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Speaker Daniels: "The House will come to Order. The Members will be in their chairs. Mr. Doorkeeper, will you please clear the chambers. Those not entitled to the floor please retire to the gallery. The Chaplain for the day is Dr. Charles Dougherty of the First Presbyterian Church in Libertyville Illinois. Dr. Dougherty is the guest of Representative Andrea Moore. Guests in the gallery may wish to rise for the invocation. Dr. Dougherty."

Chaplain Dougherty: "Lord, we come to You in prayer this day in full knowledge that we are not all skilled in the art of That these days of turmoil and strife within our nation, we are not always sure what to pray for. polished phrases with which to impress one another, but are not always sure how we should address You. Too often we are praying most, when we are saying least. You have commanded us to seek first Your kingdom and righteousness and follow that with the promise that if in our heart mind and soul we have put You first, that we will receive the dividends of the very things we seek. Help us Father believe this, to practice it, that we may find Your promise to be true. And then help each of us to see, just in this Legislative Body, but throughout our great state and nation that it is not more laws that we need, but a change of moral standards and obedience to the basic laws of nature. Forgive us for the many laws we have written, while ignoring and often breaking the ten You gave us to start with. Remind us that You gave them as commandments not suggestions. Now, Lord, bring joy and love to this Body even as they debate and deliberate, that the healing power of humor might prevail through the abundant life You promise. Give each of us the gift of being able to laugh at ourselves before laughing at others, that in spite of

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ourselves, at times take charge of our lives, our governments and our land, for we praise You for all good gifts including the gift of this very day. Now, be present and bless this Body of Your servants in Your holy name and in response to Your great love may we all say, Amen."

- Speaker Daniels: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by his honor Mayor, Representative Ed Zabrocki."
- Zabrocki: "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 Daniels: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative

 Currie is recognized to report any excused absences on the

 Democratic side of the aisle. Representative Currie."
- Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that both Representatives Monique Davis and Ben Martinez are excused today."
- Speaker Daniels: "The Journal will so indicate. Representative

 Cross is recognized. Any excused absences on the

 Republican side of the aisle?"
- Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy to report that we're all here on the Republican side of the aisle."
- Speaker Daniels: "The Clerk will take the record. Record reflects there are 116 Members present. There is a quorum present to conduct business. Committee Reports."
- Clerk McLennand: "Committee Reports. Committee Report from Representative Rutherford, Chairman from the Committee on Constitutional Officers, to which the following Bill was referred, action taken on May 4th, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 42. Committee Report from Representative Lawfer, Chairman from the Committee on Aging

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to which the following Bill was referred, action taken on May 4th, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 238. Committee Report from Representative Tom Johnson, Chairman from the Committee on Judiciary for Criminal Law to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on May 4th. reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass' Senate Bills 111, 303 and 229. Committee Report from Representative Maureen Chairman from the Committee on Revenue to which following Bills and Resolutions were referred, action taken on May 4th, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 105. Committee Report from Representative Skinner, from Committee Chairman the on Privatization and Deregulation, Economic and Urban Development to which following Bills and Resolutions were referred, action taken on May 3rd, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 362: 'do adopt' House Joint Resolution 21 and House Joint Resolution 22. Committee Report from Representative Andrea Moore, Chairman from the Committee on Elections and State Government to which the following Bills and Resolutions were referred, action taken on May 3rd, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended' Senate Bills 992 and 458; 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 389; 'do adopt' House Joint Resolution 20 and House Joint Resolution #14. Committee Report Representative Hughes, Chairman from the Committee Counties and Townships to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on May 3rd, 1995, reported the back with the following recommendations: 'do pass' Senate

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Bill 239; 'do pass as amended' Senate Bill 158. Committee Report from Representative Zickus, Chairman from the Committee on Consumer Protection to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on May 3rd, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bills 116 and 159. Committee Report from Representative Persico, Chairman from the Committee on Environment and Energy to which the following Bills and Resolutions were referred, action taken on 3rd, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass' Senate Bill 48; 'do pass amended' Senate Bill 162. Committee Report from Representative Biggins, Chairman from the Committee on Appropriations for General Services to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on May 3rd, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass' Senate Bill 885."

Speaker Daniels: "In the area of announcements we would like to recognize the 8th grade class from St. Patrick's Catholic School in Decatur, Illinois. They are the guests of Representative Julie Curry. Welcome to the General Assembly. In the gallery is also the senior group from Libertyville, Illinois. They're the quests Representative Andrea Moore. Welcome to the General Assembly. Supplemental Calendar?"

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

Speaker Daniels: "Ladies and Gentleman of the House, I wonder if

I could have your attention. We have a distinguished guest
joining us today. Robert Chase is the British Consul

General stationed in Chicago. Mr. Chase took up his
appointment as British Consul General at Chicago on March
15, 1993. The British Consul General at Chicago is

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responsible for a district encompassing 12 states or more than a fifth of the continental USA, in an area almost as large as the European Union. The task of the post is primarily export promotion and the encouragement of inward investment. The Consul General supervises the work of the Chicago-based investment development team whose territory encompasses the whole of the central US from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico. Please welcome Robert Chase, British Consul General."

Chase, Robert: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much, Members of the House. As I believe there is distinguished gentleman to my right by the Churchill, I thought I just better give a...start off with a Churchill quote. And it might be appropriate because I suspect you have all had lunch. Churchill said, 'There are two things more difficult than making an after lunch One is climbing a wall which is leaning towards speech. you and the other is kissing a girl who is leaning from you.' Anyway, on that, I would just like to say just a few words about the current relationship between the US and the UK and the relationship with Europe. Tomorrow, of course, I shall be back down again here on Saturday as part of the celebrations of Victoria, victory of Europe. Now. we are very much linked together in terms of common history, but I would like to make the point that we are all so very much linked together in terms of current interests. As you are probably aware, the US is by far the largest investor in the UK and we are also the number one investor in the US. The UK's total investments in the US something around 106 billion. And this is not historic investment in the sense that even last year we invested a further 14 billion and that compares with 9 billion in

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Europe. So, already you can see there is a very common, strong bond. And this also, of course, affects Illinois because Europe provides 54% of the overseas investment into Illinois. The relationship is also strong of course in the area of military cooperation. We've fought together of course in a whole series of wars, the last one being Iraq. But even when it was a question of sending UN forces and the US forces to Haiti, there again there was a British frigate offshore. We also collaborate, as you know, in the field of intelligence and when it is fighting the drug war or when it is fighting terrorism, we are always along side There has been talk of course that you. relationship with Europe and the UK's relationship with the US, it's rather odd for people to try and decide which has priority. From our point of view we don't believe it's an either/or scenario. The Europe relationship is very important to us because over 50% of our trade is But as I mentioned, we have enormous investments Europe. in the US and the US is our biggest single trading partner and that's unlikely to change. And even last week we had a further example of just how close the ties are. Chicago is one of major financial centers of the world, and last week we had a visit by the Governor of the Bank of England who had come across to see for himself the workings of the futures markets, and the reactions of the people in Chicago was tremendous. We had an enormous turnout because he seen almost as much a regulator for American financial services as he is for the UK because so many American companies and institutions have interests in London which, as you probably know, employs more people in the City London than there are of population in Frankfort. there again there is a very strong bond. And although we

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have seen I think over the past two years a slight tendency to say that Europe doesn't count anymore, that it's old hat, and the place that really matters, Asia or Latin America. I think the key question is again investment. The US has three times the investment in Europe as it The Europeans provide something like 60% of the overseas investment in the US. So, you can see it's a relationship which is very, very strong. We also, on as it were the local...the local level, looking to see where we can collaborate in certain areas which are very much of common interest. Britain is not as guite as folk bound and old-fashioned as you see in the Dickensian series or when you are looking at Sherlock Holmes movies. In fact, we are now extremely modern in terms of administration and we have done a lot to privatize. We hardly have a public sector left and everything that moves is contracted out privatized. Forty-six thousand civil servants are longer at their desks. Seven hundred million dollars a year are being saved in administrative costsmandpunder: the Prime Minister's Citizens Charter, every public department has to provide services according to publicized standards in accordance with a given timetable and with a good given quality standard. So, this has brought about a revolution and we are very interested in sharing our experience with the city and state administrations of the midwest. We also are looking to see whether there is a scope for experience in the educational field where we have done a lot to get administrative responsibility decentralized down to head of schools and to reduce down the size of educational bureaucracies and on vocational training, which is an area which is somewhat weak on both sides of the Atlantic as compared with some of our commercial

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competitors. There we have put the decisions on funding now in the hands of businessmen so that they can decide what it is their industries need in terms of vocational training rather than leaving it to the academics. So. these are the areas where we are looking to collaborate locally. We are also looking to collaborate in English language because this is a great treasure that we share in common. The importance and success of English as a means of doing business and communicating ideas, owes itself to the fact that it is America that speaks English. We don't kid ourselves that it's us. But, we both face problems in our big cities where a growing proportion of our populations do not have an adequate command of the language and we want to see where we can collaborate terms of teacher training and in terms of new course material to make it easier for people to communicate. those are the areas of collaboration. I am grateful for you having given me the time to speak. As vou can see. given the size of my district and the fact that it represents a third of the GNP of the US and that there are no less than fifteen hundred local companies investing in the UK and something like 500 British companies here in the midwest, it's an area of responsibility which compares well with literally any of our other 210 posts. So, I am very grateful to be here and very grateful for your attention. Thank you very much."

- Speaker Daniels: "Mr. Clerk, House Bills Third Reading. Read House Bill 807."
- Clerk McLennand: "House Bill 807, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the State Board of Education. Third Reading of this House Bill."
- Speaker Daniels: "The Gentleman from Coles, Representative

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Weaver."

Weaver: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentleman of the House, House Bill 807 is the budget, the fiscal year 196 for the State Board of Education. budget appropriates a total of \$4,970,222,200 of a...to the State Board of Education of which \$3,852,821,300 is from GRF. This budget increases general fund levels by 195.9 million fiscal year '95, which reflects the Governor's recommended appropriation level for elementary secondary education in the fiscal year '96. What we have done within our committee of the Education Appropriations Committee is have added back 8 million to the parent transportation reimbursement program. We have added 8 million to fund textbook programs. We added a million dollars to adult education line. Added 2.5 million to general state aid. We have also increased money technology for success and we have added money on several other line items. Project success, we've added a million We've added 46 million...well we've maintained 46,874,000 in the vocational education program. provided...have provided a total, as I mentioned, 4.9 billion for the total is the appropriations, Mr. Speaker, and I'll be more than happy to answer any question that may arise."

Speaker Daniels: "Is there any discussion? Gentleman from Macoupin, Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Daniels: "He indicates he will."

Hannig: "Yes, Representative, as you know each year the State

Board of Education makes a recommendation to us. Could you

tell us if this appropriation meets that appro...meets that

recommendation and if not, how much difference there is?"

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Weaver: "Representative, as you know, the State Board as well as higher education submits their own idea of a budget and then the Governor also submits his recommendations for the budget and then our Appropriations Committee for Education, we have the opportunity to make the changes that we feel necessary and important to the Bill. And what we have done is through internal reallocations of the State Board's request, essentially ended up pretty much at the same level as the Governor's bottom line."

Hannig: "Representative, what is the amount? What is the difference between the appropriation in this Bill and the State Board of Education's request?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "The State Board had asked for roughly 140...roughly 160 million more than we had allocated to them in the Appropriations Committee."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "So, you said that's 160 million dollars less than the State Board has recommended to this Body. Could you also tell me, Representative, does this...does this fulfill the Governor's promise of last campaign of 36% of new revenues going to education?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "It comes pretty close. I am not sure if it's exactly 36%, but I think with the available revenues that we have in the State of Illinois, knowing your concern for the medicaid funding backed Bills and the TRS system, we simple had to do the best that we could possibly within available resources."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "So, you are saying that it does not fulfill that campaign promise from last...just last year?"

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Speaker Daniels: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Well, as I said, it comes as close as we can possibly come as an Appropriation Committee and still deal within the available resources that the State of Illinois provides for us."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Well, I would respectfully disagree, Representative. think that we, as the appropriation process and as the Appropriation Committee and as a Body, have the opportunity to change funding priorities within this budget. that our side of the aisle certainly is willing to make some cuts in some other areas to fund education, and indeed, we offered Amendments to bring the Governor's...to fulfill the Governor's promise and make him an honest man. So, I would respectfully disagree on your interpretation as to whether or not we can meet the Governor's promise of last October and November. And I would hope that as this process moves along, that sometime between now and when we adjourn that we indeed could hit this 36% promise that the Governor gave to us just last year. Do you have any Can you give us any assurances that we might see that before we adjourn May?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Well, I am happy to hear that you are willing to do whatever the Governor asks you to do. However, we did reach, I think it's 36%, his request that we do that. But we have addition to that, in...as part of this program, added 43.4 million over last year in general state aid and we've added 59 million over last year in the line item of mandated categoricals. And so, we actually have gone even farther than was originally requested and certainly farther than the State Board of Education received last year."

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Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, Representative, can you tell us now...did you say how much...how much new money in total did you say is in this budget over and above last year?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "195.9 million."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "And of the 195.5 million, how much of that goes to the school aid formula?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Well, a total of the budget this year, 2.328 billion or an increase of \$43,410,000 over last year."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "So, what you are saying, Representative, that of the 195 plus million that we have in new moneys, that only about 43 get into the formula. Is that correct?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "43.4 million new...above last year goes into the formula and we've added 59 million."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Weaver, Representative Hannig's time is out. Would you bring your answer to a close?"

Weaver: "We've added 59 million of the mandated categoricals, and so it's not all going into one line item. We are trying to help education and a broad spectrum of their needs."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brunsvold, are you yielding to Representative Hannig? You have your time, Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. To the Bill. We on the Democratic side of the aisle tried to offer some alternatives during the whole appropriation process here in the House of Representatives. We were willing to freeze the non-social service agencies at last

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year's levels in order to free up some new moneys, some moneys that would be available to pay old bills and to fund education at the Governor's promised level. We made those Amendments, we offered Amendments in committee. either defeated, sent to Rules, ruled out of order, or in some way shape or form, defeated. We offered Amendments in the Appropriation Committee for Education to bring the funding levels up above the Governor's promised levels from just last year. That Amendment again was defeated or ruled out of order at every opportunity that we had. We offered Amendments for the retired teachers to fund that program and that too was not accepted by the majority party. we have made and we have tried to work with the majority party in an effort to address these programs and address the problem of inadequate school funding in the State of Illinois, but we have not meet with any success committee. And for that reason I would recommend to my colleagues here in the House of Representatives that they vote 'no' or 'present' on this Bill. Not because we oppose funding for education, but because the amount of funding in this Bill is inadequate, is inadequate for the needs of the State of Illinois and that the priorities in this Bill are inappropriate for funding the schools that need the money So, for those two reasons I would ask Members of both sides aisle that we hold this proposal up, that consider alternatives, that we try to fully fund education at the State Board's level or at the very least...the very least at Governor's promised level and that we try to allocate that money in a way, in a reasonable way that maximizes money in the state aid formula for the most needy schools and not those schools who have the least need. I think if we could do those things, Ladies and Gentleman

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of the House, that we could craft a good Bill for education which we could all be proud of, that could make the Governor an honest man and that we could have him sign and we could all be proud of. But until we get to that point, Ladies and Gentleman, I'd urge you to not support this proposal."

Speaker Daniels: "Further discussion? Representative Weaver to close."

Weaver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Of course if we had more revenue from all sources, we would like to do more than we can do. However, this is a good budget for the State Board of Education and it ought to be supported not only for the 195.9 million dollars of money that we are putting into it over and above last year, but where the money goes? A lot of the money is going into the State aid...into the formula. Fifty-nine million, as we mentioned, goes into the mandated categoricals. But, we are also fully funding and in some cases exceeding the request or exceeding what we...what weeput into the line items last year in areas of education, school improvement, early intervention, and very, very much needed programs as a part of the State Board of Education's budget. I really think it deserves your support. It is a vote for education and it's a vote for the children of the State of Illinois and I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Weaver has moved for the passage of House Bill 807. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 807 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this question, there are 65 'ayes', 48 voting 'no', 1

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- voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bills Second Reading. Supplemental #1. Representative Black in the Chair."
- Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk, on page 3 of the Calendar on the Order of Senate Bills Second Reading appears Senate Bill 28.

 Please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 28, a Bill for an Act in relation to liability for injury or loss incurred by persons performing public or community service. Second Reading of this House (Sic-Senate) Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note and a Correctional Budget and Impact Note have been requested on the Bill and they have not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Hold the Bill on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, on the Order of Senate Bills Second Reading, page 3 of Calendar, appears Senate Bill 66. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate: Bill: 66, a Bill for an Act in relation to governmental matters. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note and a land conveyance appraisal have been requested on the Bill. A Fiscal Note has been filed."
- Speaker Black: "A Land Conveyance Appraisal Note request has not been filed?"
- Clerk McLennand: "Has not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "The Bill will stay on Second Reading. On page 3 of the Calendar, Senate Bills Second Reading, appears Senate Bill 75. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 75...Senate Bill 75, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. Second Reading of this Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in Committee. No

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- Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note has been requested and has been filed on the Bill."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. Page 3 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 160. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 160, a Bill for an Act that amends the Public Utilities Act. Second Reading of this House Bill. Committee Amendment #1 failed. No floor Amendments.

 A Fiscal Note has been requested and has been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Tenhouse, do you wish this Bill held on Second Reading? Yes. Mr. Clerk, please keep the Bill on Second Reading. Page 3 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 185. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 185, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No note requests."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. On Senate...On page 3 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 206. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk Mclennand: "Senate Bill 206, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Fox Waterway. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.

 Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Committee Amendment #2 was referred to Rules. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note, State Mandates Note and Pension Impact Note have been requested on the Bill and the State Mandates Note has not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg, for what purpose do you rise? You say one of the notes requested have not been filed?"
- Clerk McLennand: "The State Mandates Note has not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Keep the Bill on Second Reading. Senate Bill 222. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 222, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Second Reading of this House (Sic-Senate) Bill. No Committee Amendments. Committee #1 was referred to Rules. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note and a Home Rule Note have been requested on the Bill and have not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Hold the Bill on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, at this time could we return to Senate Bill 66. What's the status of Senate Bill 66?"
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 66 has been held on the Order of Second Reading pending the file of the Land Appraisal Note and that has been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. On page 3 of the Calendar appears

 Senate Bill 232. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 232, a Bill for an Act that amends the Public Utilities Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendment #1 failed. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note had been requested and has been filed."
- Speaker Black: "The Gentleman from Peoria, Representative Leitch.

 What do you wish to do with the Bill. Mr. Clerk, leave the
 Bill on Second Reading. On page 3 of the Calendar, Order

 of Second Reading, appears Senate Bill 235. Mr. Clerk,
 please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 235, a Bill for an Act to amend the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note and a State Mandates Note have been requested on the Bill and they have not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Hold the Bill on Second Reading. On the Order of Second Reading, Senate Bills, page 3, appears Senate Bill 293. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 293, a Bill for an Act to create

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- the Mental Health Treatment Preference Declaration Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendment #1 was adopted. Committee Amendment #2 was referred to Rules. Committee Amendment #3 is still in Committee. No Note requests."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. Senate Bill, Order of Second Reading, Senate Bill 298. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 298, a Bill for an Act that amends the Illinois Aeronautics Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note has been requested on the Bill and has been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. Senate Bill, Second Reading, appears Senate Bill 313. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 313, a Bill for an Act concerning roller skating rink safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. Fiscal Note has been requested on the Bill and has not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Hold the Bill on Second Reading. On page 4 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 364. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 364, a Bill for an Act that amends the Employee Commute Options Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendment #1 was referred to Rules.

 No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note has been requested and has been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. On page 4 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 388. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk Mclennand: "Senate Bill 388, a Bill for an Act in relation to audits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee

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Amendments #1 and 2 were adopted. Committee Amendment #3 was referred to Rules. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note has been requested on the Bill...a Fiscal Note has been requested on the Bill, as amended, and has been filed."

- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 407, Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 407, a Bill for an Act that amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in Committee. Committee Amendment #2 was ruled non-germane. A Fiscal Note has been requested on the Bill, as amended, and has not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Hold the Bill on Second Reading, Mr. Clerk. Page
 4 of the Calendar, Senate Bills Second Reading, appears
 Senate Bill 424. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk Mclennand: "Senate Bill 424, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee pensions. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendments #1 and 2 were referred to Rules. No Floor Amendments. A Pension Impact Note had been requested and has been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. On page 4 of the Calendar appears

 Senate Bill 8...Excuse me, Mr. Clerk. Page 4 of the

 Calendar appears Senate Bill 836. Mr. Clerk, please read

 the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 836, a Bill for an Act concerning parental notice of abortion. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments."
- Speaker Black: "Does the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Roskam, do you wish to leave this Bill on Second Reading?"

 Roskam: "Yes, Mr. Speaker."
- Speaker Black: "Yes. Mr. Clerk, please leave the Bill on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk. Yes, Mr. Clerk, Introduction of Resolutions."

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Clerk Mclennand: "House Joint Resolution 41, offered by Representative Churchill. House Resolution 44, offered by Representative Hoffman. Correction. That House Joint Resolution is number 40 and House Resolution 44, is offered by Hoffman, both referred to Committee on Rules."

Speaker Black: "Yes, Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg, are you seeking recognition? Your light was on, I'm sorry. Did Representative Lang turn on your light? Yes, Representative, some people have wanted me to inquire as to whether or not they're...those fortunate enough to have tickets for the play-off game this evening in Chicago, that they would like to be able to get to the game if all possible. And I said, with your cooperation, Representative Granberg's cooperation, we'll make every attempt to do that. Is that alright with you? Mr. Clerk, on page 4 of the Calendar, Senate Bills First Reading."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 133, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. Senate Bill 181, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. Senate Bill 1097, offered by Representative Tenhouse, a Bill for an Act amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. Senate Bill 782, offered by Representative Cowlishaw, a Bill for an Act amend School the Code. Senate Bill 829. Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. Introduction and First Reading of these Senate Bills."

Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk. Excuse me, Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Senate Bill 206."

Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 206 had been held on the Order of Second Reading. Had been held pending a note request."

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- Speaker Black: "Yes, and on that the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Churchill, is recognized."
- Churchill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would move that the note request be inapplicable."
- Speaker Black: "The Gentleman has moved that the Fiscal Note be ruled inapplicable. And on that question the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."
- Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I can get my Bill out of
 Rules Committee for Senator Watson we will just avoid this
 whole...No, that's fine we...we accede to the Gentleman's
 request."
- Speaker Black: "Evidently you do have tickets this evening.

 Thank you very much. Representative Churchill has ruled that the Fiscal Note asked for on Senate Bill 206 be ruled applicable (sic-inapplicable). All those in favor of the Motion signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. The note is ruled inapplicable. Mr. Clerk, any further action? Third Reading. Excuse me. The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."
- Granberg: "Now, I do have a question on this though...I was...we acceded to the Majority Leader's request. He is an honorable Gentleman, but I do have a question. It appears that the Pension Impact Note has been filed at our request. Is that correct, Mr. Clerk?"
- Clerk McLennand: "A Pension Impact Note has been filed on Senate Bill 206, as amended."
- Speaker Black: "Does that satisfy your inquiry, Representative?

 Yes, the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."
- Granberg: "One more inquiry. Mr. Clerk and Mr. Speaker, I would assume then that that complies with 25 ILCS Section 55,

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subsection 2 on the preparation of the note. Because it's my understanding the Pension Impact Note is prepared by the Bureau of the Budget and the impact notes...but the statutes specifically requires the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission to prepare the Pension Impact Note."

- Speaker Black: "Yes, that question is directed to the Assistant Clerk, Mr. Rossi."
- Granberg: "One never knows where Mr. Rossi might be. Is he...Oh, there he is. I would think it would go to you, Mr. Speaker and the Parliamentarian, because the Pension Impact Note that has been filed, I believe, has been filed by the wrong agency. By the statute it is required to be filed by the Economic and Fiscal Commission. The Pension Impact Note has filed...has been filed by the Bureau of the Budget, clearly the wrong agency in this case."
- Speaker Black: "Representative Granberg, your point is well taken. I believe Representative Churchill might have the note in question. He will be coming over and talking to you. Mr. Clerk, leave the Bill on Second Reading. Yes, Mr. Clerk, on page 3 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 313. What is the status of that Bill?"
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 313 had been held on the Order of Second Reading."
- Speaker Black: "On Senate Bill 313, the Gentleman from Jersey, Representative Ryder."
- Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Inquiry of the Chair."
- Speaker Ryder: "State your inquiry."
- Ryder: "Sir, for what reason is this Bill held on Second Reading?

 Is it perhaps a request for a particular kind of note?"
- Speaker Black: "The Clerk is going to get you that answer in just a moment."
- Clerk McLennand: "A Fiscal Note request had been presented."

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Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder, as you could hear, the...there was a Fiscal Note requested on the Bill. What is pleasure, Sir?"

Ryder: "Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the Fiscal Note be ruled inapplicable for the reason that the content of the Bill is substantive with the exception of...the fact that the Bill does go through our process. I know of none...no other cost. I can think of no other cost. There is no fiscal implications to the state. In fact, the only implications that I can think of is because it clarifies certain matters of legal liability and responsibility, that it may in fact decrease the fiscal implications for our court system which is already overburdened, and it's for those reasons that I would ask that the Fiscal Note be ruled not to apply in this situation, Sir."

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder has moved that the Fiscal Note be declared inapplicable to Senate Bill 313, and on that question the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would rise in opposition to the Gentleman's request. Section 30 cites that it is a 'bar of suit' and it shall be a complete defense to the action. Therefore, if it is a complete defense to the action, that necessarily has an impact on our court system. There are certain costs that are naturally attributable to our court system by this type of legislation. So, therefore, it does in fact have a fiscal impact."

Speaker Black: "Thank you, Representative. Your objection is noted. On the question, Representative Ryder has moved that the Fiscal Note be declared inapplicable on Senate Bill 313. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have

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- it. The Fiscal Note is declared inapplicable. Mr. Clerk,
 any other notes."
- Clerk Mclennand: "No further notes."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, let's return to Senate Bill 206."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 206 had been held on the Order of Second Reading pending an inquiry on the Pension Impact Note which has been filed."
- Speaker Black: "And on that the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg. Has your inquiry been satisfied on the Pension Impact Note?"
- Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In fact, Representative
 Churchill did have the Pension Impact Note which was
 prepared by the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission.
 It had not been previously filed on the Bill. I thank the
 Gentleman for his cooperation."
- Speaker Black: "Thank you. Move the Bill to Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, Committee notes (sic-notices)."
- Speaker McLennand: "Committee notice. The Rules Committee will meet on Thursday, May 4th, upon the call of the Chair in the Speaker's conference room. Rules Committee will meet upon the call of the Chair."
- Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk, on page 4 of the Calendar appears
 Senate Bill 407. What's the status of that Bill?"
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 407, had been held on the Order of Second Reading pending a Fiscal Note request on the Bill, as amended, by Amendment #1."
- Speaker Black: "On that question the Lady from DuPage, Representative Biggert."
- Biggert: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Sponsor of the Bill, I would move that the Fiscal Note is inapplicable. I believe that there is no fiscal implication involved in this Bill.

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It is substantive that assignment of rent and perfection of the assignment by recordation has absolutely no fiscal impact."

- Speaker Black: "The Lady has moved that the Fiscal Note requested on Senate Bill 407 be ruled inapplicable. If no one is seeking recognition, I assume you're ready to vote. All those in favor of ruling the note inapplicable signify by saying 'aye', oppose 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. The note is declared inapplicable. Mr. Clerk, Third Reading on Senate Bill 407. Mr. Clerk, Supplemental Calendar announcement."
- Clerk Mclennand: "Supplemental Calendar #2 is being distributed."
- Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk, has Supplemental Calendar #1 been
 distributed?"
- Clerk McLennand: "Supplement Calendar #1 has been distributed."
- Speaker Black: "And on Supplemental Calendar #1 appears Senate Bill, Order of Second Reading, Senate Bill 48. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 48, a Bill for an Act that amends the Public Utilities Act. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note has been requested on the Bill and has been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 116. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 116, a Bill for an Act that amends the Hospital District Law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note has been requested on the Bill and has been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 158. Mr. Clerk,
 please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 158, a Bill for an Act that amends

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- the Conveyances Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.
 Committee Amendment #1 was adopted. No Floor Amendments.
 A Fiscal Note and a State Mandates Note have been requested on the Bill and have not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Hold the Bill on Second Reading. Senate Bill 159. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 159, a Bill for an Act concerning the Trauma Center Fund."
- Speaker Black: "With leave of the House can we call Senate Bill 159, even though I am in the Chair. Would that be alright with you, Representative Granberg? Yes. The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."
- Granberg: "Representative Black, I would...I would normally have no question at all, but I think you were the Gentleman that made that Motion to pass those 18 Bills last Thursday night that we had no notice of, we did not know the content of or anything. No, I'm sorry, your Members didn't either. I would normally not hesitate whatsoever, but I think in this case I am morally obligated to raise that issue."
- Speaker Black: "Your point is well taken, Mr. Granberg.

 Representative Wojcik. Representative Wojcik in the

 Chair."
- Speaker Wojcik: "Representative Wojcik in the Chair."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 159, a Bill for an Act concerning
 Trauma Center Funds. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.

 No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal

 Note and Judicial Note have been requested on the Bill and
 have not been filed."
- Speaker Wojcik: "The Bill will remain on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read Senate Bill 162."
- Clerk Mclennand: "Senate Bill 162, a Bill for an Act that amends the Gasoline Storage Act. Second Reading of this Senate

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- Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note and a State Mandates Note have been requested on the Bill and they have not been...and they have been filed. The notes have been filed."
- Speaker Wojcik: "Representative Clayton, do you wish this Bill moved to Third Reading?"
- Clayton: "On Second."
- Speaker Wojcik: "The Bill will remain on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read Senate Bill 239."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 239, a Bill for an Act concerning incarceration. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.

 Committee Amendments #1 and 2 have been referred to Rules.

 No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note, State Mandates Note and a Correctional Budget Impact Note have been requested on the Bill and they have been filed."
- Speaker Wojcik: "Third Reading. The Chair is pleased to announce that we have an honorable member of the Chair's household in the gallery, my son and my twin grandchildren and my grandson. Mr. Clerk, please read Senate Bill 362."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 362, a Bill for an Act that amends the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note has been requested on the Bill, has not been filed."
- Speaker Wojcik: "The Bill will be held on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read Senate Bill 389."
- Clerk Mclennand: "Senate Bill 389, a Bill for an Act that amends the Illinois State Auditing Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendments...Committee Amendments #1 and 2 have been in Rules. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note and a Judicial Note... Second Reading of Senate Bill 389. A Fiscal Note and a Judicial Note have been

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- requested on the Bill. Judicial Note has not been filed."
- Speaker Wojcik: "The Bill will remain on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of Senate Bill 362?"
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 362 had been held on the Order of Second Reading pending a Fiscal Note. A Fiscal Note has been filed."
- Speaker Wojcik: "Third Reading. Representative Black in the Chair."
- Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk, on the Supplemental Calendar #1
 appears Senate Bill 458. Please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 458, a Bill for an Act in relation to the transfer of interests in real property. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Committee Amendment #2 has been referred to Rules. A Fiscal Note and a Land Conveyance Note have been requested on the Bill and they have been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. On Supplemental House Calendar #1 appears Senate Bill 992. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 992, a Bill for an Act in relation to the conveyance of real property. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendment #1 was adopted. Committee Amendment #2 was tabled. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note and a Land Conveyance Note have been requested on the Bill and they have been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. On Supplemental Calendar #1 appears Senate Bill 389. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of that Bill?"
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 389 had been held on the Order of Second Reading pending a request for a Judicial Note."
- Speaker Black: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Biggins."
- Biggins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move that the

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- Judicial Note be found inapplicable."
- Speaker Black: "Representative Biggins has move that the Judicial Note requested on Senate Bill 389 be ruled inapplicable. With no one seeking recognition I assume you are ready to vote. All those on ruling the Judicial Note inapplicable, signify by saying 'aye', oppose 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. The Judicial Note will be ruled inapplicable. Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, on page 3 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 222. What is the status of that Bill?"
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 222 had been held on the Order of Second Reading pending a request for a Fiscal Note and a Home Rule Note."
- Speaker Black: "Yes, and on that question the Gentleman from Cook, Representative McAuliffe."
- McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the notes are not applicable."
- Speaker Black: "The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."
- Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We withdraw that request for a Fiscal Note on Senate Bill 222."
- Speaker Black: "Thank you very much for your cooperation. Do you also withdraw the request for a Home Rule Note?"
- Granberg: "Yes, Mr. Speaker."
- Speaker Black: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, move the Bill to Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on Supplemental Calendar #2 appears Senate Bill 42. Please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 42, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.

 No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No note requests."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. On the Supplemental Calendar #2

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Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 105, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendments #1 and 2 have been adopted. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note and a State Mandates Note have been requested on the Bill and they have been filed."

appears Senate Bill 105. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

- Speaker Black: "Third Reading. On Supplemental Calendar #2 appears Senate Bill 111. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 111, a Bill for an Act that amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendment #1 has been referred to Rules. Committee Amendment #2 is referred to subcommittee. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note and a Correctional Budget and Impact Note and a Judicial Note have been requested. The Judicial Note has not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Hold the Bill on Second Reading. On Supplemental Calendar #2 appears Senate Bill 229. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk Mclennand: "Senate Bill 229, a Bill for an Act that amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendment #1 is referred to Rules. Committee Amendment #2 was referred to subcommittee. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note, Correctional Budget and Impact Note and a Judicial Note have been requested on the Bill. The Judicial Note has not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Hold the Bill on Second Reading. On Supplemental Calendar #2 appears Senate Bill 238. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 238, a Bill for an Act that amends the Property Tax Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.

 No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note and a Correctional Budget and Impact Note have been

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- requested on the Bill. The Correctional Budget and Impact Note has not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "On that question Gentleman from Jefferson, Representative Jones."
- Jones, John: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, the note is inapplicable."
- Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Jones, it's the understanding of the Chair you're moving to rule the Correctional Budget Impact Note inapplicable?"
- Jones, John: "Yes, Mr. Speaker."
- Speaker Black: "Thank you, Representative, and on that question the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."
- Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that Senate Bill 229 creates a new violation that is a Class A misdemeanor, which provides for up to a year in jail. If it provides up to a year in jail for a new..."
- Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative, that Bill might. But we're on Senate Bill 238 right now, if you'd care to address that Bill? Yes, proceed, Representative Granberg."
- Granberg: "Mr. Speaker, the issue is the same. That's why we confused the two Bills, because this too creates a Class A misdemeanor which provides for the incarceration for up to a year in jail. It, therefore, has to have a correctional impact. If it provides for up to a year in jail for a newly created offense, it necessarily means that you have to have a impact. If it does not have an impact, then the Representative is introducing legislation that has no effect and I am sure that is not his intent."
- Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Granberg, we appreciate your interest on that Motion and we'll take your comments under advisement and be right back with you. In the meantime...Mr. Granberg, hold that Bill on Second Reading and we'll...on Supplemental Calendar #2, Mr. Clerk, appears

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- Senate Bill 303. Please read the Bill."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 303, a Bill for an Act that amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendment #1 has been referred to Rules. Committee Amendment #2 has been referred to subcommittee. A Fiscal Note and a Correctional Budget and Impact Note have been requested on the Bill and they have been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. There's a Gentleman
 from Cook, Representative Balthis, are you seeking
 recognition?"
- Balthis: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to remind the Chair that for those that might have tickets and have to drive to Chicago, it's at least a four hour drive for a reasonable person."
- Speaker Black: "Yes, your point...your point of reasonableness is well taken. Thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, on page 7 of the Calendar, Order of Resolutions. Please read House Resolution 16."
- Clerk Mclennand: "House Resolution 16, offer by Representative Weaver, urges Congress to amend the Endangered Species Act to require consideration of economic consequences.

 Environment and Energy Committee recommends 'be adopted'."
- Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk, hold action on House Resolution 16.

 On Supplemental Calendar #2, what is the status of Senate
 Bill 238?"
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 238 had been held on the Order of Second Reading pending a request for a Correctional Budget and Impact Note."
- Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk, on Senate Bill 238, the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg, has moved to withdraw the Correctional Budget and Impact Note. Any other notes

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- Clerk McLennand: "No further note requests. All other note requests have been filed."
- Speaker Black: "Yes, the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."
- Granberg: "Okay. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. It was my understanding there was a Mandates Act request on that Senate Bill 238.

 That is not the case?"
- Speaker Black: "Representative Granberg, the Clerk will check on that one additional note. We'll be right back to you."
- Clerk McLennand: "A Fiscal Note and a Correctional Budget and
 Impact Note were the only two note requests and a State
 Mandates Note. The Fiscal Note and the Correctional Budget
 and Impact Note have been filed."
- Speaker Black: "On the question of the Mandates Note, the Gentleman from Jefferson, Representative Jones, is seeking recognition."
- Jones, John: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Mandates Note is inapplicable."
- Speaker Black: "Representative Jones has move that the Mandates

 Note be ruled inapplicable to Senate Bill 238. And on that

 question the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative

 Granberg."
- Granberg: "Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm not trying to be an obstructionist, but I know Representative Balthis and I and a number or so are always very concerned with local mandates on the additional costs that we are putting on our local communities. If I understand Senate Bill 238 correctly, the Gentleman provides for a new a offense. A Class A misdemeanor which is up to a year in jail, in the county jail, by creating a new offense and creating the possible penalty for up to a year in jail. That means that

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person who's in violation of the new law would have to serve that time in our local county jails. I know Representative Turner and others, we have problems overcrowding in our local county jails. This obviously has impact. I don't think the Gentleman would pass a law that would have no impact. If he says the Fiscal Note is inapplicable, he's saying that his legislation is not going to have any impact whatsoever on his local county jails. That goes in contradistinction to what he's arquing. He is saying that his law is very important because we're creating this new offense and now he's saying there's fiscal impact because there is no creation of new offense and there will be no additional jail time. You can't have it either way. So, on Third Reading we're going to argue that it has no impact because will. use the Representative's own statements that there is no fiscal impact, because there can't be because no one is going be sentenced. Now he says there is no impact and that's fine, but I also understand on Third Reading he's using the same rationale and so therefore his legislation has merit because it's not going to do anything. No, I don't think Representative Jones wants to do that. I would think he would say that his legislation is very important. Tt. creates a new classification, a new crime, and it will have a new impact. So, in that case the Fiscal Note is applicable and I would ask for a Roll Call Vote, Speaker."

Speaker Black: "And on the question the Gentleman from Clinton,
Representative Granberg, has asked for a roll call vote.

The question is, 'Shall the State Mandates Note be ruled inapplicable to Senate Bill 238?' All those in favor of so ruling signify by voting 'aye', those opposed vote 'nay'.

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Voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On the question of ruling the State Mandates Note inapplicable, 64 voting 'yes', 48 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. The note is ruled inapplicable. Mr. Clerk, Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 3 of Calendar appears Senate Bill 235. What is the status of that Bill?"

- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 235 has been held on the Order of Second Reading pending a Fiscal Note and another note request. The Fiscal Note has been filed."
- Speaker Black: "What note has not been filed, Mr. Clerk?"
- Clerk McLennand: "A State Mandates Note has been requested. Has not been filed."
- Speaker Black: "And on that question, the Lady from DuPage, Representative Pankau."
- Pankau: "Mr. Chairman, I move that the State Mandates Act is inapplicable."
- Speaker Black: "Representative Pankau has ruled that the request for a State Mandates Note on Senate Bill 235 has not...does not apply. With no one seeking recognition I assume you're ready to vote. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair 'ayes' have it. The note is ruled inapplicable and Senate Bill 235 moves to Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Introduction of Resolutions."
- Clerk McLennand: "House Joint Resolution 41, offered by Representative Wennlund, with respect to the memory of former Representative Robert Regan."
- Speaker Black: "On page 7 of the Calendar appears the Order of Resolutions. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Resolution 16?"
- Clerk McLennand: "House Resolution 16 has been introduced.

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Environment and Energy Committee recommends, 'be adopted'."

Speaker Black: "And on the Resolution the Gentleman from Coles,

Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Thank you, very much Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentleman of the House, House Resolution 16 urges the U.S. Congress to amend the Endangered Species Act to require that economic consequences of any additions to that...that Act should be at least considered before they add additional species. I'll be...it is pretty much plain and simple and I'll be more than happy to answer any questions that the Members may have."

Speaker Black: "And on the Resolution is there any discussion?

The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Black: "He indicates he will."

Granberg: "Representative Weaver, could you please explain the rationale for this Resolution, any fiscal impact it might have on our state with the loss of any potential federal funds and the consequences of our passing this Resolutions...this Resolution or if, in fact, this Resolution does not pass, Sir?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Well, Sir, this Resolution does not carry the weight of law. It does not require the Federal Government to do anything. All we are doing is suggesting to them that they amend the Endangered Species Act to take a look at the economic consequences of what may happen. Currently, in Illinois there is a proposal to add the 'Heins' Emerald Dragonfly to the list of endangered species. Now, reports indicate that it's present in five Illinois counties of Dupage, Cook and Will, as well as five sites in Wisconsin. So, it may or may not have an economic impact on adding

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those endangered species to the list. All we ask is that the Federal Government take a look at what it may cost us by adding those species to the list."

Speaker Black: "Further discussion on the Resolution. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie "Will the Gentleman yield for a few questions?"

Speaker Black: "He indicates he will."

Currie: "Thank you. Representative, is it...is it your understanding that the Federal Congress is now in the business of rewriting the Endangered Species Act?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "I'm not aware that they are, but I hope they would."

Speaker Black: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "So, there is no effort that you know about in Congress to rewrite that Act at this time?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "None that I am directly aware of at this point."

Speaker Black: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "And can you tell me what about the Act has caused economic downfalls or disasters that would encourage you to introduce this Resolution to us."

Speaker Black: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "All you would have to do is look at recent history with the spotted owl in the northwest or the spotted owl who was added to the Endangered Species Act and as a result, through...through succeeding court action, logging was prohibited in literally hundreds of thousands of acres of ground which have the economic impact of shutting down a major industry and costing thousands of jobs in the northwest. I thing perhaps had the Federal Government been aware of some of that, they might have taken their step a little bit more cautiously."

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Speaker Black: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Resolution. Anyone who knows about the spotted owl controversy in the west in respect to logging, would know that the real issue in those logging jobs had not to do with the Endangered Species Act, but to cheap import of timbers from other countries. or without the Endangered Species Act, with or without the spotted owl, logging jobs in the west are on their way down and they're on their way out. I think the environmental community would argue and I think would argue effectively and accurately that the Endangered Species Act has stopped economic growth, it has not stopped economic development. The charge that it has is vastly overrated. So, I would urge those of you who care about the environment, who care about our responsibility to the plants and to the animals that share this planet with us to vote 'no' on this Resolution. If you're inclined to support it, let me suggest that to take your own 32¢ stamp out of your district allotment or out of the postage you have here in Springfield and pen a note to your own Congressperson and let that individual know that you'd like them to consider this. But why we should spend the taxpayers money, we in this Assembly deciding to going on general record on a issue like this, strikes me as a waste, a waste of time, a waste of taxpayer's money. Ιf your inclined to support this principle, do it on your own time, it with your own postage stamp and I would urge that a 'present' or a 'no' vote is the right vote on Resolution 16."

Speaker Black: "Further discussion on the Resolution? The Lady from Cook, Representative Erwin."

Erwin: "Thank you, Speaker. Representative Currie pretty

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succinctly stated my position as well. Let me just add that with all of the issues that the Federal Government giving back to the states to resolve, let me suggest that our time is much better spent trying to address the issues that really are state responsibilities and here we are butting our nose into something that I am sure that, Representative Weaver, the new Republican Congress will adequately do either, whatever damage they...you know...they intend to do in terms of the Endangered Species Act. We need not urge them on. I'm sure that you're...the new Speaker out there is very capable of handling this himself and we are just much better left to trying resolve the issues that confront the State of Illinois. besides the merits of the Endangered Species Act, which I agree with Representative Currie, I would just urge colleagues to...you know, let's keep our nose to the grindstone on the issues that the state really needs deal with and I would urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Black: "Well, if no one is seeking recognition the Gentleman from Coles, Representative Weaver to close."

Weaver: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I think your reading entirely to much into this Resolution. This Resolution does not, let me underline, does not prohibit the Federal Government from adding new species to the endangered list. All we're asking is for some fiscal responsibility. It's not taking a shot at any species or any animals or any snail darters or any toads or any little animals that creep, crawl or fly in the State of Illinois. But what we are asking the Federal Government to do, is be fiscally responsible and take a look at the economic consequences of any additional declarations of endangered species. I think it is only fair. They ought to take a look at the cost in

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real and projected terms. It's a good vote. It's not an anti-environmental vote at all, it is simply a good government vote and I request a 'yes' vote on House Resolution 16."

Speaker Black: "The question is, "Shall House Resolution #16

pass?" All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'.

Voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On the question there are 75 voting 'aye', 29 voting 'no', 7 voting 'present'. This Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Introduction of Senate Bills."

Clerk Mclennand: "Introduction and First Reading. Senate Bill (sic-483), offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Senate Bill 44 (sic-484), offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Senate Bill 45 (sic-485), offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Senate Bill 46 (sic-486), offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Senate Bill 490, offered by Speaker Daniels, Bill for an Act making appropriations. Introduction and First Reading of these Senate Bills. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 2503, offered by Representative Tim Johnson, a Bill for an relating to association memberships of public elementary and secondary schools and school districts. Introduction and First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction of Resolutions. House Joint Resolution #42, offered by Representative Tim Johnson. Rules Committee."

Speaker Black: "Returning to the Order of Resolutions. Page 7 of the Calendar appears House Resolution 17. Mr. Clerk,

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- please read the Resolution."
- Clerk McLennand: "House Resolution #17 urges the Department of
 Agriculture and Commerce and Community Affairs to offer
 incentives for biodiesel fuel production. Agriculture and
 Conservation Committee recommends 'be adopted'."
- Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk, take the Resolution out of the record.

 On the Order of Resolutions appears House Resolution 18.

 Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."
- Clerk Mclennand: "House Resolution #18 urges the Department of Agriculture and Commerce and Community Affairs to offer incentives for the production or use of biodegradable garbage bags or corn-based packing materials. Agriculture and Conservation Committee recommends 'be adopted'."
- Speaker Black: "And on House Resolution #18 the Gentleman from Knox, Representative Moffitt."
- Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentleman of the House. House Resolution 18 simply urges the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to offer incentives to businesses for the promotion or the use of biodegradable garbage bags or corn-based packing material. I think it's very straightforward in what it's attempting to do to offer these incentives. be better for environment and there would be would additional markets for agriculture products. It could even help create jobs, manufacturing jobs, right in Illinois. So I think it's...it's a Bill that...it's time that we look into this and see if there's ways that we can encourage the use of corn-based packing materials, et cetera, by offering incentives. Are there any questions?"
- Speaker Black: "And on the Resolution the Gentleman from Kankakee, Representative Novak."
- Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Black: "He indicates he will."

Novak: "Yes, Representative, can you indicate...I know we discussed this in the Agriculture Committee and I believe it was unanimously approved. However, I have a few questions I want to ask. Can you indicate what kind of incentives are we urging? Are we urging or requiring, asking, cajoling, the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to provide incentives? What kind of incentives are you referring to?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Representative, I think that's the good thing about this Resolution. We're addressing the department and suggesting that they could come back to us with ideas and thoughts on how best to do this. This is not us telling them what to do. It's just giving them the concept and asking them to come back with how we could best implement that."

Speaker Black: "Representative Novak,"

Novak: "Well, at the expense of me being redundant here, what kind of incentives do you think we should offer? Have you had a chance to research a...or consult with the Department of Energy and Natural Resources? Which, incidentally, isn't going to exist, I guess, in a few more months. However, they're recycling and environmental sections of their agency provides all kinds of printed materials to businesses and individuals. What kind of incentives do you have in your mind that you think we need to provide to industry in Illinois?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Representative, this is for the departments to explore.

It could be in the way of tax incentives, tax credits.

Which in turn would really be revenue positive from the

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standpoint that if it helped create jobs, if it helped attract business to Illinois, we would actually be increasing revenue for the state. But it could be perhaps in the area of tax credits for the products that they produce."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "Well, I think, you know, that may be laudable, Representative. But you know we do have a research and development tax credit that we just passed last year. As a matter of fact, I was the Chief House Sponsor to extend the life of that law that allows companies to use funds for research and development and that does expand the economy and create jobs. However, I'm just curious. Why are we going through the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs? Why not the Department of Agriculture?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Representative, I couldn't agree with you more and that's why I'd asked for both of them."

Speaker Black: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "Well, are you familiar with the Biodegradable Plastics
Act that was passed? I believe Representative Hannig was
the Chief Sponsor of that. The Biodegradable Plastics Act
is state law that was passed about four or five years ago.
Are you familiar with the provisions of that,
Representative?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Representative, I'm not familiar with the specific details of that. I certainly encourage the development of biodegradable plastics. I have an example here with me. I think we want to encourage that, but this is...that's not what this Bill is really dealing with. It's incentives for...to businesses for the production and use of

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biodegradable garbage bags and corn-based packing materials."

Speaker Black: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "That bag that you have on your desk there. Now, do you believe that thing will biodegrade if you just let it lie on your desk for fifty years? I mean it will disappear?

Do you firmly believe that?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Representative, I think that's an excellent question.

And generally for them to degrade, you have to be in contact with the soil and moisture. Now there's a lot of steam generated in this chamber, so we do have one of the ingredients to encourage the biodegrading of the material.

But I'm not sure we have enough soil here."

Speaker Black: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know there's a lot of steam generated here, but a lot of it is good steam, good steam for public policy. But I had a few other questions. I'm concerned about the redundancy of this Resolution. We have a lot of state laws right now in Resolutions that have been passed in the past and you know there's been a lot concerns about the biodegradability of the corn-based plastics. I was a...still am a major supporter of corn-based plastics. Some of the cellulose fiber material, I believe, that is coming on the market now, is very good when you look at it in relation to the...some of the plastic that is generated for packaging materials. But I did a lot of studying and reading the literature and reviewing the literature about biodegradable As a matter of fact, former Senator Joyce and myself, we sponsored a law in 1989 that became effective in 1990 that landscape waste shall be banned from landfills.

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That law allowed landfills to last longer. As a matter of fact, our landfill crisis isn't as significant as it was 10 or 15 years ago. But some of the studies that I've read about biodegradable plastics, indicated that when things are in bags, contained in biodegradable bags and they are buried in the ground in landfills, air does not have a chance to aet around and inter-react with microorganisms that is suppose to react with the cornstarch in the plastic. Are you aware of any of those studies like that, Sir?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Moffitt."

Novak: "Representative, I'm not aware of the particular study that you mentioned. Everything that I have read, seen and studied, indicates that there is a real advantage to using the corn plastics. In addition, this Resolution calls for the corn-based packing materials. Again, I have some samples here, which everything I've read about them are that they are 100% biodegradable. I think if we encourage the use of this, it gives us more opportunity to study it. But, no, everything I have seen or heard has been very positive. The studies that I have heard about show that biodegradable plastic trash bags containing 6% cornstarch and 94% synthetic polymers, will be composed in the soil within three to five years."

Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Novak, your time is about to
 expire. Continue."

Novak: "One more question. Are you aware of the famous professor from Arizona State University? He's a renowned 'garbalogist'. He studied landfills for years? I'm being...I'm not being facetious. And he took samples out of landfills and we all know paper biodegrades. It will disintegrate over years. But he took studies out of

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landfills and found that stuff that's buried in landfills deep, like newspapers and other items that we normally...normally would consider degradable, did not change one bit. They stayed the same. Do you think this corn-based plastic, when it's buried two or three hundred feet under the ground, is going to biodegrade when it doesn't have any oxygen around it to initiate the chemical process?"

- Speaker Black: "Representative Moffitt, Representative Novak's time has expired. Would you care to respond to his question?"
- Moffitt: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd be happy to. Of the landfills

 I'm familiar with do not bury at two to three hundred feet

 deep. It's just a few feet deep and there'd be a definite

 advantage of the biodegradable plastics."
- Speaker Black: "With no one else seeking recognition, I assume your ready to vote on the question. Representative Moffitt to close."
- Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it's a very straightforward Resolution. It's better if we will encourage the use of biodegradable plastics and the corn packing...corn-based packing material. It is going to be better for our environment, help create jobs right here in Illinois and actually encourage business to come to Illinois. I ask for a favorable vote."
- Speaker Black: "And on the question, all those in favor of House Resolution 18 will signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'nay'.

 In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. House Resolution 18 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Introduction of Senate Bills."
- Clerk McLennand: "Introduction First and Reading of Senate Bills.

 Senate Bill 925, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an

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Act making appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Office of the Governor. Senate Bill 1050, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Senate Bill 1051, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Bill 1052, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Senate Bill 81. Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning forfeiture of property. Senate Bill 135, offered Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act to amend Illinois Municipal Code. Senate Bill 346, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act to amend Illinois Pension Code. Senate Bill 368, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act concerning property tax assessments. Senate Bill 377. offered Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act relating to early childhood education and care. Senate Bill offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 114, offered Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act in relation health benefits for benefit recipients of the Teachers Retirement System. Senate Bill 133, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend Property Tax Code. Senate Bill 134, offered Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act to amend Property Tax Code. Senate Bill 141, offered Representative Black, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 230, offered by Representative Brady, Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code...State Mandates Act. Correction. Senate Bill 230, offered Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Illinois Pension Code and State Mandates Act. Senate Bill

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336, offered by Representative Ryder, a Bill for an Act to create the Department of Natural Resources. Senate Bill 359, offered by Representative Lawfer, a Bill for an Act concerning...concerning health. Senate Bill 439, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Bill 506, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning medical personnel disciplinary Senate Bill 553, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act in relation to collection agencies. Senate Bill 626, offered by Representative Wennlund, a Bill for an Act to amend the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Act. Senate Bill 657. offered by Representative Mike Weaver, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 709, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Planning Council and Developmental Disabilities Law. 726, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Senate Bill 727. offered Representative Bugielski, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 758, offered by Representative Wennlund, a Bill for an Act concerning participation in state programs. Senate Bill 761, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act to amend the Counties Code. Senate Bill 775, offered by Representative Wennlund, a Bill for an Act to amend the Counties Code...amend the Vehicle Code. Senate Bill 782, offered bу Representative Cowlishaw, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 829, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. Senate Bill 854, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for Act in relation to animals. Senate Bill 1029, offered by

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Representative Deuchler, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Senate Bill 1083, offered by Representative Ryder, a Bill for an Act concerning interstate banking. Senate Bill 1091, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning streetgang racketeering. Senate Bill 1097, offered by Representative Art Turner, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. Senate Bill 1143, offered by Representative Balthis, a Bill for an Act concerning boiler and pressure vessels. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills."

- Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk, returning to the Order of Resolutions.

 Page seven of the Calendar there appears House Resolution

 17. Please read the Resolution."
- Clerk McLennand: "House Resolution 17. Urges the Department of
 Agriculture and Commerce Community Affairs to offer
 incentives for biodiesel fuel production.
 Rule...Agriculture and Conservation Committee recommends
 'be adopted'."
- Speaker Black: "And on the Resolution the Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."
- Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 17 urges the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to offer incentives for biodiesel plants to locate in Illinois. Be glad to answer any questions."
- Speaker Black: "And with tip-off approximately four hours away, the only person seeking recognition, the Gentleman from Effingham, Representative Hartke."
- Hartke: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Will the Sponsor yield?"
- Speaker Black: "He indicates he would be most happy to yield."
- Hartke: "Yes, Representative Bost, do you have tickets for

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tonight's game?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Representative Hartke, it's too far north for me to have tickets for tonight's game."

Speaker Black: "Excuse me, Representative Hartke, for just one moment. I need to recognize the Clerk. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk McLennand: "Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Speaker's Conference Room. Rules immediately, Speaker's Conference Room."

Speaker Black: "And on the Resolution the Gentleman from Effingham, Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Thank you very much. Mr. Bost, I don't have...I don't have tickets tonight either. Let's just stand here and talk about this all night. I think it is a very important topic. What do you hope to accomplish by this study? Can you explain just a little bit what biodiesel fuels are?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Representative Hartke, it's not a study. It is to encourage the creation of biodiesel plants here in the State of Illinois. Biodiesel being a diesel fuel produced with soybean...out of soybean, the same as ethanol is produced out of corn and we want to encourage it as much as we can."

Speaker Black: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Would this be in direct competition to corn alcohol that
 we have now?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "No, it won't be, because your corn alcohol is for gasoline motors and this is for diesel motors."

Speaker Black: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Well, Representative Bost, you have a fleet of trucks in your family and so forth. Are you using biodiesel now?"

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Speaker Black: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "We don't have a plant close enough nearby. But if we did,

I'm sure we would."

Speaker Black: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "How many gallons do you think you would use in a year's
 time? And what is the projected possibility of this in the
 State of Illinois?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Well, for a total around the state, I wouldn't have a answer for that. A company that would run somewhere in the neighborhood of twenty trucks year round would probably run in the neighborhood of 52,000 gallon."

Speaker Black: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Your company would use about 52,000 gallon a year or...I know that in producing ethanol, with a bushel of corn we can produce about two and half gallons of ethanol. What...a bushel of soybeans would produce how many gallons of biodiesel?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Can you repeat the question?"

Speaker Black: "I was afraid you would say that. Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "I know that with a bushel of corn, which is 56 pounds, we can produce about 2 to 2 1/2 gallons of ethanol. But with a bushel of soybeans...By the way, how many pounds are in a bushel of soybeans?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Sixty pounds."

Speaker Black: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Thank you, Representative, for helping Representative

Bost out there. You ought to get your staff around there.

Now, out of a bushel of soybeans just how many gallons of

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biodiesel would you be able to produce out of that bushel of soybeans?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "I don't have that information."

Speaker Black: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Do you blend it with a petroleum product such as oil,
 diesel oil now? Is it a 10% ratio? Is it going to be 10%
 bio or what?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "It's a 10% blend."

Speaker Black: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Presently, in the State of Illinois, we have a tax incentive for the production of ethanol. Would you, depending on the outcome of the promotion and so forth, do we have a tax incentive for biodiesel as well?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "No, we don't. But I would encourage the Sponsor of it and would carry it myself."

Speaker Black: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "You would...you would seek another tax incentive to reduce the income to the State of Illinois so that we can produce more soybeans and so forth and...Is that correct?

How many dollars do we spend now for alcohol incentive relief?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Bost."

Hartke: "Tax relief."

Bost: "I don't have that information."

Speaker Black: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "I'm getting some hand signals here. Did I commit a technical foul there?"

Speaker Black: "You're very close, I'll tell you that. Proceed."

Hartke: "What do you hope to accomplish with this? I mean, do

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you expect expansion of soybeans in Illinois to the detriment of other crops? What do you hope to do?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Representative Hartke, the idea is to encourage more soybean growth and sales in the State of Illinois, encourage new industry to open up in the creation of these plans, and with soybean being the large crop that it is for the State of Illinois, we want to encourage that all we can."

Speaker Black: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Well, I listened to the debate a few minutes ago Representative Currie suggested, I think, to one of your colleagues, that we write the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and encourage this all we can. You know, I think there was a edict put out by your side of the aisle that we ought to stop Resolutions and all these things because they cost a whole lot of money to put these things out. I'm sure that I may even caused some Legislator a speeding ticket tonight because you and I are sitting here discussing this piece of legislation. I sincerely hope not because I want our highways to be safe. I want our farmers to produce as much corn and soybeans as possible and I really don't know if we need a trade-off encouraging more soybean production cause those individuals in the corn producing area, you know, will...it's a trade-off, I guess. I've got seven seconds I want to thank you very much for answering my questions. I'm not sure if I ought to encourage people to vote..."

Speaker Black: "With no one seeking recognition, Representative Bost to close."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like everyone to support

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this Resolution. It does encourage the creation of plants to create biodiesel. It is important to the State of Illinois. Our soybean production is very important to the State of Illinois and we want to encourage it as much as we can. I'd appreciate a 'yes' vote."

- Speaker Black: "The question is, 'Shall House Resolution 17 pass'? And on this question all those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. House Resolution 17 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bills First Reading."
- Clerk McLennand: "Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills.

 Senate Bill 1026, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Senate Bill 1056, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Finance Act and Senate Bill 1057, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Auditor General. Introduction and First Reading of these Senate Bills."
- Speaker Black: "Continuing on the Order of Resolutions on page seven of the Calendar. On page seven of the Calendar, Order of Resolutions appears House Resolution 24. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."
- Clerk McLennand: "House Resolution 24 urges Congress to develop and enforce a policy of reciprocal agreements between states to assist in the collection of child support. The Elections and State Government Committee recommends 'be adopted'."
- Speaker Black: "And on the Resolution the Gentleman from Whiteside, Representative Mitchell."
- Mitchell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I bring you House Resolution 24. I would like to state that it says, 'By the House of

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Representatives of the 89th General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that we urge Congress to develop and enforce a policy of reciprocal agreements between states to assist in the collection of child support payments when noncustodial parent and the child reside in different states; and be it further resolved that a copy of Resolution be sent to each member of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.' Mr. Speaker, this has problem for a long long time and I think it is time that we get tough on the amount of money that's owed to the parent and the State of Illinois by the noncustodial parent residing outside of this State. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Black: "On the Resolution the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Black: "He indicates that he will."

Granberg: "Representative Mitchell, are you aware of any actions occurring currently at the federal level to address this problem?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Mitchell."

Mitchell: "Representative, I'm not aware of any action, but I certainly hope there is some."

Speaker Black: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "It's my understanding, Representative Mitchell, the
President and the Congress is currently considering this
approach. So we're going to be just be urging our local
members to work with the President to pass his approach to
this comprehensive...to this problem that occurs in every
state?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Mitchell."

Mitchell: "Representative, I think that's exactly what we're

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doing. We're urging the President and his state delegation. We are in support of any efforts that the Federal Congress would make in order for the states to work together. I have had a constituent of my own that has literally followed her husband through three states and started and restarted efforts to collect child support every time he moves."

Speaker Black: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you. Nothing further, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Black: "With no one seeking recognition, the Gentleman from Whiteside, Representative Mitchell to close."

Mitchell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Divorce is an unfortunate thing and it's a problem in our society today. But the recipient of the problem, the children, had nothing to do with the problem itself. They only receive the lack of funding and the rights that they deserve as they come into this world. It's time for us as a society to get behind efforts and to make sure that the innocents, the children in our society, are helped in every way we possible can. We can't stop the problem of divorce, but we certainly can work together to lessen the scar on those individuals that had nothing to do with the action of adults. I recommend a 'yes' vote on this Bill and urge everyone to join me in sending a message to Congress. Thank you."

Speaker Black: "You have heard the discussion on House Resolution 24. I assume you're ready to vote. All those in favor of the Resolution signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it and House Resolution 24 is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page seven of the Calendar, Order of Resolutions, appears HJR 10. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk McLennand: "House Joint Resolution 10, offered by

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Representative Meyer, urges President Clinton to demand a full accounting of POW-MIAS in Southeast Asia. The Veterans Affairs Committee recommends 'be adopted'."

Speaker Black: "And on the Resolution the Gentleman from Will, Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. House Joint Resolution 10 urges that President Clinton demand a full accounting from Vietnam of all the POW and MIAS. In 1994 the government of the United States lifted the embargo to trade to North Vietnam and to all of Vietnam. They lifted that embargo at the same time that we had over 2,200 American servicemen still unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. They lifted that embargo at the behest of the Vietnamese Government who wanted to normalize relations with the United States, while over 2,200 members of the armed forces of the United States, that the people of this country had sent there, were still missing in action or prisoners of war. secret Vietnamese report claimed that in 1972, and I call attention, in 1972 Hanoi held 1,205 American prisoners. However, in 1973 when the peace settlement was reached, only 591 of those prisoners were repatriated to the United States and there are still 96 missing and unaccounted for servicemen in Southeast Asia that were Illinois residents. To further compound this atrocity, last year the President of Russia announced that the Soviet Union imprisoned American prisoners of war in the Soviet Union but they were unable to provide an adequate explanation concerning their whereabouts. In addition. Vietnamese Nationalists who have moved to Canada and United States report that America POWS are still held in Southeast Asia. Ladies and Gentleman of the House, this

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Resolution asks that the President of the United States, President Clinton, continue to demand from Vietnam that a full accounting be made of our servicemen and that all of their remains be identified and returned to us. I would ask for your favorable vote."

- Speaker Black: "And on the Resolution the Gentleman from Madison, Representative Stephens."
- Stephens: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. It...this is an issue that I hope is not politicized at all. We are simply calling on the current administration of the United States, the same administration, Republican or Democrat, served while in office while many of us were in Southeast Asia and many of our families had members who served. And on behalf of those that were left behind, I think it is only appropriate in this manner and any other manner to express to those and their families that we will never forget. On behalf of my classmate from Collinsville High School, Randy Dalton. Randy, I can tell you that this vote is cast for you. I hope that Representative Meyer agrees to have all those who wish added as Cosponsors and I would urge support. It's an absolutely nonpartisan issue."
- Speaker Black: "Further discussion on the Resolution? The Gentleman from Kankakee, Representative Novak."
- Novak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I just have a few questions, Representative. What is Congress doing right now with respect to the question of accountability for our POWS and MIAS? What...is there a committee that's been established or has there been an ongoing investigation with respect to this?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "Representative, thank you for asking that question, and I would like to put this in perspective as nonpartisanism.

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This issue goes back twenty years and there is more than enough blame to go around between both sides of the aisle and Washington and I would certainly call that to the attention of my colleges here in the House. during the last couple of years while there was a bipartisan committee put together to visit the nation Vietnam to investigate what they could find out from visiting sites where planes had crashed, from visiting with people where prisoners of war had been reported to be seen, and my understanding is at the present time that effort has ceased. And I think it is very important that we Illinois House pass a Joint Resolution that will ask our President to continue on with this effort, to again go back to Hanoi and to ask them to account for all of those men that have been reported missing or prisoners of war."

Speaker Black: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "Yes, I agree, Representative Meyer, and I certainly do not stand to oppose this Resolution. I'm sure Legislator here in this Body is going to oppose this Resolution. I just had a question about what Congress trying to attempt. Let me just pose this one question to you for your response. Do you think that the current administration or any future administration in the current Congress, or for that matter any future Congress, carefully way the question of diplomatic recognition and sovereignty to the Republic of Vietnam and keep that as contingency before...to demand...I should say, to demand a full accounting of our POWS and MIAS. I just...that was just a thought of mine. How do you feel about that?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "My personal feeling, Representative, is that we shouldn't do anything to benefit Vietnam until they agree to give us

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a full accounting for all the men that have been reported as prisoners of war or missing in action. interesting article that I certainly would be willing to share with all of the Members of the House. It was published in the 'Copley News Service' by Robert Coldwell and in it he indicates that there has been a trip to Vietnam where through the back door a journalist was allowed to examine documents that were very highly documented that related to prisoners of war. Yet, at same time, Hanoi was claiming that all of these records had been eaten up by worms and such things that inhabit the storage areas where this information was supposably stored. I think that it's a true coverup by that country. think that...in my personal opinion, I don't think that we should cooperate with them at all. I think that we have a right to demand. Representative Boland. I'll use his name Maybe he will want to respond on this. in debate. Representative Boland and myself happened to attend the same university. We were political science majors together in the same classroom, the same year we graduated together. And one thing I believe Representative Boland would agree with me on, we had a terrific political science head of the department that we took many, many courses under, and the one thing that he drummed into us was the sanctity of individual. Sanctity of the individual is what causes this when some child falls down a well, to stop everything and expend hundreds of thousands of dollars and many hours of people's time to recover that child. Sanctity of the individual is what causes this when there is an airplane crash at sea, to spend millions of dollars trying to find the individuals that may have survived that air crash. Sanctity of the individual is when we as a country send our

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troops into action in a foreign land and..."

Speaker Black: "Proceed, Representative."

Novak: "...And then we remember them by demanding a full accounting of them when they are either reported as prisoners of war or they are missing in action. And I would say the sanctity of the individual demands that we not give into Hanoi and we not allow them to overlook the fact that we have over 2,200 of our former troops that are still missing and unaccounted for."

Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Novak, your time has expired.

Bring your questioning to an end."

Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, one last question. Representative, I'm certainly going to support this and this is to the Resolution. You did mention the word bipartisanship a number of times and I certainly agree with that concept, but I noticed on the board there are no Democratic Cosponsors. Would you be willing to accept many Democratic Cosponsors on this Resolution?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "I would be very honored to have every Member of this

House affix their name as a Cosponsor. This certainly was

not put forward in terms of partisan positions and I really

would welcome anybody's support or everybody's support."

Speaker Black: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Would it be inappropriate for me to ask, I would like to move that all Members of the Democratic side of the aisle be added as Cosponsors to this Resolution? All members of the House, I should say?"

Speaker Black: "That's fine with the Chair if no one objects.

Gentleman have leave to add all Members of the House as

Sponsors of the Resolution? Leave granted. Representative

Meyer to close."

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Novak: "Thank you."

- Meyer: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentleman of the House for your support and your Cosponsorship of this Resolution. I would just ask for your favorable vote. Thank you."
- Speaker Black: "The question is 'Shall House Joint Resolution 10 pass?' All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it.

 House Joint Resolution 10 is declared passed.

 Representative Wojcik in the Chair."
- Speaker Wojcik: "Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Senate Bill 159?"
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 159...Senate Bill 159 had been held on the Order of Second Reading pending a note request. The Fiscal Note has been filed on the Bill."
- Speaker Wojcik: "Representative Granberg. Representative, what is your pleasure on the Judicial Note?"
- Granberg: "Madam Speaker, inquiry of the Chair. It's my understanding that we are going to do Senate Bill 159 and one more Senate Bill and then proceed to Resolutions. Is that correct?"
- Speaker Wojcik: "Yes it is."
- Granberg: "I would withdraw the Judicial Impact Note."
- Speaker Wojcik: "Thank you. Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Senate Bill 162?"
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 162 had been held on the Order of Second Reading."
- Speaker Wojcik: "Are there any notes pending?"
- Clerk McLennand: "State Mandates Note and Fiscal Note have been requested on the Bill and has been filed."
- Speaker Wojcik: "Third Reading. Rules Committee Report."
- Clerk McLennand: "Representative Churchill, Chairman for Committee on Rules to which the following Resolutions were

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referred, action taken on May 4th, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do adopt' House Joint Resolution #40, House Joint Resolution #41 and House Joint Resolution #37."

Speaker Wojcik: "Representative Granberg, as indicated, we're going to go to page 8 of the Calendar and do the House Joint Resolutions. We'll do the Adjournment Resolution and then we are going to do a Death Resolution for a former Member. Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I believe you also indicated that the Adjournment Res...we will adjourn on the Death Resolution of the former Member. Is that correct?"

Speaker Wojcik: "That is correct."

Granberg: "Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Wojcik: "Mr. Clerk, read House Joint Resolution 11."

Clerk McLennand: "House Joint Resolution 11 urges the appeal of the federal Motorcycle Helmet Law. Transportation and Motor Vehicles Committee recommends 'be adopted'."

Speaker Wojcik: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentleman of the House. This is an issue that we've discussed time and time again over the past six years. This is your opportunity to strike a blow for liberty and for freedom. This simply reminds the U.S. Congress that according to the Tenth Amendment those activities not specifically delegated to the United States are the property of the respective states and, specifically, dealing with the regulation of traffic and motor vehicle safety laws, it is constitutionally the province of the state not the congressional authority. And so essentially what we're asking the U.S. Congress to do, is to repeal their mandated programs and their requirement that we set aside a percentage of our highway funds for

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safety programs and allow them to stay in the construction part of the highway funds. This effort, I might add, has bipartisan support not only here in the Illinois General Assembly, but also in Congress with many of our congressional delegation and specifically Senator Carol Mosely Braun, who is strongly in support of the repeal of a federal mandate setting aside this money. And if you don't believe me, show up here at the Capitol this Sunday when there will be a rally of motorcyclists. And we expect, if the whether is nice, over a thousand motorcycles to show up to lend their support in a parade for freedom and support for liberty and I ask approval of House Joint Resolution 11."

- Speaker Wojcik: "Is there any discussion? There being none, Representative Weaver to close."
- Weaver: "I just ask for your favorable approval of House Joint Resolution 11. Thank you."
- Speaker Wojcik: "All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'. All those opposed 'nay'. The ayes have it, the Resolution is carried. Mr. Clerk, read House Joint Resolution #12."
- Clerk McLennand: "House Joint Resolution #12 creates the Equity
 95 Property Tax Classification Task Force to study the Cook
 County Property Tax Classification System. Revenue
 Committee recommends 'be adopted'."
- Speaker Wojcik: "Representative Zabrocki."
- Zabrocki: "Madam Chairman, would you take it out of the record for now, please?"
- Speaker Wojcik: "Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, please read House Joint Resolution #24."
- Clerk Rossi: "House Joint Resolution #24, offered by Representative Novak, creates committees to study and develop proper method of celebrating Vietnam War Veterans

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Day in Illinois. The Veterans Affairs Committee recommends 'be adopted'."

Speaker Wojcik: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentleman of the House. Representatives, I introduce this Resolution as response to a constituent who served in Vietnam with the airborne...one of the airborne divisions that was there. And a few years ago we passed a Bill that became law that requires that the Vietnam Veterans Day...Vietnam Veterans Day is a commemorative holiday; that school districts around the State of Illinois shall set aside a little bit of time and in their own manner, 'throbbing' through their social studies or their history classes, indicate on this particular day, I believe it is March 30th of every year, how the Vietnam War, how this country got The internal strife, the divisions, into this conflict. the emotional strife, the terrible calamities that occurred during the tumultuous decade of the sixties and the resulting final end of the Vietnam War, and as we heard earlier this afternoon about the continuing concerns and problems of families of POWS and MIAS. My concern was, that there seems to be a lack of consistency around the state with our school districts with respect to how they present the real meaning of the Vietnam War. And when I say the real meaning, I say all sides should be discussed within this particular time frame that the schools set aside. Certainly those people that opposed the war are certainly authorized under our United States Constitution to voice their concerns about that, but certainly those people that supported that endeavor are also within their rights to support that. But I think in the instructional milieu, I think we should have a consistency and a standard

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that shows both sides. What really happened, how we got involved in the conflict, what tolls it took on the lives of servicemen that went there and lost their lives, came back home maimed and their families and how it impacted our Federal Government. So I would simply be more than happy to entertain questions and if anyone wishes to be a Sponsor with me on this Resolution, I would be more than happy."

Speaker Wojcik: "Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg is recognized."

Granberg: "No, I'm sorry, Madam Speaker, I believe Representative

Meyer wanted to speak to this issue. I rise in support of
the Resolution."

Speaker Wojcik: "Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Wojcik: "He indicates he will."

Meyer: "Representative, what will this committee consist of that would be recommending the procedure?"

Speaker Wojcik: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "I believe it's a committee consistent with the representatives of the State Board of Education, the veterans groups. I don't have my file with me, but it is a committee that...a nonpartisan relevant committee that's put together to try to get some consistency within the State Board of Education. Again, I want to stay away from this mandate business. It's sort of like a guideline. And the..."

Speaker Wojcik: "Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "Thank you, Representative. I'll give you maybe a minute to take a look down through that. I think it's important for the Members of this Body to understand that we, through this Resolution, are asking...or requiring that both Bodies

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of the House participate along with the Department of Education."

Speaker Wojcik: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "Yes, that is correct, Representative Meyer. Now that I, through your graces gave me a copy of this, as I said I didn't have my file with me. The committee is going to consist of 17 members; 12 Members of the General Assembly appointed three each by the Speaker and the Minority Leader and the respective chamber across the...across the rotunda; one each representing the major veterans organization; the Superintendent of the State Board of Education, Mr. Spagnolo and the Director of Veterans Affairs to sit down and try to put some logical guidelines for our school districts to use when they celebrate this commemorative holiday."

Speaker Wojcik: "Representative Meyer."

"Thank you, Representative. Ladies and Gentleman of the Meyer: House, to the Bill. This Joint Resolution unanimous support in the Veterans Affairs Committee. I think it's very important that we do have a day of remembrance or commemoration for what has occurred in this respect. I think that it's important because I think in my lifetime at least, and I'm 51 years old now, in my lifetime that era just really set the tone for what has happened after the 1960's in our country. It was a time that broke our country apart. Great schisms developed. They're just beginning to heal now but they haven't healed entirely. There were millions of young men and women who served in the armed forces of the country. There were over two hundred thousand young individuals that chose not to became objectors to that effort. There were leaders in this country that sent millions of young men and women into

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harms way. Some of those same leaders today now are selling books and admitting that, or at least stating for the record that they felt all along it might have been a mistake. I think that it has to be a remembrance and a time of healing that occurs. I think that it's important that the event is focused, that the event is properly reported, that there is input to the process of remembering that event in the schools. I stand in strong support of this Resolution and again would hope, as the Members already, I believe, volunteered that all Members could be added to the Roll. Thank you."

Speaker Wojcik: "Is there any further discussion? The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Stephens. There being no further discussion, Representative Novak to close."

Novak: "Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentleman of the House. I certainly would move right now with leave of the Body to add all Members of this Body onto House Resolution...Joint Resolution 24 as Cosponsors. I would like to just close by indicating that what Representative Meyer and I, we worked very well together in the Veterans Affairs Committee. We treat these issues concerning veterans in a very sensitive manner. The Vietnam War was a very, very sensitive time of our lives. It tore a lot of families apart. It disrupted many families. Ιt changed our lives dramatically in such a short period of time. It is fitting for this in the State of Illinois through it's State Board of Education to make sure that our young people who never new what Vietnam was. Some that are six and seven years old may read about it in magazines as some type of a glimmer or some type of a saga history. They should know what really happened during that conflict. They should know the reasons why we

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involved. They should know the repercussions and the ramifications of our involvement in that war. And I simply would ask that this Body join with me in unanimously endorsing this Resolution."

- Speaker Wojcik: "Is there leave of the House that all names be applied to the Resolution? Leave is granted. All those in favor of the Resolution signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The Resolution is carried. Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution."
- Clerk McLennand: "Senate Joint Resolution #46, offered by Representative Churchill. Resolved by the House of Representatives of the 89th General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the Senate concurring herein...the House concurring herein, that when the two Houses adjourn on Tuesday, May 4th, 1995, they stand adjourned until Monday May 8th, 1995 at 12:00 noon."
- Speaker Wojcik: "With leave to suspend House Rule 36,
 Representative Black now moves adoption of the Adjournment
 Resolution. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye';
 opposed 'nay'. The Adjournment Resolution is carried.
 Representative Churchill in the Chair."
- Speaker Churchill: "Ladies and Gentleman, we will adjourn this afternoon on the Resolution of the death of a former Member. Mr. Clerk, will you please read House Joint Resolution 41."
- Clerk McLennand: "House Joint Resolution #41, offered by Representative Wennlund.

'WHEREAS, The death of our former colleague, Robert P. Regan, brings much sadness to the members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Robert Regan, a true advocate for children, died on May 3, 1995, at the age of 59; and

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WHEREAS, He served as a member of the House of Representatives from 1985 through 1992, representing the 80th District; and

WHEREAS, He served on numerous committees and was vice spokesman of the Health Care Committee, spokesman of the Registration and Regulation Committee, and co-chairman of the Citizens Council on Children; and

WHEREAS, Robert Regan cared deeply about children, the abused, neglected, and the unborn; he championed many children's issues; and

WHEREAS, Robert Regan was a former vice chairman of the Will County Board; he was active in the Aunt Martha's Program, I-SEARCH, DARE Programs, and the CHIPS Program for those who could not obtain health insurance; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Robert Regan will be most deeply felt by his devoted family and friends who supported him throughout his public and private career, especially his wife, Carol, and his seven children; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we express our most sincere condolences to the family of Robert Regan, a respected colleague who will truly be missed; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his widow, Carol Regan.'"

Speaker Churchill: "The chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will, Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentleman of the House. It is with great sadness that I rise to speak about a good friend, a former colleague. Bob Regan genuinely cared about people, particularly about the children of the world, all children of the world. He cared about those who

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were abused and neglected. He worked with Aunt Marthas. He worked in Dare Programs throughout the school to rid drugs from schools and from young children. He cared about people who could not afford health insurance or could not get it and he worked to develop the C.H.I.P.S. Program for those children. I can remember the down days in the General Assembly when we had a lot of time between Bills in late June and into July. I'd go by Representative Wojcik's Office and the door would be closed. Well, I knew what was going on there. Generally, in the earlier days, it would be Kay Wojcik, Bob Piel, Bob Regan playing gin rummy and then along came Representative Balthis, also appeared behind that closed door, playing gin rummy in the dog days of June and July when we were here. Bob had a great sense of humor. He was a good friend. We ate together probably four nights out of five down here and when we were not in Springfield, we'd meet for lunch at least once sometimes twice a week back in the district. now represent part of his district. He and his lovely wife Carol and my wife and I became good friends. We spent a lot of time together. I suppose the good news is the pain is gone. I talked to Bob last Saturday. The pain was so great that the medicine could not mask the pain and Bob told me that this was not a life for anyone and Bob was very much a realist. He is survived by his seven children. You certainly all are invited to visitation tomorrow from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the 'Crete' funeral home. He was a great guy, a good friend. I 'll miss him."

Speaker Churchill: "The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can only echo the remarks of Representative Wennlund. I had the opportunity and the

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pleasure to serve with Bob and when we dealt specifically with children's issues and there was no person more generally concerned about the welfare of children than Bob Regan. He dealt with those issues like we all should on all issues, to rise above the partisan politics, did that and there was no finer Gentleman. He was really a credit to this Body, to this institution, he was genuinely concerned. There was no more hard working Representative than Bob Regan. And he was absolutely a credit to this Body and we can only hope to work as hard as he did on all the issues affecting this state. And we certainly send our condolences to Mrs. Regan and all their wonderful children."

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

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. Bob Regan was my friend and seatmate for a number of years and I will remember the positive and fun things about Bob Regan. He had the driest sense of humor anyone I ever, ever met. Many people sometimes didn't know how to take him, but he was so funny once you understood his humor that he was...he'd make...he'd made the days faster because you always knew that he had a joke or he had a sense of humor that you could appreciate. I went down and worked in his district for an election to help him and the amount of young people that he had working in his campaign that involved with his children as they became older and became young adults was phenomenal. involvement with the youth of his area and his legislation and the cause that he took at one time was not popular and satanism and even to the degree that he got death threats because of his involvement trying to protect the children

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of Illinois. Carol is a wonderful person and I know that her and their family will miss Bobbie terribly like we will; and he was a credit to this institution and the people of Illinois will have lost one of their favorite sons."

Speaker Churchill: "The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, like several others on this side of the aisle, I had the pleasure of coming into the General Assembly in the same class with Bob Regan. Representative Parke, you're very right, And. remember him most for his caring for children and second most for his sense of humor. I would tell you that when I left the General Assembly and then returned, it was a time that Bob was leaving the General Assembly, when I wound up renting his apartment. And under the bed I found a single shoe and so I called him and asked him about the shoe and in his...his own inimitable way he simply said, 'you know, I had the darndest time explaining that missing shoe to Maybe you better just keep it since I've explained Carol. So, I...that is the way I will remember Bob Regan, serving the people and with a constant sense of humor."

Speaker Churchill: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Pedersen."

Pedersen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentleman of the House. I remember Bob Regan as a real fighter. You know he was in a marginal district. It was always a target and you know, the elections are always close. And you know I sometimes wonder, those of us who are in that situation where you are just in a perpetual campaign, you have to hand it to them for their courage and they're willing to

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fight for their cause and I know that in his last days that he was continuing to fight in the same way. He was...had ties to the insurance field. And of course there were many times when myself and Terry Parke and Bob were all on the floor carrying on about a...something that was going on in the insurance industry and he was very good in that capacity, also. He was a good friend. He was...it's hard for us when you have someone that...you know...Most of time we are talking about people in the dim past, but here is a guy that we all worked with just a short time ago. So it was a shock that I heard about this and I will certainly say prayers for Bob and his...and Carol and the family."

Speaker Churchill: "The Lady from Dupage, Representative Cowlishaw."

Cowlishaw: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly all of the things that those who have spoken before me have said, I would want to echo. Particularly the part of...about that sparkling sense of humor. But what I will always remember Bob Regan for the most was the strength of his convictions. What Bob Regan believed in, he believed in passionately and what he opposed, he opposed with his whole soul. Would that all of us might live our lives like that."

Speaker Churchill: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Wojcik."

Wojcik: "Difficult times, we talk about our family here. We talk
about being away from home a lot and we talk about what we
do and how we do it and we all know that we have close
relationships and that we become brothers and sisters, that
without that relationship many of us probably wouldn't make
it. Bob Regan was such a loyal and dedicated man, not only
to his political job, but to his wife Carol, his family.
He talked so highly of them and every night he would call
Carol up and let her know what he was doing to let her know

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that he was okay. And being a wife, we all worry about our husbands and our spouses and he was just so beautiful that he never wanted her to worry about things, and when you had a problem he was so good and kind about listening. Very rarely did he have problems and if he did, he kept them to himself. We had club, we had a great understanding and yes, I did learn how to play gin. Bob taught me. Last week, Thursday, I spoke to him and I kept a good conversation with him while he was in the hospital. I just think God will take good care of him because he said, 'Kay, I guess we'll never play another game of gin.' So, God bless you, Bob, and may you find the peace and happiness upstairs."

Speaker Churchill: "Speaker Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House, we indeed grateful for what Bob Regan has done for all of us. The testimonies and the heartfelt friendship that spurred in this chamber - he worked so hard on children's on issues that were of concern to him and served his profession so highly in the insurance field and left so many of us that will think so great of the many good works that he has done. He was a wonderful man and a real credit to this institution and a great father, seven children, great husband. We will miss him, but we will also remember as you adopt this Resolution the wonderful things that he did for Illinois, the citizens of Illinois, because he did make it a better place for us to live in. And for that we are grateful and will forever remember, at least as long as live, that Bob Regan was a very special person and I was privileged to have served with him."

Speaker Churchill: "Is there leave to add all Members? Leave is granted. Representative Wennlund now moves for the

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adoption of House Joint Resolution 41 and further moves that the House stand adjourned until Monday, May 8, 1995 at the hour of 12:00 noon. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'. Any opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it and allowing for Perfunctory Session, the House will now stand adjourned until Monday, May 8th, 1995 at the hour of 12:00 noon."

Clerk McLennand: "Being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will be adjourned. The House will reconvene Monday, May 8th, at the hour of 12:00 noon."

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