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Speaker Hannig: "The hour of 12:30 having arrived, the House will be in order, the Members will be in their seats. Will all unauthorized personnel retire from the Gallery? We will be led in prayer today by Reverend Mark Johnson with Calvary Temple Christian Center in Springfield. Reverend Johnson is the guest of Representative Raymond Poe. Guests in the Gallery may wish to rise for the invocation. Reverend Johnson."

Reverend Johnson: "Father, we come before You at this time and we are grateful, that You love us, that You care for each and every person and that You have a perfect will in mind. And Lord, we know that as we seek Your will, that You can bring us from different backgrounds and different points of view into unity. We pray that Your unity would rest upon this Body. We pray that understanding would be in our hearts for one another. And, we pray, that Father, as we walk in Your will, You would give us peace and You would give us comfort. And Father, as we would walk away from Your will, that You would trouble our heart, until we discovered exactly what You have for each and every one of us. Bless the labors, bless the work, give health to each and every one. We pray, in Jesus' name, Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "And we will be led the in Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Mary K. O'Brien."

O'Brien, Mary K.: " - et al I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Hannig: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Cross, for excused absences."

Cross: "Well, thank you. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. We are all here today. Thank you."

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Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Cross. Representative Lang on Democratic excuses, absences."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Boland and Representative Acevedo have excused absences today."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Mr. Lang. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 116 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. The Chair is prepared to go to the Order of Second Reading on page four. And, for those Bills where the Notes have been filed and we are ready to move those, we will make an effort to give the Sponsor a chance to move those Bills. So, Mr. Clerk, read Senate Bill 5. Representative Durkin. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 5, a Bill for an Act amending the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 6, Representative Roskam. Out of the Record. Senate Bill 7, Representative John Turner. Representative John Turner. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 7, a Bill for an Act in relation to Certain Sex Offenses. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in Committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 15, Representative Lyons. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 15, a Bill for an Act amending the Criminal Code of 1961. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 21, Representative Saviano. Out of the record. Senate Bill 63,

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Representative Capparelli. Out of the record. Senate Bill 66, Representative Mitchell. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 66, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 69, Mr. Mitchell. Read the Bill."

"Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 69, a Bill for an Act in relation to School Technology. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 107...no, out of the record. Senate Bill 109, Representative Scott. The Gentleman in the Chamber? Out of the record. Senate Bill 110, Representative Churchill. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 110, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 111, Representative Wirsing. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 111, a Bill for an Act concerning County Board Members. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 112, Representative Winters. Representative Winters. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 112, a Bill for an Act in relation to fees imposed for electronic monitoring. Second Reading of

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this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in Committee.

No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 123, Representative Durkin. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 123, A Bill for an Act in relation to sex offender management. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 140, Representative Lyons. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 140, a Bill for an Act amending the Environmental Protection Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 151, Representative Novak. Representative Black. Representative Black, would you like to handle House Bill, or Senate Bill 151? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 151, a Bill for an Act regarding Assessments on the Propane Industry. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 155, Representative Holbrook. (sic- Senate Bill) 155. The Clerk indicates that the Notes have been filed, Representative Holbrook. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 155, a Bill for an Act Amending the Counties Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 165, Representative Kubik. The Gentleman in the Chamber? Out of the Record.

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Senate Bill 171, Representative McKeon. Representative McKeon. Is the Gentleman in the Chamber? Out of the Record. Senate Bill 174, Representative Hughes. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 174, a Bill for an Act amending the Conservation District Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 180, Representative Hughes. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 180, a Bill for an Act amending the Local Government Debt Reform Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 193, Representative Brady. Out of the record. Senate Bill 194, Representative Deering. Representative Deering on (sic-Senate Bill) 194. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Senate Bill 194."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 194, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Pension Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, can we return to Senate Bill 193? Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 193, a Bill for an Act amending the Vision Service Plan Act Repeal. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate (sic-Bill) 196, Representative Mautino. Representative Mautino. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 196, a Bill for an Act amending the

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Illinois Insurance Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 199, Representative Deering. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 199, a Bill for an Act in relation to Burial Expenses for State Police Officers killed in the line of duty. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 214, Representative Beaubien. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 214, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Solid Waste Management Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 213, Representative Crotty. Is the Lady in the Chamber? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 213, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Municipal Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 226, Representative Cowlshaw. Yes, read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 226, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 233, Representative Stephens. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 233, a Bill for an Act concerning

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Vehicles. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 234, Representative Lawfer. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 234, a Bill for an Act concerning Hospital District Directors. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 245, Representative Kosel. Is the Lady in the Chamber? Yes, read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 245, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 247, Representative Winters. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 247, a Bill for an Act amending the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 271, Representative Gash. The Lady in the Chamber? Out of the record. Senate Bill 292, Representative John Turner. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 292, a Bill for an Act amending Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 314, Representative Poe. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 314, a Bill for an Act amending the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 250. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 250, a Bill for an Act concerning the Illinois Coal Development Board. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 317, Representative Winters. Representative Winters on (sic-Senate Bill) 317. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 317, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Public Aid Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 329, Representative Leitch. Out of the record. Senate Bill 341, Representative Biggert. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 341, a Bill for an Act amending the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 369, Representative McAuliffe. Representative McAuliffe. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 369, a Bill for an Act concerning Conservators of the Peace. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amend...Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 371. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 371, a Bill for an Act amending the Property Tax Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 378, Representative Parke. The Gentleman in the Chamber? Out of the record. Senate Bill 385, Representative Biggert. Representative Biggert (sic-Senate Bill) 385. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

"Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 385, a Bill for an Act amending the Plat Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 417, Representative Cross. Representative Cross. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 417, a Bill for an Act concerning Employee Leasing Companies. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 418, Representative Feigenholtz. Is the Lady in the Chamber? Out of the record. Senate Bill 421, Representative Currie or Representative Ronen. The Ladies are not in the Chamber. Out of the record. Senate Bill 429, Representative McAuliffe. Representative McAuliffe. Out of the record. Senate Bill 431, Representative Moffitt. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 431, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments, or Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No

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Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 432, Representative Clayton. Read the Bill. Yes, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 432, a Bill for an Act amending the Election Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 450. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 450, a Bill for an Act to Create the Interpreter for the Deaf Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 490, Representative Mautino. Representative Frank Mautino. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 490, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Insurance Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 378."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 378, a Bill for an Act amending the Environmental Protection Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions Filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 495, Representative Churchill. Out of the record. Senate Bill 500, Representative Fantin. Is the Lady in the Chamber? The Lady is not in the Chamber. Senate Bill 508, Representative McAuliffe. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. (sic-Senate Bill) 508."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 508, a Bill for an Act to reenact certain provisions of Public Acts, relating to prisoner

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reimbursement for expenses of incarceration. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 516, Representative Cross. (sic-Senate Bill) 516. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 516, a Bill for an Act concerning the State Comptroller. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 524. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 524, a Bill for an Act in relation to Natural Resources. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 555, Representative Klingler. Representative Klingler, do you...Representative Klingler. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 555, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 558, Representative Beaubien. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 558, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 559, Representative Black. Representative Black. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 559, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 569, Representative Stephens. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 569, a Bill for an Act amending the School Codes. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 594, Representative Moffitt. Representative Moffitt. (sic-Senate Bill) 594. Out of the record. Senate Bill 599, Representative Lopez. The Gentleman is not in the Chamber. Senate Bill 611, Representative Saviano. Representative Saviano. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 611, a Bill for an Act extending the Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology concerning the practice of speech language pathology and audiology. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read Senate Bill 594."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 594, a Bill for an Act concerning Municipal Officers. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 648, Representative Leitch. Representative Leitch on (sic-Senate Bill) 648. Out of the record. Senate Bill 681, Representative Biggins. Representative Biggins. Representative Biggins on... Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. (sic-Senate Bill) 681."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 681, a Bill for an Act amending the

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Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 689, Representative Black. (sic-Senate Bill) 689. Would you like us to read that, Bill. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 689, a Bill for an Act amending the Hazardous Materials Emergency Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 694, Representative Saviano. Representative Saviano. (sic-Senate Bill) 694. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 694, a Bill for an Act amending the Pharmacy Practice Act of 1987. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 697, Representative McGuire. Out of the record. Senate Bill 700. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 700, a Bill for an Act relating to Competition in the Telecommunications Industry. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 738, Representative McAuliffe. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 738, a Bill for an Act amending the Criminal Code of 1961. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 762, Representative McAuliffe. Representative McAuliffe. Read the Bill, Mr.

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Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 762, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Police Training Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 770, Representative Wirsing. The Gentleman in the Chamber? Out of the record. Senate Bill 786, Representative Saviano. Representative "Skip" Saviano, Senate Bill 786. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 786, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 790, Mr. Parke. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 790, a Bill for an Act amending the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 793, Representative Turner. John Turner. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 793, a Bill for an Act amending the Criminal Code of 1961. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 796, Representative Durkin. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 796, a Bill for an Act amending the Criminal Code of 1961. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 814, Representative Scully. Representative Scully. Out of the record. Senate Bill 815, Representative Kosel. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 815, a Bill for an Act amending the Environmental Protection Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 816, Representative Hassert. Out of the record. Senate Bill 844, Representative Parke. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 844, a Bill for an Act amending the Condominium Property Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 857, Representative Saviano. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 857, a Bill for an Act to extend the Boards of the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act and the Nursing Home Administrators Licensing and Disciplinary Act and the Committees of the Illinois Nursing Act and the Physician Assistance Act concerning regulated professions. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 798, Representative Hartke. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 798, a Bill for an Act concerning highway signs. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read Senate Bill 770."

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Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 770, a Bill for an Act amending the Northern Illinois University Law Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 858, Representative Saviano. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 858, a Bill for an Act extending the Podiatric Medical Licensing Board. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 876, Representative Lawfer. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 876, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 902, Representative John Turner. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 902, a Bill for an Act concerning the practice of Optometry. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 920, Representative Winters. Representative Winters. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 920, a Bill for an Act concerning builders and developers. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 921, Representative Black. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 921, a Bill for an Act amending the

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Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 942, Representative Ryder. Representative Ryder. Does someone know if Representative Ryder wishes this Bill called? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 942, a Bill for an Act amending the Court of Claims Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 953, Representative Biggert. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 953, a Bill for an Act to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks, service marks and trade names. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1030, Representative Poe. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1030, a Bill for an Act amending the Child Care Act of 1969. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1050, Representative Daniels. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1050, a Bill for an Act amending the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1070, Representative Black. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1070, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1099, Representative Lindner. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1099, a Bill for an Act concerning juveniles. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1118. Representative Noland. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1118, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Municipal Codes. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative McCarthy, for what purpose do you rise?"

McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can I have a Point of Personnel Privilege, please?"

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, state your point."

McCarthy: "I would like to welcome and recognize, the seventh grade class from St. Bede's School, on the beautiful Southwest side of Chicago, that is up in the Gallery behind us here today. So, please welcome them."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Senate Bill 999?"

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 999 is on the Order of Senate Bills Third Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Return that Bill to Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Senate Bill 304?"

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 304 is on the Order of Senate Bills

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Third Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Return that Bill to Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor. We are going to move to the Order of Third Readings. Senate Bills Third Readings. We are going to start with Senate Bill 29. Representative Pankau. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 29, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Pankau."

Pankau: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. Senate Bill 39 (sic -Senate Bill 29) would add flashing warning lights to a funeral procession, and I ask for your favorable approval."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Representative Deering is recognized."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She will."

Deering: "Representative, are there any fines associated with this legislation?"

"Pankau: "No, Representative."

Deering: "Does this... what does this do then, just allow funeral processions to have flashing lights?"

Pankau: "It allows funeral processions to have flashing hazardous warning signals along with the other things that they are already permitted to have. Basically, at this point, you have several years ago, we passed legislation, in which, particularly, when it is raining and you have your windshield wipers on, you must have your lights on. Also, some cars, the newer models are now equipped with lights that go on all the time, when you start the car, your lights are on, then when you turn the car off, your lights go off. This has not created a whole lot of confusion, but

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it has created some, in that during certain weather circumstances, you don't know whether a car that has its lights on is in the procession or not in the procession. So, this would allow the funeral directors to ask the people in the procession to put their flashing, their flashers, their signal flashers on, and that way you will know that it is another indicator that they are in the funeral procession."

Deering: "Do we need a law to do this? Can you not just do that now?"

Pankau: "It is not specific. You maybe could do it, but it is not, sometimes in certain areas, it is generally accepted and it has become a practice. It certainly doesn't hurt us to put it in the law."

Deering: "So, currently, if I'm travelling down the road right now with my flashing light or my warning lights flashing, are you saying that in certain areas of the state, I can be issued a \$75.00 citation?"

Pankau: "No, why would you assume that?"

Deering: "Well, in your remarks, you said that 'It is not clear, as to whether you can run with your flashers on now or not'; so, I'm just trying to clear up the intent of the legislation?"

Pankau: "Representative, I'm sorry, what I was trying to say was, it is not clear to other people on the road, that are not involved in the procession, whether this is a funeral procession or not. And, depending on the length of some funeral processions and some of, in particularly, some of the more congested areas, there could be a question in somebody's mind, whether they should go around or should cut through, or can they make a turn here or not? So, it is to clarify, actually, not the people in the procession,

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but it is others on the road at the same time as the funeral procession. This way, they will know if they have their flashing lights on and they have other... and they are in a group, that they are part of that procession."

Deering: "So ...if this Bill does not require oncoming traffic to stop, does it? They can still proceed, if they so choose?"

Pankau: "Yes, they can."

Deering: "And, if they seem to be somewhat inconsiderate and want to cut through the funeral procession, there is nothing in this legislation that will allow a citation to be issued to them. Is that correct?"

Pankau: "That is correct."

Deering: "Thank you. No further questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Gash."

Gash: "Representative Pankau. To the Bill. I just want to say that I have received calls from constituents about this very matter and introduced a similar Bill last year. I applaud your work on this and that of Senator Parker. And, I think that it is a very important issue. This is a safety issue. And, I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 106 voting 'yes' and 2 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read Senate Bill 31."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 31, a Bill for an Act relating to school buses. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Moffitt. Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 31 was brought up

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because of some tragedies that have occurred in the State of Illinois. There is a long history of accidents occurring over a number of years. In front of a school bus, there is really a danger zone where the hood blocks the view of a small child crossing in front of the bus. This legislation was initiated by parents of children that were tragically run over by their own school bus. This legislation would provide that buses in Illinois eventually would have an arm on the bumper that would swing out in front of the bus that would require the child, when they get off the bus, if they are going to go in front of the bus, they have to walk out far enough that the driver can maintain sight contact with them. This would change that danger zone, which unfortunately, has become a death zone into going a long ways to making it a safer situation. I would be happy to answer any questions. This would become a reimbursable item by the state. I think it is important that we, as a General Assembly, be sure that we provide full funding, so that any claims that are put in on this, will be fully funded back to the school district. One of the local contractors is already going ahead on their own and putting these arms on. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentleman. I rise in support of Senate Bill 31, as someone who has been after this General Assembly for some time to do more about school bus safety. I applaud Representative Moffitt in his efforts. He has added me as a Cosponsor, and I appreciate the opportunity that Representative Moffitt has given us to move forward something else in the area of school bus safety. I only wish we would have added seat belts on

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these school buses, but we will address that at a later time. I think that we should vote for this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Deering."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will."

Deering: "Representative, I see here that this does not apply to a bus if it is registered in another state. Under the current law today, can we, can a school district contract with an out-of-state contractor to provide private bus transportation to Illinois school districts?"

Moffitt: "Representative, is the question that the contractor would, if they were out-of-state, could they provide services in state?"

Deering: "That is correct. My analysis says that, my analysis sheet says that, if a bus is registered in another state, that this law does not apply to them. Now, will they legally be able, can they legally come here and provide transportation services to Illinois school districts?"

Moffitt: "Representative, it is my understanding that if there are out-of-state buses temporarily operating in the state, it would not apply. If it is a permanent operation in the state, if we need to address that, we can certainly do that in the future. The intent is that it would apply to all buses operating in the state."

Deering: "Okay, can you briefly for the Body, describe to them how long this program has been in place, the reimbursement program, as it was spelled forth in committee?"

Moffitt: "There has been a pilot project for two years."

Deering : " Was it not testified in committee, that there has been a reimbursement program in the State Statute since the late 1940's?"

Moffitt: "Representative, I thought the pilot project was due as

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far as the bus arms. I don't think ...the swing arms have not been existent that I'm aware of that long. It is somewhat of a new concept. The reimbursement for safety items, I believe, has been there for a number of years."

Deering: "This is mandatory legislation?"

Moffitt: "It would become required equipment, just like a number of other items that we require on school buses. This is one that they could apply for a reimbursement. So, if we fully fund the fund for reimbursement than it would not be an unfunded Mandate. It would be a requirement, but we provide the funding. Again, it is crucial that the General Assembly see that funding is there for the reimbursement of this item. We do require a number of other safety devices on buses, such as the signal arm on the side, the flashing lamps, clearance lights, and so on, the fire extinguisher, the height of the back of the seat. So we have a number of other requirements already. This would be one additional requirement that would be reimbursable."

Deering: "Well, knowing how we operate around here sometimes, I think in your previous, in your most recent statement, you said 'If we fund this program'. So, you're saying there is a possibility here, that the General Assembly will not fund the reimbursement program. So then the school districts, especially those poorer down-state districts, may be required to go through the expense, or the contractors may be required to go through the expense of installing these stop arms and then not getting their money back. Is that not correct?"

Moffitt: "We would be making a requirement. I hope we fully fund it. If we don't, I believe last year it was 85% funded, which would be the degree. What we are doing is requiring that school buses become safer when we put our ...the buses

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that our children ride to and from school."

Deering: "But, this Bill could be an unfunded Mandate, could it not?"

Moffitt: "That is up to the General Assembly."

Deering: "Schools can do this now, can they not? I notice driving around Springfield, the Springfield school buses have these stop arms on the buses already."

Moffitt: "Right, it is a relatively new concept. A number of districts have gone ahead and put them in. Several contractors, in fact, the one based in Springfield, there was an article last week, that they intend to equip their buses with this. They see the advantage. They see the need. They see that it provides a safer situation. I believe 13 other states that I'm aware of have adopted similar legislation."

Deering: "Well, if it is optional today, why can't we just let the school boards do this on their own, if they want?"

Moffitt: "Representative, we can. It is always our option to do nothing. I have here a list of the tragedies that have occurred every year, where school buses are running over the very children that they haul. If we want this list to continue to grow, then we don't need to pass this legislation. But if we really want to try to improve safety, then we should pass this and add to that, we should do our job and fully fund it."

Deering: "I have one final question, Representative. It was testified in committee that the company that manufactures these stop arms have sold out because of other states purchasing the stop arms. If they can't manufacture the stop arms, and we can't get them on the buses by the time limits set forth in your Bill, will there be a window of exemption in there for the school buses?"

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Moffitt: "Representative, an excellent question. My answer would be that, yes, I definitely feel there would be. We have done two things that, or two possibilities in how we could address that: Number one, if we found that that was a problem, with the situation that you just indicated, that simply the supply was not there, follow-up legislation could address it. In addition to that, the Amendment that we put on in the committee, here in the House Transportation Committee, clarifies that the Department of Transportation and the State Board of Education are to develop rules, as far as using these arms. And I think, obviously, if they were to be the common sense type and if there was, if they are unavailable, obviously, there would have to be an extension, if you simply could not find enough of these arms available."

Deering: "Thank you. I have no further questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mitchell."

Mitchell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will."

Mitchell: "Representative Moffitt, first of all, I want to thank you for moving this legislation forward. I have just a couple of questions. Primarily, you and I were in the same meeting in Geneseo, where the young couple that lost their kindergarten age son to a bus accident, where he walked very close in front of the bus and was obscured from view and was basically run over by the school bus. This stop arm on the front of the bus is designed to protect the little ones, the primary age children. Is there any, once this Bill becomes law, I see at the bottom of it that the State Board will promulgate the rules and regulations governing the stop arms. Will that then make this a part of the Illinois School Code?"

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Moffitt: "Yes, it would become a part of the school code."

Mitchell: "If then it is a part of the school code and if, in fact, the General Assembly sees fit, as Representative Deering alluded to, not to fund this Mandate, could then high school districts, high school districts, well anybody, I guess could, but is there a possibility that high school only districts might waiver out of this, simply because they don't have the primary age kids in their district?"

Moffitt: "Representative, I believe that would be a possibility. We really didn't address that. The intent of giving the State Board and the Department of Transportation some additional authority was to address that very type thing. If we simply say a bus must have this safety arm on, the question came up, 'What if it became inoperable?' It is put on, it is working, but it breaks down, and the law says that it has to have the arm functioning. They're going to develop rules that say, 'Well, if it breaks down, you have a reasonable length of time.' Also, they are going to take a look at the design of buses. It could be that all buses of a certain design or even certain hauling conditions, it could be that they will develop rules that say, 'this provides no additional safety, because of what they are hauling.' As you pointed out, the tragedies essentially have occurred to young children in most, in almost all the cases that we have looked at, where a small child, not only are they walking way too close to the front of that bus, but several of them have been to where they would drop a book or a carrying backpack or a piece of paper ...they and bend over to get it and they are out of sight of the bus driver. This forces them to walk out further."

Mitchell: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. I rise in strong support of Senate Bill 31. It is very

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difficult to put the, to put a price tag on the life of a kindergartner or first grader. If this stop arm stops one tragedy in the State of Illinois, it is worth the cost. In this situation, I think it is the right thing to do. It is something that this particular family has worked very, very hard to get to this point. And, I think we all need to get behind Senate Bill 31 and make this the right thing for kids in all of our schools. Vote, 'yes'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Cross."

Cross: "I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. I didn't turn my own light on. I think Representative Churchill is trying to trick me. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost. Representative Mike Bost."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He will."

Bost: "Representative, when we start talking about these stop arms in a case, and we know how all of these buses are made and designed, these go mostly on a bus that have a longer front-end. What about in the case of where the cab-over design or it is a snub-nose design?"

Moffitt: "Those that are stub-nosed (sic-snub-nosed) or flat, where the line of sight is adequate, would not have to be retrofitted. Also, we have given the State Board and the Department of Transportation the authority to develop the rules as to where they are needed."

Bost: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. This Bill is a very good Bill, and I do rise in support of it. As, working with heavy equipment, working and driving trucks that have an extended front-end, there is that area in that line of sight that you don't have, as was stated by the Sponsor earlier. Several times a year we have accidents that occur that can simply be cured by this legislation. The cost is

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minimal, in comparison to the lives that can be saved. I do rise in support. And, I would encourage all of my colleagues to support this legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Art Turner."

Turner, A: "Mr. Speaker, I Move the Previous Question."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman Moves the Previous Question. The question is 'Shall the main question be put?' All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. Representative Moffitt to close."

Moffitt: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I thank all of those that asked questions and spoke on this. I certainly would ask for your support. It is one move that we can make, a step that we can take to change what we know is a danger zone and unfortunately, has become a death zone, to remove that situation, at least reduce the incident. I really want to dedicate this Bill to two children, whose parents came down and testified, Travis Bowl and Keeley Bozarth are the children, whose parents came down and both of those children lost their lives in tragedy where their own school bus ran over them. So, I certainly would like to dedicate it their memory. And, also just last week, in Jersey County, there was another accident, I have not met those parents, but certainly extend my sympathy to them. So I would ask your 'yes' vote to help remove that danger zone in front of these buses. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 108 voting 'yes' and 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read Senate Bill 102."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 102 a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 102 simply directs that the court may appoint a public defender or counsel. Currently, the language is that the courts shall depend... appoint a public defender or counsel in a parentage decision. Furthermore, it also says that a presumed father may, if named as a father in a petition to establish parentage, be granted the right to submit, along with the mother and the child, to DNA tests to determine inherited characteristics. The first portion that I spoke to, the courts in Cook County, currently have to occupy eight full-time lawyers because the statute says that 'The father in question shall have appointed by the public defenders office, a representative, a legal representative.' They don't think that is necessary, given the DNA testing that is now possible. We agree, and I move a favorable passage of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read Senate Bill 113."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 113, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "This is a great Bill, Mr. Speaker. And I move its

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passage."

Speaker Hannig: "Would you like to explain it to the Members, Representative?"

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, are there Amendments filed on this Bill?"

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Amendment #1 was adopted in committee."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, as amended, this Bill allows for admissibility of electronically transferred drivers abstracts. A certified copy of the driving abstracts of the defendant, shall be admitted as proof of any prior conviction. That makes good sense and will just help in the determination of DUI cases. And, I would be glad to respond to any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black is recognized."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, I look up there at the board and it says 'Abstract DUI OWLS'. What does that mean?"

Stephens: "That 'O' is a 'D'."

Black: "Oh, it is a 'D'."

Stephens: "You probably shouldn't get your glasses at Walgreen's any longer. You should shop at your local independent pharmacist."

Black: "What does that mean, what does DWLS mean? I think that it is a radio station somewhere in Southern Illinois, isn't it?"

Stephens: "Down there it could mean anything. But 'Driving while license suspended' is what it means in Danville."

Black: "Okay, and what does your Bill do if I'm driving while my license is suspended?"

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Stephens: "Nothing."

Black: "Now, that is what we need. We need more of those Bills."

Stephens: "Only if you get caught, Representative. You don't get caught very frequently."

Black: "Do I have 'Due Process' under your Bill?"

Stephens: "Always."

Black: "Does everybody else have 'Due Process' under your Bill?"

Stephens: "Of course."

Black: "Well, I thought you said it was going to be transmitted electronically. How will I know if mine is being transmitted electronically or not?"

Stephens: "You might fax them back and see if they have got it right."

Black: "But how will I know if I don't get a copy of the electronic transmittal? They may be transmitting information that I have not had a chance to see or respond to."

Stephens: "Actually, at the receiving end of that electronic transmission, there will be a printer and they can print it out."

Black: "Well, you know, you may have printers and things like that in your district, I forgot. I just had the Royal Manual Typewriter repair fellow in my district office just the other day and he said that the thing is getting old. But I'm really not sure what this Bill does. And may I say in all due respect to you, your explanation was extremely weak."

Stephens: "Thank you."

Black: "Perhaps you can amplify what this Bill does."

Stephens: "Representative."

Black: "I mean, you could amplify it electronically, if you would like."

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Stephens: "I'll fax you."

Black: "Alright."

Stephens: "Where is your computer, Representative? I noticed that you don't have a terminal at your desk?"

Black: "Usually, when I come down here, it is set up, and I don't know how to get it open."

Stephens: "I've heard that."

Black: "Could you send me some e-mail? If you would e-mail me as to what this ...is there any opposition to this Bill?"

Stephens: "I know of no opposition. It was suggested by the Illinois State's Attorney Association and the Amendment #1 was suggested by your Secretary of State. I think I e-mailed you instructions, as to how to open your computer."

Black: "There isn't anything in this Bill that could be construed as making it easier for one of my constituents to have their license revoked without constructive notice, is there?"

Stephens: "Well, I don't believe so. I just think that the electronic transfer is probably more efficient. I think that if the, in answer to your question, easier to prosecute, yes. Easier to lose your license, no."

Black: "Well, alright. Is this electronic transfer something that all counties have?"

Stephens: "Well, I'm not sure that all counties do. They should have to look up the abstract."

Black: "I'll, I'll check with my State's Attorney. But I do appreciate your highly technical explanation."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Cross."

Cross: "Thanks, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will."

Cross: "Representative, all this is attempting to do is, and it

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is at the suggestion of the State's Attorney, is that correct? And, all of this Bill, I'm sure if you would have had an opportunity to characterize what it does is, you would say, that it helps State's Attorneys get around the hearsay rule and allows them to use the drivers abstract in attempting to convict people that have suspended driver's license. Is that correct?"

Stephens: "Theoretically."

Cross: "Theoretically and also realistically? It will make it easier on State's Attorneys, is that correct?"

Stephens: "I learned in committee that theory means a lot to that committee, so I wanted to get that in the record. In a practical sense, the answer to your question is, yes."

Cross: "And the defendant will have full and ample access to this electronic transferred abstract before the trial. Is that your understanding?"

Stephens: "Of course."

Cross: "So, the Due Process issue, the Due Process issue raised by that other, whatever, whoever the other speaker was, really doesn't exist. Is that correct?"

Stephens: "The Representative from Vermilion County's questions were answered, his concerns are addressed, and the answer to your question is, yes."

Cross: "Thank you. I have no other questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mautino."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will."

Mautino: "Representative Stephens, did you say this Bill has been amended? It is not showing up, I haven't updated the computer on here. Did the Amendment become the Bill or was it technical?"

Stephens: "The Amendment was offered by the Secretary of State

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and adds to the Bill."

Mautino: "So the underlying provision of the Bill, how is this a change from the way that they currently handle your past record in cases of either DUI or driving while suspended? Is that automatically admissible to the court?"

Stephens: "Well, not automatically. But I understand that the purpose of the change is that under current law, the prosecutor must produce a certified copy of the conviction from the Circuit Clerk of each county where the offender has been convicted. You can imagine a scenario where there may have been two or three convictions each in a different county. The prosecutor would then have to get a certified copy from the Circuit Clerk in each of those counties. This simply allows for that Circuit Clerk to send electronically, the information of that conviction. This makes perfectly good sense given today's level of technology."

Mautino: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Stephens to close."

Stephens: "I appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 107 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read Senate Bill 305."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 305, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pesticide Act. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Ryder. Is the Gentleman in the Chamber? Out of the Record. Senate Bill 730,

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Representative Wait. Representative Wait. Representative Wait, we would like to do... Out of the Record. Senate Bill 801, Representative Brady, would you like to run (sic-Senate Bill) 801 before we adjourn? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 801, a Bill for an Act concerning Investment Practices of Insurance Companies. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 801 modernizes the investment article of the Illinois Insurance Code by adopting current investment technologies and expanding authorization for new types of investments, investment strategies. To my understanding, this Bill is agreed by all and is requested by the Department of Insurance. I ask for your favorable consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 112 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We have a number of Bills that we are going to move from Second to Third and from Third to Second, before we adjourn. Mr. Clerk, read Senate Bill 63."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 63, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code and State Mandates Act. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed. Second Reading of this House Bill(sic-Senate Bill)."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read Senate Bill

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258."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 258, a Bill for an Act to amend the Meat and Poultry Inspection Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 271, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 271, a Bill for an Act in relation to alternatives to dissection. Second Reading of this (sic Senate) House Bill. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 285. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 285, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Highway Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 327. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 327, a Bill for an Act to amend the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 427."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 427, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 444."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 444, a Bill for an Act to amend the Nursing Home Care Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 538."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 538, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Credit Union Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 506."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 506, a Bill for an Act to amend the Crime Victims Compensation Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 545."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 545, a Bill for an Act to amend the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 109."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 109, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code of 1961. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Senate Bill 954?"

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 954 is on the Order of Senate Bills Third Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Return that Bill to Second Reading. Representative Phelps. Representative Phelps is recognized for an announcement. Representative David Phelps, the Chairman of the Education Committee."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just an announcement for the Elementary Education Committee, in the morning was scheduled for 8:00 a.m., but we have postponed that until 9:30. Members of the Elementary/Secondary Education

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Committee, tomorrow's meeting, here in the House Floor, will be at 9:30 a.m., not 8:00, 9:30. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie now moves that allowing the Clerk for Perfunctory time, that the House stand adjourned until, tomorrow, Wednesday, May 7th, at the hour of 12:30 p.m. All in favor of the Motion, say 'aye'; opposed 'nay.' The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Rossi: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Resolutions. House Resolution 140, offered by Representative Dart. House Resolution 141, offered by Representative Capparelli. House Resolution 142, offered by Representative Parke. Resolutions are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session stands adjourned."