks? I wanted to clarification of the Amendment. I think I understand the Amendment clearly, but I want to make sure for my own

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purposes for legislative intent. If a community, such as one that is in my district, imposed a cigarette tax on May 28th of 1993, but is not yet collecting the tax. It did impose...it did pass an ordinance...it did approve the ordinance on May 28th. Would they be excluded from imposing the tax or would they fall under the provisions that the City of Chicago and the County of Cook and the other units that are already opposed the tax? Would they fall under that...that group of community?"

Hicks: "I believe the answer to your question, Representative, is 'yes'. If they had imposed the tax prior to the July 1, 1993 date, then they would fall under the same category as anyone else who had imposed that tax prior to that July 1st date."

Kubik: "Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last night we passed a substantial tax increase on cigarettes of \$.14. In my district, I have a large tobacco company, U.S. tobacco which employs 500 people, now that tax severely jeopardizes the jobs of those 500 people. I think this Bill here puts in some safeguards in place to protect jobs in Illinois, therefore, I would urge support for this Amendment. We need it. We need the safeguards. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Granberg: "Representative...Representative, just again for clarification of legislative intent. This would not limit either the City of Chicago or the County of Cook from increasing their current taxes on cigarettes?"

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Hicks: "Correct."

Granberg: "That is correct."

Hicks: "Correct."

Granberg: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To the...to the Amendment. I, too, rise in support of the Amendments. Last night a number of us, it took a very difficult vote to try and increase to raise much needed revenue for our nursing homes. This helps ameliorate that tax increase. It's a good thing for our states. It helps people out, who are employed by these large corporations. It's a fair way. It's a way to help keep those jobs in our state and I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Murphy."

Murphy, M: "Mr. Speaker, I agree with the former Representative, who spoke about the Home Rule being exempted out, but more importantly those of us, who voted against the cigarette tax last night, there's a converse part of this Bill inverse logic about allowing Cook County, Chicago, Rosemont and Evanston to raise cigarette taxes at whim, so at on hand we're going to rescind Home Rule powers on all 101 counties, except for Cook County, thereby protecting those that are against cigarette taxes, however, the opposite side of the coin, will allow Chicago, Cook County and Rosemont, Evanston to increase taxes at will. I urge you to consider the duality of this Amendment. If the Amendment were pure, it would be against any of the municipalities having this right, what's good for 101 counties, should be good for Cook County, but again this is special legislation and the framers of this Amendment think that they have controlled the Constitutional requirement, but those with legislative intent will see that this clearly is eliminating an exempting Cook County, Rosemont,

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Evanston and the City of Chicago, so I urge your 'do consideration' and constitutionality on keeping industry in Illinois and...and keeping Home Rule powers that were fought for by our municipalities in the 1970 Constitution. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hicks to close. Excuse me, Representative Tom Johnson."

Johnson, Tom: "Yes. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Johnson, Tom: "I have one simple question here. I was a little troubled to learn last night as I went home and listened to the news that the Clinton Administration is proposing to fund their Health Care Program with an additional tax on tobacco products. Now, will the Sponsor also move and make sure that that Clinton Administration does not come into this state and impose such a tax?"

Hicks: "Thank you, Representative. I'm not quite sure of the question, but I would call Hillary maybe and ask her about it. I would probably have to get that answered from them, but I would not believe that this in any way would stop the Federal Government..."

Johnson, Tom: "Okay, well you do have a direct line to them..."

Hicks: "I do. I do and I didn't know that you knew that."

Johnson, Tom: "And we'll see what....Okay."

Hicks: "I didn't know that you knew that I had that though."

Johnson, Tom: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hicks to close."

Hicks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we're simply trying to do something here to enhance. I'm one of those who voted against the cigarette tax. I think it's detrimental to our state to have passed such a thing and I think that this is simply trying to contain some of the loss that I believe

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was incurred by the State of Illinois last night and I would ask for 'aye' votes on it."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor of the Amendment signify by voting 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question, there 79 voting 'yes', 34 voting 'no' and the Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. What...what are you objecting to? I haven't said anything, Representative Dunn."

Dunn: "Oh, I'm glad you...I heard you say Third Reading and I...I object to leave to return this Bill to the Order of Third Reading and request a Roll Call Vote if leave is requested."

Speaker Giglio: "The Bill...the Bill has already been moved to Third Reading, Representative Dunn. Before..."

Dunn: "I beg your pardon, Sir?"

Speaker Giglio: "Before the Bill could be called, you need leave of the House to have this Bill called on Third Reading. Is that what you're asking?"

Dunn: "What I want to do is to prevent it from being called on Third Reading."

Speaker Giglio: "All right. The Gentleman asks leave to have this Bill called immediately. Does the Gentleman have leave? All..."

Dunn: "I request a Roll Call Vote..."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. All right. Take the roll call. All those in favor for immediate consideration of the Senate Bill 591, vote 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this

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question there are 81 voting 'yes', 23 voting 'no' and the Motion carries. Representative...Mr. Clerk read the Bill, Senate Bill 591."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 591, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 591 now contains the provision of Senate...House Amendment #2, which Representative Hicks previously presented. That's what's contained in the Bill. I think everybody understands what is in it. I would urge the adoption of Senate Bill 591."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Dunn."

Dunn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise again in opposition to the Bill as amended. Let's make it clear, what we're doing here. The...there are people who win and there are people who lose in this process. We have poor people, who are deserving poor, who have been losers for generations and we provide only incremental benefits to them. We have educators and children in the classroom, who are trying to do their best to educate and to be educated for now and for the future and they are losers and we continue to provide a smaller share of the pie of taxpayer dollars for them. We have people in our correction system, who probably are losers from birth because of the culture and the atmosphere in which they find themselves and upon incarceration, they find themselves housed in conditions which make them losers, but we don't do anything about them. Yesterday, however, we created a new loser. We defeated the tobacco industry for a \$.14 cigarette tax and less than 24 hours later, we are here to take care of the poor little



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downtrodden, beleaguered, beat upon, tobacco industry that can not defend itself. We're not taking care of corrections, which has been a loser for a long time. Education, which has been a loser for a long time. Mental Health, which has been a loser for a long time. Public Aid, which has been a loser for a long time, but today and right now, right here, we're going to take care of the poor, little, tobacco industry which sells cigarettes to kill people and won't stop doing it. We passed a \$.14 tax today, yesterday and now today, you and I are asked to cast a vote to preempt Home Rule, something basic, a basic tenant in our Constitution in our State of Illinois and we're asked to give up that right on behalf of the tobacco industry and yet we're also not going to give it up for the City of Chicago, which is clever enough to have a tax on the books, so that they can raise theirs as high as they want. In Representative Kubik's district, there is the Village of Cicero, which has a tax on its books. They can go ahead and raise it as high as they want. Rosemont can raise their taxes. Evanston can raise their taxes, however, Springfield and Decatur and Champaign-Urbana and all the other Home Rule Communities are stuck at 0 with this vote. So as you cast this vote, think about how you have supported Mental Health in children, Corrections and families and all the other things that we mouth about on the campaign trail and think about how you've defeated the tobacco industry yesterday and 24 hours later, you've taken care of them. The only responsible vote, on this piece of legislation, is a 'no' vote. Any other vote is catering to the tobacco industry, which certainly can take care of itself. We see the evidence of that in this state and all around the nation. Let them go back where they came from

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and fight their battles elsewhere. Defeat this piece of legislation."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Chair?"

Speaker Giglio: "Proceed."

Black: "Thank you. I am concerned that Representative Dunn's rights may have been violated as a duly elected Member of this Body. When this Bill was brought back to Third Reading, did he receive the Roll Call Vote pursuant to Rule 37(d) that he was entitled to and I believe he asked for?"

Speaker Giglio: "He...we never asked for it."

Black: "I thought he asked for it, for that Roll Call Vote."

Speaker Giglio: "He had two roll calls, is what he had."

Black: "Well, I will conclude my inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker and in all due respect to you. I am just happy to see that you are an equal opportunity, purveyor of outrageous rulings in the Chair. You, Sir, denied the rights of the Members of your own Party, as well as the rights of the Minority Party. Shame on you, Sir. Shame on you."

Speaker Giglio: "A fast shoe change, Representative Black. Representative Hicks."

Hicks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I believe the whole underlying thing here is about Home Rule. You know the smallest Home Rule Community or just about the smallest is the town that I'm from, Mt. Vernon. They are directly affected by this legislation, just what Representative Dunn was just saying. My community, the one that I'm from, the one that I represent, is one of those communities talking about and I'm in support of this Bill and I'd ask for your 'aye' vote on

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Senate Bill 591."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 591 pass?' All in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Representative Stephens? One minute to explain his vote."

Stephens: "As Representative Black's personal Pharmacist, throughout this Session, I have...I started out with combination vitamins, multiple vitamins. I gave him Vitamin C, when he seemed to be stressed out a little bit. We upped that to a Vitamin B Supplement for stress and on this final day of Session, I have my last bit of advice for Representative and that's a bottle of Vitamin E, 100...400 units, 100 capsules bill. This is it. It's time to go home. This is your last prescription."

Speaker Giglio: "Have all voted, who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there's 79 voting 'yes', 34 voting 'no'. Senate Bill 591, having received the required three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative...Daniels."

Daniels: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wonder if I could have your attention, just for a moment. Immediately after Session, Governor Edgar and Mrs. Edgar have invited all Legislative Members and Staff to the Mansion for a party for celebration of the completion of your business. They will...it will be a barbecue, with butterfly porkchops, bratwurst and refreshments. We hope that everyone will come over and healthy refreshments, the good kind of refreshments, see. You know, yes, nice Illinois water and...and lime...and excellent times and good comradely and a chance for you to exchange information and make sure that you are aware of what you voted on and so we hope that on behalf of Governor and Mrs. Edgar, you

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will join all of us at the Mansion, where we can exchange our friendships and admiration for the other side of the aisle on their good votes and the times you behaved yourselves, so if you'd join us there, we'd like you to, so thank you very much."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Woolard, are you ready? House Bill 2464. Representative Woolard."

Woolard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to leave to move this Bill back to Second Reading for the purpose of an Amendment."

Speaker McPike: "Any objections? Hearing none, leave is granted. The Bill's on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, are there any Amendments? Representative McPike in the Chair. Are there any Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Woolard."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Woolard."

Woolard: "What Floor Amendment #1 does is replaces line 8 on page 3. In effect this removes the effective date of this piece of legislation and I would hope that we could accomplish this. I want to say a couple things in the record at this time, if I may. The purpose of the Amendment is to get it in the position that would only require 60 votes, but in effect what we are trying to accomplish. I believe we have been successful in doing at this point. We will posture the Bill. We will leave the Bill sit. I am making a promise to the Body that we will not move this Bill either today or later this year, but in effect what we're going to accomplish is to accommodate those legislators which there have been many from both sides of the aisle to insure and continue the Agreed Bill process. We have asked the Speaker and he has agreed to allow us to have some hearings

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on this particular issue this summer. We will accommodate that, but we will not use this as a vehicle in the future, but I think its important. I think it has been a good process. I think there has been some things gained to this point. I would like to commend Lolita Didrickson, the Director of IDS and Joe Mueller, her Chief Legal Counsel. I believe that there has been significant, I won't say movement, but better understanding and interpretation of the law, that will accommodate those people that are in dire need today. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote and support of this Amendment."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I...I rise in...in saying that I congratulate the Sponsor of this. I know this is a very important objective for the Sponsor of this in his district and it means a lot to him and I commend him for supporting the Agreed Bill process...prospect which is an intricate part of how we negotiate down here and I respect the Sponsor on making sure that the Agreed Bill process continues and I say thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Any objections to the Amendment? The question is, 'Shall the Amendment #1 be adopted?' All in favor say 'aye'; opposed, 'no' and the 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Third Reading. Take the Bill out of the record. Attention, please. Could we have your attention, please for a minute? We want to direct your eyes over here and find out what Jerry Hawkins is doing up in the balcony. Representative Hawkins? What are you doing up there? Representative Davis."

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Davis: "You know, Mr. Speaker, I don't know what Representative Hawkins is doing up there, but I do know what he did before he left. He spruced up his hair. He hiked up his pants."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hawkins. Turn on Mr. Hawkins, please. Representative Hawkins, your light's on. Your light is on, on your desk. Perhaps you'd like to explain to the Body what you were looking for."

Hawkins: "Looking for love in all the wrong places."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Woolard."

Woolard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was just wondering if the Body was aware of the fact that the plane heading south is about ready to go, and that some of us have tickets on it, and we would hope that we would not be in a position that that ticket purchase would be jeopardized and lost. Are we about ready to do that last little thing?"

Speaker McPike: "No."

Woolard: "Somebody had said...somebody had said early on that that was going..."

Speaker McPike: "How much was the ticket? How much was the ticket?"

Woolard: "It was about six dollars and eleven cents."

Speaker McPike: "I think you're out about \$6.11."

Woolard: "What...what do you suggest we should do about supper? Should you order it for us? Or..."

Speaker McPike: "I think there's a few Members on the Floor that carry a little excess...baggage with them."

Woolard: "Is there any idea from the Chair as to..."

Speaker McPike: "I just had...I just had a sandwich."

Woolard: "My wife is concerned about me."

Speaker McPike: "We just had two more Bills that we're distributing right now. We're...our best guess is an hour. Our best guess is an hour."

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Woolard: "I'll tell her I'll be home in time for bed."

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Stephens."

Stephens: "Speaker, if you're having trouble with...with the Members of your side of the aisle, I think that the solution is in the next election, we elect more Republicans, and we'll be much more polite to you when you're not in the Chair."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Olson."

Olson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. About the time we might go home, Representative Woolard made an inquiry. I called home about 15 minutes ago to tell my wife that I would probably be home about 8:00. She said it might be a little late. We've had a storm here, and the lightning just hit the house. But...my son drove onto the scene about that time, and he said while there was some light fixtures smoking, he didn't think the house was going to burn. So, I'll stick it out as long as the rest of you do."

Speaker McPike: "Senate Bill 706, Representative Laurino."

Laurino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 706... I ask for the adoption of the...First Conference Committee Report to 706. What had occurred was the Senate was concerned about the House Amendment that we put on. And what they...their concerns were addressed and actually were technical Amendments. We removed the super-max prison from that Bill because it was already in a previous Bill. We've explicitly provided that person's convicted of a misdemeanor are eligible for the Cook County boot camp program, and they're going to specifically allow for a reduced sentence for inmates who successfully complete the boot camp program. And I ask for the support of the House on this First Conference Committee Report."

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Speaker McPike: "And on that, Representative Tom Johnson."

Johnson, Tom: "Yes, will the speaker yield?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Johnson, Tom: "I have a...question, this appears to be very similar to the one that we've gone over in here once before. And I think one of the biggest concerns is still, what is the mechanism for siting this boot camp be it in Cook County? How... How do we know where this is... Who goes through the selection process? And how does this get determined?"

Laurino: "Well, it's going to be determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Cook County...Cook County Commissioners, with the influx of help from the Department of Corrections and the Sheriff of Cook County."

Johnson, Tom: "So, really, it could go anywhere in Cook County based upon what the Board of Commissioners or Department of Corrections...whatever they agree to, right?"

Laurino: "Correct."

Johnson, Tim: "Thank you. I just think everybody should be aware of that; that we still have no idea, in terms of how this selection process is to occur, and where these things are going to end up. And I...I think that all Members should be very sensitive to that, especially if you are representing portions of Cook County."

Laurino: "Representative Johnson, let me address that...point with...to you or with you. As I understand it, the Sheriff of Cook County would like this to be designated across from the Cook County Jail, now which is in...and California. There's an immense amount of vacant land right across the street from the county jail, itself."

Speaker McPike: "Representative...Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield for a



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quick question on this?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Parke: "Thank you. Representative Laurino, what if it doesn't go there? Do... Does my municipal...local municipality have a right to veto something if they choose not to have it there, or is it pretty much going to stay in the City of Chicago somewhere, and we don't...if we don't want it in our particular area, we can..."

Laurino: "No, it's specifically designed for the Cook County area..."

Parke: "Well, that's what I..."

Laurino: "And it will probably be... It's by the Cook County jail complex."

Parke: "And that's where it's intended..."

Laurino: "That's where it's intended to go because of the large amount of vacant land across from the County Jail, and with the assistance of the Sheriff being right there."

Parke: "Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "There's a lot of vacant land in Barrington Township, too. But it's not very close to Cook County jail. Is this going to be in the City of Chicago?"

Laurino: "Let me reiterate what I have already just said. It's at 26th and California, across the street from the County Jail now, Cal."

Skinner: "That's his first choice."

Laurino: "That's his first choice."

Skinner: "Does he have any choice elsewhere in the suburbs?"

Laurino: "No, Sir."

Skinner: "Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Davis."

Davis: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Davis: "Representative, current law... What happens currently with a person who commits a misdemeanor? You know, a misdemeanor is minor, something very minor. There are no mandated sentences."

Laurino: "Well... Depending, I assume, on the severity of the crime, but if it's a misdemeanor entirely, there...they've got...they either they get probation or they get time in Cook County Jail or supervision."

Davis: "I agree. I wonder if...the Sheriff's intent is to incarcerate people who commit misdemeanors. I'm just questioning you, I don't know."

Laurino: "I don't think the Sheriff incarcerates anybody. It comes from the court system itself."

Davis: "Well, is the purpose... I'm asking you point-blank. Is the purpose of this Chicago boot camp to incarcerate people who commit misdemeanors who currently are probably given a probation or community service or... What is your intent in having a boot camp in Chicago, and what will be the requirements?"

Laurino: "People that...that are sentenced to serve time in the Cook County Jail will be eligible to serve their time in the boot camp program. Right now, they are not eligible for that."

Davis: "Well, they're not eligible because we don't have one. Is that right?"

Laurino: "I... I can't hear everything you say."

Davis: "I said, they are not eligible because we don't have one at this time."

Laurino: "Well, that's true, and...but if they are serving time in the Cook County Jail..."

Davis: "So, when they go to trial..."

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Laurino: "Excuse me. If they are serving time in the Cook County Jail, they have to serve their time there in the Cook County Jail. This allows to be able to serve that time in a boot camp if so desired."

Davis: "And then this will also allow them to reduce their sentence, is that correct?"

Laurino: "Correct."

Davis: "Does this also apply to people over 21?"

Laurino: "Yeah. Of course."

Davis: "What is the maximum age here? But he don't know."

Laurino: "It's been brought to my attention that it's 29 years of age now. But if...when the Governor signs another piece of legislation, it will be raised to 35."

Davis: "So, when the Governor...signs the legislation... Will this reduce the crowding in Cook County Jail?"

Laurino: "That's... That's the purpose of the program."

Davis: "Do you know how many inmates are in Cook County today?"

Laurino: "I haven't got a clue. Too many."

Davis: "How many? Oh, well, we know it's too many. I just wonder, like today, if we have say 900, I don't know. You don't have any idea?"

Laurino: "Pardon me."

Davis: "You don't have any idea?"

Laurino: "The Department of Corrections..."

Davis: "They don't know."

Laurino: "I don't think anybody has a specific number...right now, every jail is overcrowded."

Davis: "Let me ask you, Representative, what is going to be the cost of this boot camp, today? I mean, what will be the cost of it. We're going to build it. And then we're fund it for staff. Is that right?"

Laurino: "I would assume. It would... It's been advised that it

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would probably be a cost savings because they're going to be knocking their time down if they serve this program, and then they'll be eligible to be set free earlier."

Davis: "Will there be an education program?"

Laurino: "Yes."

Davis: "Will the Sheriff partake of that education program?"

Laurino: "Probably so."

Davis: "Well, I would hope so, Representative, because we have recently received documentation of the way inmates are being treated under the Sheriff. And I would hope that this would not give him an opportunity to expand... Are you listening? To expand on this mistreatment of prisoners. It is now in the courts, and I'm really very concerned about expanding his authority over people. And Representative, the next time you have a Bill, try to know how many people that are already being served and the cost of it."

Speaker McPike: "...Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This...this Bill is very simply a mechanism to alleviate the crowding at Cook County Jail. I could...I could tell you. I worked for the Sheriff's Department. I worked at the Jail. This boot camp, which traditionally runs for 120 days, is an intensive program, which everybody is treated equally and in a professional manner. I've spoken to the Sheriff. I think the people of Cook County should be excited about this because it will be a substantial cost saving; and it's a good program for all the people of Cook County. We need the program. I would urge ... 'aye' vote to this. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Homer."

Homer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To Representative Johnson, asked a question earlier. I don't think there's any specific limitations on where the boot camp can be located, and I

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understand they may be looking at West Chicago as a...possible site. Well, it doesn't say it has to be in Cook County. It just says they'll operate a boot camp, so I think that might be... I know I've attended some Al Ronan golf tournaments out there. All seriousness, Mr. Speaker, as the Sponsor of the Bill a couple of years ago that established boot camps for state offenders, I can report that...that they've worked very well. The reports are that those inmates who participated have come out better citizens. The rate of recidivism has been reduced. The cost to the taxpayers alleviated. They have been well received by the public. And all this Bill does is extend that authority for county jail inmates in Cook County. And I think it's a good idea. It has a lot of benefits. It ought to be supported."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Laurino to close."

Laurino: "Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. Everybody knows philosophy surrounding the conception of the boot camp, and it's really there to relieve the overcrowding of our prison systems. It's going to be a cost savings factor because it's going to allow people to be eligible for early release. And I just move for the adoption of the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 706."

Speaker McPike: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 706?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? Representative Charles Morrow, to explain his vote."

Morrow: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The only reason why I rise on this Senate Bill 706. You know, a lot of times we're asked...we're asked to help out a lot of...I won't say friends, we're just asked to

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help out a lot of people. And it's amazing that we usually help people. And then when we...in turn ask for help from that...from those people, we can never get our calls returned, our letters answered, and I hope that the person who we're helping on this Senate Bill remembers who his friends are and respond to them when they're in need."

Speaker McPike: "Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion, there are 116 'ayes' and 0 'nays'. The House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 706, and this Bill, having received a three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Committee Reports."

Clerk Rossi: "The Committee on Rules has meet, and pursuant to Rule 14(a)4, Conference Committee...House Members appointed, recommends consideration, and the Bill be placed on the Order of Conference: House Bill 991. Signed, Frank Giglio, Chairman."

Speaker McPike: "Supplemental Calendar announcement."

Clerk Rossi: "Supplemental Calendar 5 is being distributed."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Black: "Was that Bill on Long Debate status? That Conference Committee Report 706? It got a 116 votes. Didn't we debate that for about 30 minutes?"

Speaker McPike: "I believe it got about three votes per minute."

Black: "Oh, it must have been on Long Debate."

Speaker McPike: "I think it got about three, three-and-a-half votes per minute."

Black: "Okay, well..."

Speaker McPike: "It was 22.8 minutes, was the time of the

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debate."

Black: "And... And that's a reasonable ratio. I think..."

Speaker McPike: "I think someone voted 'present'..."

Black: "Oh, okay."

Speaker McPike: "So there was opposition to the Bill."

Black: "I could sense that."

Speaker McPike: "Well, we'll be out of here tomorrow. Supplemental Calendar has been passed out. House Bill 991, Mr. Balanoff. Mr. Balanoff here?"

Balanoff: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 991 includes provisions from a number of Bills that passed this House...this chamber overwhelmingly. ...I believe they're all noncontroversial, and includes...public...requires public utilities serving more than 50,000 customers to print bills in braille, for those needing that. It would require TTDs at no cost for...to be provided by telephone companies that are mutual concerns. Those are companies that provide local exchange services, and there are a number of provisions regarding 911 service...that passed out of this House and the Senate by over a 100...a hundred votes. It contains no language regarding cellular phones and 911s; and I know of no opposition."

Speaker McPike: "Any discussion on the question? Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Most of the underlying Bills in this passed this House unanimously. It puts us in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. I know of no opposition to this Bill. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker McPike: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 991?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted?"

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion, there are 117 'ayes' and 0 'nays'. House Bill 991, having received... On this Motion, there are 117 'ayes' and 0 'nays'; and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 991, and this Bill, having received a three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 345, Representative Steczo. Senate Bill 345, Representative Steczo."

Steczko: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I move that the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report on House (sic-Senate) Bill 345. I would caution the Members who are looking at the analysis of this Conference Report that was put on your desks, that erroneously a wrong report was...was...a wrong analysis was provided. The Bill, in its current form, only does three minor things. It provides that the Lieutenant Governor and State Treasurer may designate a representative to attend meetings of the Rural Bond Bank. It provides that a commissioner may participate in meetings by telephone, if the commissioner is unable, due to illness, weather, or circumstances beyond their control to attend meetings, and if the commissioner's participation is not necessary to establish a quorum. And also, provides that in counties of under 40,000, that a county board member may also serve as a member of a board of education, regional board of trustees, board of school directors, or board of school inspectors. This language is added because there are many people, many times in counties, smaller counties in the State of Illinois where its individuals simply can't be found to hold these offices; and this takes care of a particular problem in that small county. That is all that this Conference Report



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does. Mr. Speaker, and I would move for its adoption."

Speaker McPike: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 345?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion, there are 106 'ayes' and 7 'noes'; and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 345, and this Bill, having received a three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Clayton had intended to vote 'aye' on the previous Bill. And the record will so reflect. Is there anything else? Mr. Black. Mr. Black, your light's on."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I have an announcement for the Republican Members of the chamber. We are making arrangements to bring in dinner for them. If they'll...if they'll be patient, it would be...it'll be here in a few minutes, and they can go back and have something to eat."

Speaker McPike: "House Bill 1040, Representative Giorgi."

Giorgi: "Mr. Speaker, House Bill 1040 is a Conference Committee Report which is agreed-to by business and labor organizations, and supported by the Industrial Commission, and it establishes a workman's compensation advisory task force. Creates an 18 member force...21 member force, appointed by the Governor from selected groups in Illinois. It also allows a transfer of a million-and-half to one-million-nine to the Compensation Rate Adjustment Fund for...This is the fund that is popular known as the Widows and Orphans Fund, and monies in this funds are used to provide cost-of-living adjustments. Other than that, there's not much else to the Bill."

Speaker McPike: "There being no discussion, the question is,

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'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 1040?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? Have all vote who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion, there are 112 'ayes' and 1 'no'; and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 1040, and this Bill, having received a three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen...Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. If I could have your attention, please. Some of you know there are a couple of us that share a house down here in Springfield. And one of my roommates is Representative Charles Morrow. And I know here recently over the last couple of days, people have asked me to explain of some of his tirades on the Floor. And because his mother is not here to better explain those tirades, my roommate and I, the other roommate, we assessed that part of the problem is, and some of you probably already know; this Saturday, Representative Morrow will be taking on a bride. He will be getting married this Saturday. And I'd like for everyone here to congratulate him on his memorable day on Saturday. He will be marrying for the first time, I might add, this coming Saturday, and I think that some of that may explain...explain his nervousness and his...And I hear that...in fact, I know that his wife-to-be, she's a great disciplinarian and she did not win him in a raffle. So let's give Chuck a round of applause and wish him well as he takes on a bride this Saturday."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Lou Jones."

Jones, Lou: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I

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would like to know what happened to Representative Morrow last year when he wasn't getting married."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Morrow."

Morrow: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'm going to ignore...I'm going to ignore my two colleagues... Yes, time is near. But, what I would like to do is that if anyone is in the City of Chicago on Saturday, the 17th, that they are invited to my fiancée' and mine's wedding. We are getting married at 10:00 a.m. at Pilgrim Baptist Church, which is a landmark church. Used to be a Jewish synagogue, to show you just how far our Jewish brother and our African American brothers go back, since we had a little heated debate earlier today on that issue. At noon, we will have our reception at the lux...urious South Shore Country Club, which is located at 71st and South Shore Drive from noon to 4:00 p.m. So, if any of you are in the fantastic City of Chicago, it would be a honor that if you were to come by our wedding and reception. As Art Turner said, this is my first wedding. I guess I am a little nervous about it. And I guess when we adjourn from here, my nerves will get even more nervous. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Giorgi...are you getting married this week too?"

Giorgi: "Mr. Speaker, Representative Morrow, could you tell us the saint's name? Could you tell us the saint's name?"

Morrow: "Right now..."

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Morrow."

Morrow: "Until Saturday, she's just known as fiancée... to be honest, her name is Sherry Renee Harris. She's a lovely young lady that I happened to meet here. She was an intern, and I happened to meet her here."

Speaker McPike - et al: "Ohhh."

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Morrow: "Now you guys are saying 'Ohhh.' I was single when I meet her. And..."

Speaker McPike: "Senate Bill 617, Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This Conference Committee #2, again, is a number of proposals that have come together as we finish the legislative session. It's cleanup language that we need to get out of here tonight. I think it's been...run by all the respective caucus staffs and has been agreed-to, and I would just move that we adopt and accept Conference Committee #2 to Senate Bill 617. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the purposes of legislative intent on Senate Bill 617, I wish to read to the record the following: I'd like to bring to your attention several provisions of Senate Bill 617 because they amend provisions which have already passed this General Assembly in Senate Bill 937 and Senate Bill 677. It's the intention of this Body that the provisions in this Bill will govern and become the law. Specifically, section 65 of this Bill amends the assessment program passed in Senate Bill 677 with regard to the intergovernmental transfer of Cook County hospital. In addition, it makes a technical change to incorporate and adopt by reference, the administrative and enforcement provisions of the existing long-term care provider fund. Sections 40 and 50 of this Bill amend the provisions in Senate Bill 937, with regard to the early retirement of teachers in the Chicago Public Schools. The provisions in Senate Bill 617 represent this General Assembly's latest view regarding the law, and it is our intent that the provisions in Senate Bill 617 shall

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control."

Speaker McPike: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the Second Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 617?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? 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 101 'ayes' and 12 'noes'; and the House does adopt the Second Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 617, and this Bill, having received a three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Young. Representative Pugh. Agreed Resolutions."

Pugh: "Mr. Speaker, I was indisposed and I wanted to be recorded as voting 'aye' on that House Bill...Senate Bill 617."

Speaker McPike: "And the record will so reflect, Mr. Pugh".

Clerk Rossi: "House Resolution 1246, offered by Representative Dart; House Resolution 1248, offered by Representative Balanoff; House Resolution 1249, offered by Representative Curran; House Resolution 1250, offered by Representative Zickus; House Resolution 1251, offered by Representative McAfee; House Resolution 1252, offered by Representative Mautino; House Resolution 1255, offered by Representative Hicks; House Resolution 1256, offered by Representative Sheehy; House Resolution 1258, offered by Representative Cross; House Resolution 1259, offered by Representative Granberg; House Resolution 1261, offered by Representative Pedersen; House Resolution 1262, offered by Representative Davis; House Resolution 1270, offered by Representative Leitch; House Resolution 1264, offered by Representative Cross; House Resolution 1265, offered by Representative McPike; House Resolution 1266, offered by Representative Schoenberg; House Resolution 1267, offered by

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Representative Currie; House Resolution 1268, offered by Representative Hicks; House Resolution 1269, 1270, 1271, 1272, and 1273, offered by Representative DeJaegher."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Granberg moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Death Resolutions."

Clerk Rossi: "House Resolution 1247, offered by Representative Wirsing, with respect to the memory of Alan Dionisopoulos. House Resolution 1253, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, with respect to the memory of Clifford R. Woolley. House Resolution 1254, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, with respect to the memory of Alice C. Modaff. House Resolution 1257, offered by Representative McGuire, with respect to the memory of Francis J. Loughran."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Death Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Death Resolutions are adopted. Introduction and First Readings."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2471, offered by Representative Weller, a Bill for an Act concerning certain senior citizens' fees. First Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker McPike: "Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Rossi: "House Joint Resolution 69, offered by Representative Granberg. RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when both Houses adjourn on Tuesday, July 13, 1993, they stand adjourned until Wednesday, September 29, 1993, at 12:00 o'clock noon; and when they adjourn on that day they stand adjourned until Tuesday, October 12, 1993, at 12:00 o'clock noon."

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Speaker McPike: "Representative Cowlshaw, for what reason do you rise?"

Cowlshaw: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought I would rise, if I may please, on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker McPike: "Certainly."

Cowlshaw: "To share with my colleagues a couple of brief things from a wonderful book called the 'The Wit and the Wisdom'."

Speaker McPike: "What are you doing... What are you doing with the book?"

Cowlshaw: "Well, Mr. Speaker, I purchased this book with the full knowledge that I lack wisdom, but I do not lack wit, and so I purchased the book. I'd like briefly to mention just a couple of one sentence statements that I think are meaningful. One by a Frenchman, and one by...by an Englishman. The Frenchman is Charles de Gaulle, who said, 'How can you govern a country with 246 varieties of cheese.' And the other, Mr. Speaker...a quote from Anthony Trollope..."

Speaker McPike: "Yeah... Yeah. Are they going to get better?"

Cowlshaw: "Yeah, I think it does. Yes."

Speaker McPike: "All right."

Cowlshaw: "I never did think there was a whole lot of wisdom in the French, but it gets better when you move over to England. It said... According to Anthony Trollope, 'A lazy government is not the worse government that England can have. It has been the great fault of our politicians that they have all wanted to do something.' Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "Well, my favorite quote is from Thomas Jefferson, who said that, 'A man who reads nothing at all is better educated than a man who reads nothing but newspapers.' Representative Wennlund."

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Wennlund: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Inquiry of the Chair. Was it Charles de Gaulle who said that, 'God so loved the world, he didn't assign a committee to create it'? It might have been. I'm not... My memory's a little unclear about that, but... I do want to take the opportunity here in closing and waning hours of the Session to...to thank all my colleagues on the House Floor who...who emitted such great sympathy...for certain handicapped individuals of the House Floor. I really do appreciate that, and...it was one tough week last week. But I appreciate all the sympathy I received from Members and...and I wish them all a good summer."

Speaker McPike: "Well, you know, most of them really didn't care. Yeah. Could I adopt the Adjournment Resolution? Yes. Representative Granberg moves for the adoption of the Joint Resolution. All in... All right. No, we're not going to...We're not taking a roll call. We're not taking a roll call. There's too much pressure over...on this. Too much pressure. All in favor of the Adjournment Resolution, say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Adjournment is adopted. Representative Novak."

Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Since we've had a few of our colleagues philosophizing on the House Floor, I would like, for the benefit of all the Members. We all remember Representative Farley, who is now an esteemed Senator on the northwest side of Chicago. On a recent fact-finding tour that I was and Representative Brunsvold and Representative Wennlund. He came out with this great saying about how government was created on this Earth. His major tenant on how government was created was 'Socrates' brother-in-law needed a job.'"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. If I might move to a



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more serious vein and quote an esteemed observer of the political process. Let me quote, 'Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies. Groucho Marx.'

Speaker McPike: "Representative Leitch."

Leitch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm afraid Harpo outdid Groucho with a comment that totally fits this place, when he said, 'Who are you going to believe, me or your own eyes?'"

Speaker McPike: "Representative John Dunn."

Dunn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise on a serious note to report to our colleagues about the recent status of our friend and colleague, Monroe Flinn. Monroe is, I'm sure all of you know, has not been back here since the 28th of May. He...he didn't feel well, but he saw his way through that deadline and went to his doctor and...was diagnosed that he needed heart bypass surgery, and he had heart bypass surgery, quadruple bypass, and had a valve inserted. He survived that surgery, and did quite well, left the hospital and came home. Unfortunately, after he was home a few days, he suffered...a setback, which is really difficult even to describe, because in coughing, he popped some of his stitches in his surgery, and had to be taken back to the hospital for additional surgery to repair that damage. And he survived that surgery reasonably well. Had some fluid on his lungs, was in intensive care, and came out of that, and was remaining in the hospital as of last week to recuperate until he felt he was really sure he could come home. And unfortunately for him, some of the materials that were used to close the incision in the second surgery affected the condition of his breastbone, and he had to have a third surgery earlier

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this week...to re...remove the constriction on his breastbone, and I was told that...piece of stomach muscle was removed and put there to take care of that problem, and he has survived yet this third surgery, and of last evening, his family reported that he was conscious, talking, and doing as well as you can expect for someone who has has three very serious surgeries in a short period of time. So, as you go home from the end of session, - remember our colleague and friend who is still in that serious condition of recuperation. And I know he wishes he could be here with us, and he would like to have your best wishes and prayers for his recovery over the summer, and we hope to see him back here during the Fall Veto Session. I thought you all would like to know that. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Monique Davis."

Davis: "Some of us would like to know what hospital Monroe Flinn is in."

Speaker McPike: "John Dunn."

Dunn: "I'm not sure at this time. He was in...I'm not sure of the exact name of the hospital, but I think it's Jewish Hospital in St. Louis."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Dunn, could you double-check for us and find out, please?"

Dunn: "Yes, I will find out and I'll see if I can report back before the evening is over."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Biggins."

Biggins: "...Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have some last report to give to you, a more up lifting report on the condition of our friend, Nick Sabatino of Northlake. And today, when I spoke to the father, they were trying to stand Nick up so he could take a shower and not have to be administered handwashings,

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which takes considerable time. That was very positive news. The Public Department... The Department of Public Aid has sent a positive letter to the family. The Governor's Office is helping us pursue other avenues of relief. They're supposed to meet with Social Security on Monday, and that looks positive for some assistance in their troubled times that the entire family is going through. One of the best pieces of news, though, is that Representative Al Salvi has involved the Trial Lawyers, so they might be of great assistance to Nick. And one of the last things that Nick is going to face soon, is reconstructed facial surgery. This is to be scheduled for August or September, and former Representative Linda Williamson has been helping him choose a new face by regularly sending him a picture of her, to suggest that she put...he put her face on his body, and then she had the great idea last week that, perhaps, one of his good friends in the House, our colleague, Mary Flowers, might have her face with Nick. So, Mary, I don't know if you know this, but Nick's getting a picture of you to maybe look over and possibly have your face be on his body. Your's or Linda's. Could be a toss up. Who knows? But thank you all again for your interest and support. The family always appreciates it."

Speaker McPike: "Representative John Dunn for an update on Monroe Flinn."

Dunn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. There...or there was an inquiry about where Monroe Flinn is, in the event any of our colleagues would wish to send him a card or otherwise communicate with him. And I will...repeat this address, and then leave a copy of the...address and phone number and so on with the receptionist in Speaker Madigan's Office, and provide a

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copy for Republican leadership. Monroe Flinn is currently in Jewish Hospital...and Jewish Hospital is at 216...216 South Kings Highway...216 South Kings Highway, St. Louis, 63110...63110. He is in Room 3208...3208, and the phone number of the Hospital is 314, the area code for St. Louis, 314-454...454-7000. 454-7000. And...when we called the Hospital to double check that that's exactly where he was, I asked 'em to connect me with his room to see if he was able to communicate and talk, and just about five minutes ago, I talked briefly with Monroe. He...survived the third surgery quite well yesterday. He is recovering comfortably in his room. He was weak, but cheerful, and sends his best to all of you, and I told him we'd probably shouldn't talk long, but I said to him, 'Do you have the All-Star ball game on?' And he does. So, Monroe Flinn is resting comfortably watching the All-Star ball game. He misses us, and it would be nice if you would communicate with him. And once again, I will leave the pertinent information with Speaker Madigan's secretary and provide a copy for Republican leadership. And it would be nice if you would communicate with him. He said he will be in the hospital until sometime next week, to the best of his knowledge. But he hopes he's now finally well along the way to permanent recovery, and I know we all feel the same way. Thank you very much."

Speaker McPike: "...come to order. The House will come to order. This is our last Bill, Senate Bill 946. Mr. Ryder, you will open. Mr. Hannig will close."

Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the budget for Fiscal Year 1994 for the State of Illinois. The appropriations will total just under \$30 billion, after the Comptroller adjusts for reapportionments...reapportions as provided in

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law. State General Fund appropriations total \$14 billion, 271 million. These are affordable with General Revenue Funds of \$15 billion, 410 million. Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1994 do not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during Fiscal Year 1994, and the state budget is balanced under Article VIII, Section 2 of the Illinois Constitution. The Fiscal Year 1994 budget improves the State's fiscal position by reducing the amount of lapse-period spending by \$71 million, and by increasing the end-of-year General Fund balance by \$28 million, to \$200 million. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we present to you a budget that has been the result of long hours of work. I would be remiss if I did not thank the staff who have worked long hours, many times straight through the night in order to present to us the budget that we now see. To that staff, I offer my thanks. To those negotiators, and I'm happy to say, that in the House, during the negotiations for a large part of those negotiations, the spokesman and the chair people of the committees participated. Their ideas, their thoughts, their reductions, in some cases, the reallocations are reflected in the contents of the budget that you now see. Several things happened in this budget that I think deserve the compliments of the hard work of this General Assembly. We discovered, because of our hard work last year, that the amount of income that we anticipated was actually less than the amount of income that we received. We discovered that the amount of expenses anticipated was actually more than the amount of expenses that we achieved. Those two lines reflect the tough decisions that have been made in the past two years, decisions that are reinforced in the budget that we now have. In addition to which...lapse period spending

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over the past two years with the projection of the end of this Fiscal Year, will be reduced by \$250 million. That's a quarter of a billion dollars that we have reduced lapse-period spending. There are many miles yet to go with this budget. Much work yet to do. But this budget addresses the needs of the State of Illinois. There is additional money in this budget for elementary, secondary education, and both school-aid formula and the categoricals. There is additional money in this budget for higher education. We have met and in some cases, exceeded the expectations for Mental Health, Department of Children and Family Services, and Department of Rehabilitation Services. I will not suggest to you that there are parts of this budget with which everyone can agree. But I do believe that given the hard work of the four legislative leaders, the hard work of the four negotiators, spokesmen, chairmen, and other Members of the committee, and again, the staff, that you have before you a budget that is balanced, and a budget that does a great job of addressing the needs of the people of the State of Illinois. Be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Dunn, briefly."

Dunn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Doing what my seatmate, Monroe Flinn would do if he was here, I move the previous question."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Schakowsky, for a question on legislative intent."

Schakowsky: "Thank you, Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes, he will."

Schakowsky: "Is it our... Is it your understanding that the \$330,000 increase...for...the domestic violence program is to be used as a cost-of-living adjustment for existing

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programs?"

Ryder: "Is that the right answer? The answer is yes."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hannig to close."

Hannig: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I had the opportunity to visit in the Senate today. I think their calendar says today is May 74th. I really think that it's time that we end this Legislative Session. We have the budget here before us, all 827 pages. It started an awful long time ago when the Governor gave his Budget Address. We had committee hearings all through the Spring and early Summer. Many times, we met late into the night, ten-eleven o'clock listening to the various Directors come forward and having the Members ask questions. We had the debate here on the Floor. We had the Conference Committees, where all four caucuses were ably represented and the Bureau of the Budget and the Governor, were we talked about all the alternatives and tried to put every...every possible scenario on the table and consider every possible option. And this is the product of what I think is the best that we could do, considering what we have, and it's never a perfect product. But it certainly is a step in the right direction. It provides additional funding for elementary and secondary education. It provides moneys for the nursing home. It provides moneys for mental health. It provides for moneys for public aid. It does the basic things that the state has to do and it provides those in the best way that we can. I really think it's time that we get on with the rest of the things in our lives, that we pass this budget and we go home. I'd ask for your 'yes' vote."

Speaker McPike: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 946?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Representative

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Schoenberg, one minute to explain your vote."

Schoenberg: "I...I just want to say when you cut through all the self-congratulations, the reality of this is that we have an accumulated debt that exceeds 1.7 billion dollars. That hardly inspires anyone to invest in Illinois jobs or its economy; and it's for that reason that I am voting 'no'."

Speaker McPike: "Have all voted? Representative Monique Davis, one minute to explain your vote."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my understanding that Chicago Public Schools will be given \$70 million less...or \$75 million less this fiscal year than they were given last year. Seventy million less, and we have \$60 million to build a new prison. I...I know that the budgeteers did their very best with what they had to work with, and it is obvious to me that if this state is going to educate people, if this state is going to bring people here to work, if this state is going to have economic development; then we should be seeking additional revenue on a fair basis."

Speaker McPike: "Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion, there are 97 'ayes', 17 'noes'; and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 946, and this Bill, having received a three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Speaker Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, we're now prepared to end the Session. Have we adopted the Adjournment Resolution?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes, we have."

Madigan: "Fine. So, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to thank and compliment all of the Members for the outstanding work that they did during this Session of the General Assembly. I regret that the Session consisted



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somewhat of some starts and stops, because of the initial scheduling that was adopted by Senator Philip and myself. But having worked though that, why, I think that we did well in negotiating the budget and negotiating the major issues which were considered by this particular Session of the General Assembly. The work that we have performed in the last few years has not been easy. It has not been easy because state receipts under the Illinois income and sales tax are down. That means that we are not as able to respond to the problems of the state as we would like to do. Consequently, we've been required over the last three years to deal with less available revenue than we would have liked. What that means is that it is just difficult because we have to pick and choose. We have to make decisions where some win, some lose; and that brings on a great deal of difficulty for all of us, and of course, for those of us involved in the negotiations. I want to compliment Representative Daniels. He did an outstanding job of representing his Members, articulating and arguing their positions both publicly and in the meetings that were convened by Governor Edgar. And to...Lee, I wish to offer a very, very, sincere congratulations on a very, very good Session. So, Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, I would move that the House do stand adjourned."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to offer my congratulations to all the Members here, and particularly to the new Members of the House. A difficult time to come into any level of government, but in particularly to the, you know, major responsibilities that you're being called upon to perform. And, I always have turned with great respect and admiration for the Speaker of the House, Mike

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Madigan, who I consider at times, one of my fiercest and most ferocious arch rival at times; but at other times, and always with the highest of respect and admiration for his dedication and level of work. I have a high respect for every Member of this General Assembly, and you all have shown that during this last year. I, too, would like to offer by apologies for some of the scheduling problems that have come up. You can never predict the problems that are presented in the General Assembly, whether it be an emergency nature like we're facing right now in the state and the devastation that we will face in the fall for the clean up problems that we're undergoing right now in our flooded areas of the state. Or whether it be an education crisis that we know we still have to resolve. The work of the General Assembly never ends. It seems to be continuous and flowing in nature. But I have always had the privilege to work with the finest group of men and women anywhere in this country, that make up the Illinois General Assembly. To you, Mr. Speaker, I offer you my congratulations once again for an excellent Session, and the method and mechanism which you lead a very interesting and very difficult General Assembly at times; but one that's dedicated to excellence. I like to think that, together we all perform what's good and best in government. I want to thank our respective staffs, to my chief of staff, Mike Tristano, who leads a terrific staff, a group of young men and women that help us on the Republican side; and to your chief of staff in his last session, Tim Mapes, for the job that he has done for the Democrats and the staff members on your side. And of course, as a Republican, I must say and I believe firmly, that working with Governor Edgar is truly a privilege and a responsibility that I've been able to

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fulfill on the Republican side, and as a leader in the House. I have the highest respect and admiration for his leadership ability and the way that he conducts the matter of the state. I know that as he conducted many of the meetings that we had in the Executive Office dealing with the budget, every day he would be going down to the parts of State of Illinois that were flooding during the times that we were negotiating our budget discussions conducting, in a sense, two very difficult roles as chief executive of this state, dealing with our budget matters and the wrap up of the Assembly, and also, dealing with an emergency nature of this state. So, to all of you, I wish the best, a very wonderful summer, well deserved time off, and consideration, of course, of what we face in the future. And I would like to also before I just close, give my best to my friend and my good...good buddy, Shirley Madigan, who's here with us here tonight. Shirley, it's nice to see you again, who does...who does a tremendous job for us as the head of the Arts Council, and so, we're grateful for that. And to all you, please remember that the Governor...has a picnic scheduled...inside the Mansion, were he has got preparations for all kinds of wondrous foods from throughout the world...the Springfield world, that is. And great refreshments, starting with the most diverse water forms you've ever seen in your life. So, to all of you, congratulations, and a job well done, and thank you for all of your help and support and cooperation."

Speaker McPike: "Speaker Madigan now moves... Speaker Madigan now moves that the House stand adjourned until a Perfunctory Session on September 29, and we will return to Regular Session, Tuesday at 12:00 noon on October 12th. All in favor of the Motion, say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes'

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have it, and the House stands adjourned."

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