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Speaker Brunsvold: "The House will come to order. The House will come to order. All unauthorized personnel please retire from the Chamber. All unauthorized personnel please remove themselves from the Chamber. We'll be led in prayer today by the Reverend Terry Driver-Bishop of Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in Rockford. Reverend Bishop is a guest of Representative Ron Lawfer. Guests in the Gallery may wish to rise for the invocation. Reverend Bishop."

Reverend Bishop: "Let us pray. Gracious and loving God, You created the universe and all that is within it. Yet You know each of us by name. May Your presence be known among us this day, to bless us and guide us in our deliberations. Grant to all who are assembled here a measure of Your wisdom and Your perspective on the world in which we live. Give us strength to be servants of peace and justice in our nation, our state and our world. We pray Your blessing upon President Clinton, Governor Edgar and all people who participate in the governing of our nation and state, especially this House of Representatives. May all that happens here this day bring health and hope to the people of Illinois. Amen."

Speaker Brunsvold: "We will be led in Pledge today by that Gentleman from Madison, Mr. Steve Davis."

Davis, Steve - 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 Brunsvold: "Thank you Mr Davis, the great American. Mr. Clerk, Roll Call for Attendance. Mr. Cross. Mr. Cross, Republican absentees."

Cross: "There are no absences on the Republican side. We're all here ready to go, Mr. Speaker. We're all here, let's go."

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Speaker Brunsvold: "The Chair is excited about your enthusiasm this morning. Mr. Hartke. Excuse me, Representative Gary Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker; will the record show that Representative Shirley Jones is excused today?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Hannig. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 117 answering the Roll Call and we do have a quorum. Committee Reports."

Clerk Rossi: "Representative Novak, Chairman from the Committee on Environment and Energy, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 23, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 54 and to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1174. Representative Dart, Chairman from the Committee on Judiciary I, to which the following measure was referred, action taken on May 23, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'be adopted' to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1101. Representative Erwin, Chairman from the Committee on Higher Education, to which the following measure was referred, action taken on May 23, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'be adopted' Concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 1180. Representative Currie, Chairman from the Committee on Rules, to which the following joint action Motion were referred, action taken on May 23, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'be adopted' to recede House Amendments 2, 4, and 7 to Senate Bill 106."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Turner. For what reason do you rise?"

Turner, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a Point of

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Personal Privilege."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Proceed."

Turner, A.: "I'd like to welcome Providence St. ...Middle School. The eighth grade class, they're in the Gallery, on the right side. I'd like for the Assembly to welcome them here."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Welcome to Springfield."

Turner, A.: "Thank you."

Speaker Brunsvold: "On page 2 of the Calendar Senate Bills - Third Reading appears Senate Bill 54. Mr. Hassert. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of that Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 54 is on the Order of Senate Bills -Third Reading."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Place that Bill on Second Reading."

Clerk Rossi: "This Bill's been read a second time previously. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hassert, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Hassert, on Floor Amendment #1."

Hassert: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1, the underlying Bill this Bill adds the ...a criteria to the landfill siting, to not allow landfills to locate within a flood plain. The Amendment, basically, grandfathers in some facilities that are already in existence in flood plain. And, secondly, for that they will have to go from post closure requirement of 30 years to 100 years, if they chose to expand. I'd ask for your approval of this Amendment."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has asked for the adoption of Amendment #1. And on that question, the Gentleman from Kankakee, Mr. Novak."

Novak: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of this Amendment. Just to give you a little background Mr. Grosboll, Alan Grosboll, the

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Governor's point man on environmental issues, was concerned about landfill expansions in flood plains. And the Bill sailed out of the Senate but we found there was some opposition to it and some concern. So we put all the interested parties together, the EPA, the Governors office, and the waste industry and we were able to work out a reasonable compromise. I just want to congratulate Representative Hassert for being patient in this manner. I think this is a good accommodation to both sides and it still addresses a major concern about environmental problems in Illinois. And I ask all my colleagues on this side of the aisle to adopt the Amendment."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Third Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 54, a Bill for an Act amending the Environmental Protection Act. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Hassert."

Hassert: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it's been explained, I just ask for your consideration for this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Brunsvold: "And is there any discussion on the question? Seeing none, the question is 'Shall Senate Bill 54 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Record yourself. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On that question there are 116 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. This Bill having received a Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Concurrence, Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 883. House Bill 883, excuse me. House Bill 883, Mr. Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. I would move that we Concur with Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 883. Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Kubik."

Kubik: "Could we take this out of the record for one minute? I need my file, I'm sorry."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Out of the record. The Lady from Peoria, Representative Slone. For what reason do you rise?"

Slone: "Mr. Speaker, on the last Bill, Senate Bill 54, my neighbor was gracious enough to pull my switch for me and I came back and turned it off, sorry. May I be recorded as a 'yes', please?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "It will be so recorded. House Bill 1101, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 1101, Mr. Scott."

Scott: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. I would ask for Concurrence on Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1101. House Bill 1101 originally was some indemnification provisions for some state workers who were later found not to have done anything wrong. That was taken care of internally. The Senate, in turn, put an Amendment on the Bill, which would allow for interest to be paid in cases where restitution is ordered. It seems like a good common sense thing where we allow judgement interest in other civil cases. It would be a good thing to allow it in restitution for victims of crimes. And I would ask that we Concur in Senate Amendment #1."

Speaker Brunsvold: "On the Concurrence Motion, the Gentleman from Kendall, Mr. Cross."

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

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Speaker Brunsvold: "The Sponsor yields."

Cross: "Representative this is the Bill we just did in committee?"

Scott: "About a half hour ago, yes Sir."

Cross: "We had that long debate on the Bill, if I'm not mistaken?"

Scott: "Long and thorough debate."

Cross: "The only people that might have any opposition to this Bill would be the criminals, is that correct?"

Scott: "That's about the only ones I could think of, Representative."

Cross: "Have any of the lobbyists from some of the gangs come to you to oppose this Bill?"

Scott: "No. No, but it is early yet, though. So."

Cross: "This is a great Bill. And I think everyone on our side will support it."

Scott: "Thank you."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman from Logan, Mr. Turner."

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

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman yields."

Turner, J.: "Representative I note that you're going to provide for interest, but the Bill does not specify what the interest rate's going to be. Could you tell the Body, so we'll know what we're voting on here?"

Scott: "It's the same as in other cases, John, it's set by the court."

Turner, J.: "The court sets the rate of interest, or it's statutory? My understanding was since it referred to the Civil Practice Act that there was something in the Civil Practice Act that set the statutory rate on a judgement."

Scott: "Just what the prevailing interest rate is at the time. You don't set it by statute, because it's going to change."

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Turner, J.: "Not to be difficult, if you don't know that's fine, I'm going to vote for your Bill anyway. But do you know what the interest rate is right now?"

Scott: "No, I don't."

Turner, J.: "Okay, thank you."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Any further discussion? The Gentleman from Winnebago, to close."

Scott: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, the only people that we know of that could be opposed to this would be the criminals. I think it's a good Bill and really protects victims. I ask for as 'aye' vote."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The question is, 'Shall the House Concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1101?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. 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 that question there are 117 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the House does Concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1101. And this Bill having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Rossi: "House Joint Resolution 40, offered by Representative Currie. Be it resolved by the Senate in the 90th General Assembly of the State of Illinois. The House of Representatives concurring herein, that when the two Houses adjourn on Friday May 23, 1997, they stand adjourned until Tuesday May 27, 1997, at 1:00 p.m...."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Clerk has read the Adjournment Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution has been adopted. House Bill 883, Mr. Kubik."

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Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would move that the House Concur with Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 883. Let me explain the two Amendments. Senate Amendment #1 would set a uniform fee that each person purchasing property at a sale and for each year that a taxpayer pays an installment on subsequent taxes under the Property Tax Code. It would set a uniform fee. The Amendment also reduces some other fees that were passed by the House earlier this year, by half. This Amendment only affects Cook County. But it lowers the fees on those purchasing taxes, property taxes. The second Amendment deals with two bills that we passed earlier this year. It would add language which was contained in House Bill 1826, which Representative Moore, which was her bill. Which would allow any person redeeming property that is subject to be sold under Property Tax Code who does not desire to contest the validity of the petition for a tax fee may redeem the property at any time during the period of redemption. The second item is a Bill, House Bill 884, which also passed this House by a unanimous margin. Which would add a 60 day period for... the passing of 60 days without payment or satisfaction of a judgement granted in whole or in part the Property Tax Code is the reason the property may be sold. The two provisions have to do with tax buying by tax buyers. I'd be happy to respond to any questions and appreciate your support on these Bills."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has asked for Concurrence in Senate Amendments 1 and 2. And on that question the Gentleman from McHenry, Mr. Skinner."

Skinner: "Would the Representative yield to a question or two?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "He yields."

Skinner: "Doesn't this pretty much cut out the small guy? The



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guy that wants to buy the lot next door to him? He has to pay 60, 80 bucks or something like that? A 100 bucks."

Kubik: "He pays 100, yeah."

Skinner: "So everybody that bids and who is successful, has to pay a minimum of 100 bucks?"

Kubik: "Correct."

Skinner: "Well, Representative, I think this is an anti-competitive measure. I think what the result is, whether intended or not, is to cut out the little guy."

Kubik: "Representative, one of the reasons that we're doing this is that there is a redemption fund which is now at a deficit. So that by increasing the fees we are adding more money to that redemption fund. The fund is now running a deficit."

Skinner: "Well, that's nice, but that just means somebody screwed up in the treasurers office. And I don't see why we ought to penalize those people that walk in off the street of the tax sale. If you want to limit competition, you want to vote for this Bill. If you don't want to limit competition, you don't want to vote for this Bill."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman from Kankakee, Mr. Novak."

Novak: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Representative Kubik, is this, is this an initiative of the County Treasurers' Association? Is this Bill an initiative of the County Treasurers' Association?"

Kubik: "It is not."

Novak: "What did you... who came to you for the Bill?"

Kubik: "The Bill comes from the tax buyers."

Novak: "From the tax buyers?"

Kubik: "Correct."

Novak: "Well okay. I could understand that. Is this statewide or does it exclude Cook County, or what?"

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Kubik: "Parts of it include Cook County. The fees part include Cook County."

Novak: "The indemnification fee, for the Treasurer."

Kubik: "But the rest of the state is not affected by the fees portion of the Bill."

Novak: "I'm sorry, I can't hear you."

Kubik: "I said the fees portion of the Bill, that Representative Skinner was alluding to, only affects Cook County."

Novak: "Only affects... and is it permissive? Does the County Board have to adopt an ordinance to... are they allowed to adopt an ordinance to increase the fees or is this, is this mandatory that they increase the fees?"

Kubik: "Representative, my understanding is the state sets the fees. They are not set by local government."

Novak: "Okay. And, once again, this only applies to Cook County? As far as the fees are concerned?"

Kubik: "Correct. Yes."

Novak: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Any further discussion? Seeing none, the Gentleman from Cook to close, Mr. Kubik."

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

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has asked for Concurrence on Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 883. This is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Record yourself. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. And on this question there are 73 voting 'yes'; 44 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the House does Concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 883. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1174, Mr. Clerk. Mr.

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Persico."

Persico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move to Concur with Senate Amendment 2 to 11, House Bill 1174. Basically, these are the changes with the Senate Amendment. The language in the law has changed from small cities to all cities. The 5% requirement currently stipulated for fund eligibility has changed to 2% and another change is a final... or the effective date is on the Bill is becoming law instead of the delayed date of January 1999. Taken out of the proposal are punitive damages in triple amounts and cost accrued by contractors. The Fire Marshal is 100% on board with this and I move to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1174."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Persico has moved for Concurrence. Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Kankakee, Mr. Novak."

Novak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of the Gentleman's Amendments. Once again, this is an indication of a good compromise situation. But, Representative Persico, I have a question. Does this only apply to the City of Naperville?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman yields."

Persico: "Would you repeat the question, Representative."

Novak: "Representative, I'm sorry. Does this apply only to the City or the Village of Naperville?"

Persico: "No, but this is where the impetus for the Bill came from. But it applies to all cities in the State of Illinois."

Novak: "Okay. And how long, how long has the interested parties been working on this problem?"

Persico: "Oh, I would say close to two years now. But a lot of compromising and finally get it to this stage or in this

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form where it's ready to be passed."

Novak: "Okay. Thank you, Representative. I urge my colleagues on my side of the aisle to adopt this Amendment. Thank you."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Further discussion. Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall the House Concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1174? This is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. And on this question there are 117 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the House does Concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1174. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby passed. For the Members' information, we only have a very, very few pieces of work to do this morning, and then it is the intent to go to Caucus on both sides of the aisle. We are yet trying to decide whether we adjourn first and go or not. So I will get back to you on that. Mr. Skinner."

Skinner: "Mr. Speaker, I thought we were going to vote on the largest tax increase in Illinois history today. What happened to that?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "Well that... ."

Skinner: "Excuse me."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Governor really has not decided yet. I think he wants that vote done today, so we're going to hold off."

Skinner: "Do we get to see a Bill today?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "You'll have to ask the Governor, Mr. Skinner."

Skinner: "This is exactly like electric deregulation; we're not going to ever get to see a Bill?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "I think they're both in the Governor's

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office."

Skinner: "They're both in the Governors office. Okay. Well, could we, could we not adjourn until we have time to eat that cake that's being brought in? Thank you."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Well, I think we'll have time to eat the cake. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 1170... well. House Bill 1180. On House Bill 1180, Mr. Wirsing."

Wirsing: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to Concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 1180. And I'll explain a little bit about each of those Amendments, which both of these have already moved through the House. And because of the process here and adding on to Bills, we needed to run these through, as well, to make sure that both these issues are dealt with. Senate Amendment #1 is... provides that at least \$50 thousand a year to each Community College eligible for Equalization Grant. And under this process it's simply allowing the Community College to do what they need to do and have always been doing the granting process to the Community Colleges. This... the issue in this Amendment has passed through both Houses. Senate Amendment 2 replaces the 1.5 million limit of local Community College districts borrowing abilities and raises it to 4.5 million. So it does put a cap on it. Mr. Speaker, those are the two Amendments. I would answer any questions and ask for your approval."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has moved for Concurrence. And on that question, is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is 'Shall the House Concur on Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 1180?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. This is final action. Have all voted who wish. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 115 voting 'yes' 2 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the House does Concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 1180. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 1327. Representative Clayton. Out of the record. House Bill 1513, Mr. Clerk. The Gentleman from St Clair, Mr. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move Concurrence with Senate Amendments 1, 2, 4, and 5. These Amendments make the Bill permissive for downstate counties. Counties can adopt the resolution if they want to, to handle their exemptions this way. It also allows an Amendment for the Village of Crestwood at their request, so that they can reimburse more property tax money to couple classifications, and I'd move for Concurrence."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has moved for Concurrence in Senate Amendments 1, 2, 4 and 5. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is 'Shall the House Concur in Senate Amendments 1, 2, 4 and 5 to House Bill 1513?' This is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Record yourself. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk take the record. And on that question there are 117 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the House does Concur in Senate Amendments 1, 2, 4 and 5 to House Bill 1513. And this Bill having, received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 13... House Bill 313, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise for Point of Personal Privilege."

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Speaker Brunsvold: "Proceed."

Black: "I'd like to welcome the staff and students from Edison Elementary School, in my home town of Danville. They're over there in the Gallery. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Turner. Art Turner on House Bill 313."

Turner, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move to Concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 313. House Bill 313 is what one would consider an omnibus Pension Bill. And if you will bear with me for just a few minutes, I will briefly tell you what is in this Bill. There are... Senate Amendment #1 did a few things. Actually, when the Bill went over from the House to the Senate it dealt only with arson investigators. The Senate decided, in its infinite wisdom, to add the following Amendments. Amendment #1 takes care of the Chicago Municipal and Laborers' Fund, and it deals with eligibility changes that were taken from House Bill 68 and House Bill 69. It also deals with the Annuity Health Insurance Coverage for the City of Chicago and those funds were taken from House Bill 1742. It deals with early retirement incentive programs for Cook County employees and that was taken from Senate Bill 667 as amended by House Amendment #1. It deals with an annual increase in Cook County annuities which was taken from House Bill 929, as amended. There's a Cook County pension provision pertaining to Chicago Transit Authority and that was taken from House Bill 930. There's an extension of the Cook County Early Retirement Options or the ERO, which was taken from House Bill 931. There's an early retirement plan for municipal employees belonging to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and that's taken from House Bill 199, as amended.

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There's an alternative retirement plan for Cook County officers belonging to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and that was taken from House Bill 756. There's a provision here that deals with an annual increase in child disability benefits for downstate fire fighters and that was taken from House Bill 510. There's a transfer of credits from downstate police funds to the State Employees' Retirement System. There's a provision that deals with Controlled Substance Inspectors employed by the Department of Professional Regulations, it allows them to purchase service credit, and that was taken from House Bill 590. There's a credit for federal or out-of-state employment, and that was taken from Senate Bill 906. There's an Alternative Pension Formula for state arson investigators, and that was the original Bill, House Bill 313. There's correctional employees can transfer credits from downstate Police Pension Funds. There's an Alternative Formula Employee which would allow them to transfer credits for periods spent as a full-time Law Enforcement Officer or a full time Correctional Officer. State employees may purchase service credits for certain periods of authorized leave of absence, and that was taken from House Bill 1827. Downstate teachers may purchase service credits for periods during their ceased employment, to care for an adopted child, prior to July, 1983, and that was taken from House Bill 589. There's a surviving spouse for downstate Teachers Benefit, it allows them to receive pension at age 50 instead of age 55, and that was taken from House Bill 2039. There's an extension of early retirement without discount for Chicago Teachers, and that pretty much concludes this Bill. Amendment #2 deals with administrative changes that were taken from House Bill 372,



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and it deals with obsolete language. Deals with investments and how they're going to be carried on. It deals with new provisions regarding revisionary pensions. It also deals with retired Chicago teachers, and it says that they can work up to a 100 days each year as substitutes and that was taken from House Bill 409. That concludes some of the issues that are in House... the Amendments in House Bill 313. And I move again for the Concurrence of Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 313."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has asked for Concurrence in Senate Amendments 1 and 2. On that question, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, Senate Amendment 1 and 2 become the Bill. There is no underlying House Bill any more, is that correct?"

Turner, A.: "Mr. Speaker, I can't hear the Gentleman. What did he say? Repeat the question, Bill."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Let's give the Gentleman some attention."

Black: "Yes, thank you. Representative, the Senate Amendment 1 and 2 become the Bill. There is no underlying House Bill any more. The Senate Amendments are the Bill, right?"

Turner, A.: "That's correct."

Black: "Okay. I just need to ask you a couple of questions, particularly about Senate Amendment #2."

Turner, A.: "Okay."

Black: "I don't understand the reversionary language for pensioners embodied in that Amendment. Restoring full payment of the retirement annuity for reversionary

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annuities elected before January 1, 1984. I don't know what that is. Is that a survivor's benefit or what are we doing there?"

Turner, A.: "The Amendment... what that provides is that if the beneficiary predeceases the retired teacher, then the retired teacher's pension shall be restored to its full amount, regardless of when the revisionary pension was elected."

Black: "Okay. Thank you. On the items in the two Amendments that relate to various Chicago pensions. Are those pensions funded entirely out of the revenue stream from the City of Chicago residents? Is there any of those Chicago pension plans that have a state financing component?"

Turner, A.: "The state contributes to the Ch... the state contributes to the Chicago teachers plan."

Black: "The last time I looked, that plan was in the... ."

Turner, A.: "Representative, these are cost free items."

Black: "Right. I was going to say the last time I looked the Chicago plan was probably the overall best funded plan in the state, as I recall. It's unfunded liability, I think, is less than any of the plans in the state."

Turner, A.: "Nothing's changed. Still looking good."

Black: "Well, can you work your magic on a ball park up north, off Bellmont?"

Turner, A.: "All things are possible, Representative."

Black: "Alright, thank you Representative, I appreciate the answers."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman from Madison, Mr. Stephens. Mr. Stephens."

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

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman yields."

Stephens: "Representative Turner, do I understand correctly that

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there is no opportunity for a state employee to buy the two year Military Service, in this language?"

Turner, A.: "No, that's not in this particular Bill, Representative."

Stephens: "I wonder, Representative, if you believe there is a possibility that we can yet, in this Session, deal with that very important issue?"

Turner, A.: "Representative, I sure would support it. I hope that it can happen. It looks like we're going to have a few more days to deal with a number of issues and if that's one that the Body so chooses to address, I will be more than happy to support it."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Mr. Thank you, Representative. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Proceed."

Stephens: "One of the things that has been overlooked, and I believe for the wrong reasons, is the ability of a state employee to buy their military time, up to two years. Some of the language that we have seen has been associated with a very high cost to the state for that military buy in and I'm here to tell you that those figures are incorrect. Point #1 is that, should we add that language to a Bill like House Bill 313, not every eligible veteran is going to participate. And the cost estimates are going to shrink from the area from 30 million down near five or six million, a very appropriate cost. I will, I will support House Bill 313 and I hope all the Members understand the importance of the next step, and that is in this very special year to pay attention to the issue of letting the veterans buy two years of military service in which they pay their share, the state pays its. So any support for this Bill is not to be construed as forgetting our veterans

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and that very important two year buy in. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman from St. Clair, Mr. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know as we're all anticipating going home for the next three days. What better way to kick it off than a birthday. Today is Representative Smith's birthday today. He is the youngest Member of the General Assembly, again, He has some cake down front. He wishes everyone would join him, and he wants at least a two second head start for the cake, thank you."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Holbrook. The Gentleman from Kane, Mr. Hoeft."

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

Speaker Brunsvold: "Sponsor yields."

Hoeft: "There are 122 pages in the First Amendment. Do you want to go into detail?"

Turner, A.: "Representative, I can start."

Hoeft: "No, please don't. Basically, for those in the Chamber this is a Municipal Chicago Pension Bill. Most of the increases in there are fairly substantial, have been negotiated out, agreed upon by all parties and the same is true with the Cook County portion of this. The only question that I have is whether we have the right or responsibility to interfere with things that they've agreed upon, all parties? And in my opinion the answer is no. This is a very large Bill. Most of the provisions in it are good, solid and substantial. And I intend to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Mr. Skinner."

Skinner: "I'm intrigued by the provision in the Chicago Police Fire Fighters' Municipal Labor Articles, Laborers Articles,

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how with regard to Group Insurance. It says we are authorizing that pension money be allowed to be spent to subsidize Group Insurance. Is that correct?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman yields."

Turner, A.: "Representative, I'm having an awful hard time hearing you. If the Members could just give us a little ...could you repeat that one more time?"

Skinner: "In the Police Fire Fighters' Municipal and Laborers Articles, part of this proposal, there is a section about Group Insurance. It says if pension money may be used to subsidize health insurance. Is that correct?"

Turner, A.: "I don't believe that's in the Bill, Representative."

Skinner: "I'm sorry, I didn't hear the answer."

Turner, A.: "I don't think that's in the Bill, Representative."

Skinner: "Well, it's in our, it's in our analysis. It says, sets the portion of the cost of the plan to be paid by the City of Chicago to approximately 50% of the estimated cost and provides the city may reduce its obligation by application of price adjustments agreed to by the pervert... provider network. The respective fund will continue to pay the current obligations of up to \$75 per month for premiums, of annuitants. Now... ."

Turner, A.: "What that does is that allows the city to be able to save money because it allows them to invest that money and other... ."

Skinner: "I'm trying to draw parallel between this and what has happened to the retired teachers. Where the Federal Government, through tax law, has forbidden the pension fund to dilute its assets. That is to give away its assets for anything other than pensions. That is, the Retired Teachers Fund may not subsidize health insurance. And that's why I'm asking if there is a health insurance

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subsidy in this in this Bill, because if it is, while it may be okay under state law the Federal Tax, it may run a foul of the Federal Tax Laws."

Turner, A.: "Representative, the city pays into this fund. This is a continuation of the existing program. So this is all coming from the City of Chicago. Not the pension fund."

Skinner: "Okay. Secondly, is there an early retirement option for IMRF in here?"

Turner, A.: "Yes it is."

Skinner: "Thank you very much."

Turner, A.: "That's what generated all the interest in this legislation. I'm hearing from all of them."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Further discussion. The Gentleman from Cook to close, Mr. Turner."

Turner, A.: "I think Representative Hoeft said it well in terms of why we need to have this legislation. Again, there's no cost to the state in this. There are a lot of pensioners and retirees who are depending upon this legislation. I think the legislation is well thought out. It has a number of Bills, as you say, it's over 118 pages. And I just move for the adoption. I move that we Concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 313."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The question is, 'Shall the House Concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 313?' This is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. And on that question there are 105 voting 'yes'; 10 voting 'no'; 1 voting 'present'. And the House does Concur in Senate Amendment 1 and 2 to House Bill 313. And this Bill, having received an Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared

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passed. Mr. Cross, for what reason do you rise?"

Cross: "Mr. Speaker, an Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Brunsvold: "State your request."

Cross: "All of us, on May 20, they were given a letter signed by the Speaker of the House that indicated that education reform was one of the hottest topics of this General Assembly Session, and I think that we all agree with that. He went on to state in his letter though, that we conclude that in order to bring closure to this critical matter, we will designate Friday, May 23rd as the final day for consideration of the education reform issue. We're here today, we've yet to see a Bill. We asked for the Bill yesterday. We asked for the Bill again today. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Yes, Mr. Cross."

Cross: "We've been looking for the Bill in committee. We've been looking for the Bill on our computer, and we've yet to see it. We'd like some answers. Under Republican control of this House, under Speaker Daniels, as you'll recall, we set priorities. We set deadlines. We set schedules. They were all met. They were all met. Even with the ability to save 100's of thousands of dollars to the people of the State of Illinois."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Ladies and Gentlemen, have a little order."

Cross: "This Bill that we hear about is a billion dollar tax increase. When can we see the Bill?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Cross, I'm sure you realize that over the years you've been here that sometimes some of these very important Bills ..."

Cross: "Mr. Speaker, you may want to know why I have these binoculars. I need these binoculars to look for the Bill. We can't find the Bill anywhere. I've been over to my

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office. I've been in the men's room. I've been up by the shoe shine spot. I can't find the Bill anywhere and no one else can. Where is the Bill? Would you show us the Bill?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Cross, Mr. Cross, the Chair has considered to send out runners looking for the Bill. I know you're a runner, you and Mr. Brady probably could circle the second floor and see if you can find the Bill."

Cross: "Maybe we ought to get the milk cartons out and put the Bill on the side of the milk cartons, because we can't find the Bill anywhere. Does the Speaker know where the Bill is?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "I'll have to ask him, Mr. Cross."

Cross: "Okay."

Speaker Brunsvold: "On the question, Mr. Morrow."

Morrow: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. My good, my good colleague on the other side of the aisle has selective amnesia. He forgets that his Party, when they were in the Majority, would not give us copies of a \$34 billion budget Bill until an hour before the vote and they voted 'yes' for a Bill that they didn't know what was in it. So now to hear my good colleagues on the other side of the aisle downgrade us on a billion dollar Bill is ludicrous, ludicrous. We asked the last two years, where is the Bill, there was no Bill, and I don't need binoculars. I can see very well."

Speaker Brunsvold: "House Bill 574, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Hannig."

Hannig: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. The underlining Bill that we passed out of here by unanimous vote, I recall, provided that school districts that wish to annex would have the same right to a vote as school districts that consolidate. Over in the Senate there were two additional provisions that were added. One provision



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provides that for two elementary districts that wish to have a referendum to combine, that in order for the referendum to be deemed successful, that it will have to be approved by both of the districts. So it will not be a total vote, but it will have to be approved in each respective district before that combination would be accepted. It also provides for temporary board for the district, and that was at the request, I believe, of Senator Shadid. Senator Petka also put language on the Bill that provided that in some limited cases when there are less than 160 acres of vacant land in the County of Cook and when that land becomes annexed into a community that, that land can also change into the school district that is represented by that community, if it represents less than 1% of the assessed valuation of the old district. So that's what the Amendments do, and I would move for a Concurrence."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Black, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Mr. Black."

Black: "Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if this is the proper time, the Gentleman's in the middle of his... ."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Have your attention, please."

Black: "The Gentleman's in the middle of a presentation. My name was used in debate just a second ago by a Gentleman from Chicago. Who referred to me as 'Billion Dollar Bill' and I resent that. I resent that. He's come over here to apologize. But let me just assure you Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of us on this side of the aisle, I have, as you know, a hound dog at home. Good hound dog, with a good nose. As we speak, Emilou is on her way over here, and I'll guarantee you she can find anything. So if we'll stay

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around long enough, my dog is going to sniff out that Bill. So let's just stay around here, that dog of mine will be here in about an hour and she'll find it. But I don't appreciate being called, 'Billion Dollar Bill'."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Well, Mr. Black, I assure you the, we'll make all efforts to find Governor Edgar's jacket so your dog can get a scent of the Bill. The question is, 'Shall the House Concur in Senate Amendments #1 to House Bill 574'? This is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. 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 that question 116 voting 'yes'; 1 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the House does Concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 574. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1678, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Woolard."

Woolard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to Concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1678."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Explain the Amendment, Mr. Woolard."

Woolard: "What the Amendment does is put the funding stream in the same shape that the Bill was passed, to Senate Bill 910 that was passed by this Body, some few weeks ago, and laid on the Governor's desk. We believe that there is a couple of different options in this one that was not in the other one. But the funding stream is the same now. It will be DCCA supplying out of Tourism \$200 thousand to create, create the Grape and Wine Council."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Is there any discussion on the question? The question is, 'Shall the House Concur on Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1678?' This is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open."

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. And on that question there are 112 voting 'yes'; 3 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the House does Concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1678. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Non-concurrence Calendar, House Bill 106. Excuse me, Senate Bill 106, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Scott."

Scott: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to recede from House Amendments 2, 4 and 7 to Senate Bill 106. House Amendments 2 and 7 were the language regarding the tiff in Grundy County. House Amendment #4 was some language having to do with demolitions. Agreements between Cook County and municipalities within there, I believe that on the second front, that will be taken care of in a different fashion. And I would just move to recede from those three Amendments."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Okay, the Gentleman has moved to recede from House Amendments 2, 4 and 7. The question, Mr. Black."

Black: "Yes. Inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker. Do we, do we have to have a Roll Call on a Motion to recede from House Amendments, do we not?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "Yes we do."

Black: "Okay. Is it in order for me to see if the Sponsor will yield?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Sponsor yields."

Black: "Thank you. Representative, I see that you are asking us to take off three House Amendments 2, 4 and 7. Is that correct?"

Scott: "That's correct."

Black: "May I say that I'm shocked and appalled, quite frankly, that you would recede from House Amendment #2 and House

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Amendment #7. Amendments added by one of your colleagues for a economic development project in her district, is she aware of this?"

Scott: "Yes, she is."

Black: "Have you discussed this with her?"

Scott: "Yes, I have."

Black: "And what was her response?"

Scott: "She thought it was Okay."

Black: "Why... who is going to speak then for Grundy County?"

Scott: "I believe Representative O'Brien does very well speaking for Grundy County, and I believe she's trying to work out the details of that in another forum."

Black: "So we can rest reasonably assured that this pipeline issue in Grundy County is not dead?"

Scott: "I think that's correct."

Black: "Well, I'm somewhat disappointed. Why did the Senate demand such action? What do they have against Representative O'Brien and Grundy County?"

Scott: "You know, I don't honestly know what their difficulty was with that. We were just told that was a problematic language."

Black: "And then Rep... And then Floor Amendment #4 was an initiative of Cook County."

Scott: "Yes, it was."

Black: "Sponsored by a... young Representative who certainly knows the political climate of Cook County as well as anybody here, and he's agreed to this?"

Scott: "I think the fact that Representative Stroger has agreed to that, probably indicates that it's probably okay with County County."

Black: "Now that you, now that, I remember now. Because they wanted, Cook County wanted to demolish some property in the

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Village of Robins, didn't they?"

Scott: "Actually, some municipalities within the county wanted to have the county, actually, perform the demolitions. They wanted to do that by agreement. We wanted to put some statutory language to allow them to do that. I think they can work that out in a different way."

Black: "Do we know for sure what property Cook County wants to demolish in the Village of Robins?"

Scott: "I'm sure the Village of Robins knows for sure. But, obviously, they've got statutory authority to demolish certain properties. This was more a mechanism to allow somebody else to actually preform the act for them. So they actually saved the Village some money."

Black: "I just wanted to make sure that the County of Cook wasn't up to some midnight demolition of a project that might be near and dear to the hearts of some of the folks who represent Robins. Surely it isn't that."

Scott: "No, I don't believe so at all, Representative."

Black: "All right. Well, Representative Scott, you did the best you could do with the underlying Bill. I think it's too bad that we have to recede from House Amendments offered by very good Sponsors. But I can understand that you want to keep the underlying Bill, right?"

Scott: "It's correct. There's a lot of very good provisions in there for municipalities that we wanted to protect."

Black: "Well, I didn't think it was that good of a Bill to start with. It had a reasonably good Sponsor. Is the Municipal League is support of the underlying Bill?"

Scott: "Absolutely."

Black: "That means I probably better take a closer look at it but, thank you very much."

Scott: "Thank you, Representative."

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Speaker Brunsvold: "Further discussion? Seeing none, the Gentleman from Winnebago, to close. Mr. Scott."

Scott: "Despite the receding from some Amendments, it still has very many good provisions in there, and I would just ask your support in receding from the House Amendments and passing the underlying Bill."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The question is, 'Shall the House recede from House Amendments 2, 4 and 7 on Senate Bill 106?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On that question, 117 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the house does recede from House Amendments 2, 4 and 7 to Senate Bill 106. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 574. Mr. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would respectfully refuse to recede from House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 574. This is a Bill involving administrative adjudication for the City of Chicago and Home Rule Units throughout the state."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has refused to recede from House Amendment #1. On that all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does refuse to recede from House Amendment #1. The Gentleman has asked a Conference Committee be reported... appointed. Senate Bill 681. Mr. Biggins."

Biggins: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. On Senate Bill 681, I move that the House refuse to recede from House Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 681 and request a Conference Committee."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has refused to recede from House Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 681. All in favor say

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'aye'; opposed 'nay'; The 'ayes' have it and the House does refuse to recede from Senate... from House Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 681. Senate Bill 1129, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Hannig. Mr. Ryder. Mr. Tenhouse. Mr. Tenhouse, would you handle this for Mr. Hannig and Mr. Ryder with leave of the House? House gives you leave to handle the... Out of the record. House Bill 1141, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Lopez."

Lopez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1141 passed out of the House, went to the Senate and what it does it provides that the Clerk shall publish the obligors name and address in a newspaper according when a person owes more than \$10 thousand in child support or three months. There's a couple of Amendments that were added in the Senate. Senate Amendment #1 what it does is that the Clerk may recover from the person making the support payment, any additional costs incurred in the collection of the annual \$36 Administration Fee for collection and distribution of payments. And the 2nd Amendment does is adds to the original Bill the provisions requiring the clerk to publish the name of support obligors, shall apply only to obligors residing in the County where the Clerk holds office. And I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 and #2."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has asked for Concurrence. And on that question, is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Kendall, Mr. Cross."

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

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Sponsor yields."

Cross: "Representative, it's a little noisy in here as you know. Can you... I have absolutely no idea what you just said the Amendments do. Could you go over them briefly? I'm not trying to give you a hard time. We can't hear you, Edgar."

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Lopez: "Senate Amendment 1, what it does is... it allows the clerk to recover any costs incurred in the collection of the annual \$36 Administration Fee for collection and distribution of payments. So, in other words it's a... going after the person who owes child support, any cost that's incurred by the clerk. On Senate Amendment #2, what it does is... it defines or it allows the Clerk to... it limits ...they only have to publish the county in what they were present. In other words, if there's someone in Sangamon County, they don't need to publish in Cook County or DuPage County. Just in the area where the obligor resides."

Cross: "Representative, thanks for those explanations. Can you tell us if the Amendment provides, or if you know who pays the publication cost under Senate Amendment #2?"

Lopez: "That's part of the, that's part of the Bill. Actually, the Clerk most ...newspapers at least in the... that I'm aware of, most newspapers do provide this free of charge on publications by Clerks."

Cross: "I'm sorry, were you able to determine... I didn't hear your answer, Edgar, about the... ."

Lopez: "Most publications will publish free of charge on issues like this."

Cross: "Representative, I... we're over here talking and didn't realize... I'm not aware of that I not giving... once again I'm not trying to disagree with you or give you a hard time on the Bill. Is that generally the case statewide, that newspapers will publish these notices, free?"

Lopez: "Generally, from what I've been told, in most cases, they do."

Cross: "Could you make an argument under Senate Amendment #1 that the Clerk, if the Clerk needs to. If the Clerk incurs a



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cost in pursuing it and you can make an argument that the publishing is the pursuit of the child support, that you could tack the publishing cost on, over and above the \$36. I'm just trying to make sure we don't put our Clerks in a box."

Lopez: "They could do that. They could actually do that, if they wanted to."

Cross: "Well, I think that's the answer we want and we don't want out Clerks to have an unfunded Mandate."

Lopez: "They could do that currently with DUI reports and some of the issues when they have to publish."

Cross: "Are you aware of any opposition to this Bill?"

Lopez: "The only opposition that I was aware of, originally, when I first introduced the Bill was the Illinois State Bar Association and they were concerned with the trigger amount and we raised the trigger amount from \$3 thousand to \$10 thousand, so they are neutral with this Bill."

Cross: "What... what prompted this Bill, if you recall?"

Lopez: "It's very simple, either you're for, either you're for collection of child support or you're not. So, I'm trying to get people to be responsible parents, responsible fathers and make sure that they provide for the children that they've made."

Cross: "Inquiry of the Chair and thank you for... the answers to the questions, Representative. I'd move that we divide the question on them and vote separately on Senate Amendment 1 and 2, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has moved for a division of the question on Senate Amendments 1 and 2. And all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the question shall be divided."

Cross: "Thank you."

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Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Lopez, on Senate Amendment #1. Concurrence on that Amendment."

Lopez: "I ask for a favorable Roll Call. Thank you."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Any discussion on that? Seeing none, the question is moved for Concurrence on Senate Amendment #1. The question is, 'Shall the House Concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1141?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. And on that question there are 88 voting 'yes'; 26 voting 'no'; 1 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1141. Mr. Lopez, Senate Amendment #2."

Lopez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I move that it concur with Senate Amendment #2."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Is there any discussion on Senate Amendment #2? The question is, 'Shall the House Concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1141?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 117 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1141. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Third Reading is Senate Bill 1105. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1105, a Bill for an Act amending the Lobbyist Registration Act. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Mr. Scott."

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

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House. Senate Bill 1105 adds a provision to the Lobbyist Act which would provide that within 30 days after the lobbyist file a report with the Secretary of State that they provide with each Legislator notice that says what they... meals, drinks, et cetera, that they provided for them. Whatever appeared on the report they provide to the Legislator. I think it's a good thing, we've seen some articles here recently in the news and in a couple of instances one of the newspaper articles reported that there was a mistake on one of the lobbyist's reports and what was reported as being spent on a particular Legislator was actually far less than had actually been spent. This would give us the opportunity to correct those mistakes in a pretty timely fashion. I think it's a good thing. I don't know of any opposition to this and would ask for the passage."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has asked for the passage of Senate Bill 1105. And on that question, is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1105 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. And on that question there are 117 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Gentleman from Effingham, Mr. Hartke."

Hartke: "Yes, I just saw a Gentleman standing here talking to the reporters over here. I was just wondering if his coon dog had gotten into town, and he had turned him loose to look for that Bill yet?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "Check that out, Mr. Hartke. Mr. Black."

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Black: "I just checked with my spouse and they just cleared Decatur. I kid you not, if we're still in Session, Emilou's going to come right in this Chamber, start sniffing around, and bite Mr. Hartke right on the ankle."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Hartke."

Hartke: "Does Emilou has her shots or not?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Black."

Black: "In all due respect to the Representative, if my dog bites Mr. Hartke, then I'll have to take the dog in and get shots."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Deering, House Joint Resolution #5."

Deering: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Joint Resolution 5 just extends the date by which the Task Force on Weights and Measures must report to the General Assembly and the Governor to May 31, 1997. I think, originally, when we established a Task Force a year ago, they were to report by the end of March. It took longer to accomplish the work of the Task Forces finalizing its reports, and that's all this Resolution does."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Any discussion on the Gentleman's Motion? The question is 'Shall the House adopt House Joint Resolution #5?' All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does adopt House Joint Resolution #5. Mr. Clerk, House Joint Resolution 15. Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Joint Resolution 15 would rename the Chicago North Austin Avenue after my father, who got his start working at the Secretary of State in the early 60's and then the 70's he started as a driving examiner and then worked there as a director. I believe his experience from working at the Secretary of State at Austin Avenue made him

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know his constituents better and made him a better person and enabled him to understand peoples needs, especially Senior Citizens who go to the Secretary of State facilities and sometimes are a little scared about getting their license renewed. And Secretary of State, George Ryan, asked me if it would be all right if we would name a facility after my father and I would just like to say thank you to him and I very humbly accept this honor."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of House Joint Resolution #15. Is there any discussion? The question is, 'Shall the House adopt House Joint Resolution #15?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. 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 117 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the House does adopt House Joint Resolution #15. Mr. Clerk, House Joint Resolution #148. Mr. Lang. Mr. Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. House Resolution 148 is an agreed upon language. You know the State of Illinois is involved as other States have been in lawsuits against tobacco companies to recover monies that the state has put out for Medicaid for people who have been ill because they were smoking. Many states have recovered millions of dollars. This Resolution would urge the Department of Public Aid to use a portion of any proceeds derived from these lawsuits to pay for smoking cessation programs with their Medicaid recipients. This language was changed to accommodate the concerns of some of the tobacco companies. They have signed off on it. As far as I know the Attorney General thinks it's a good idea. And I would urge your adoption of this Resolution."

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Speaker Brunsvold: "And on the Resolution, is there any discussion? The Gentleman has asked for the adoption of House Joint R... or House Resolution 148. All in favor of the House Resolution 148 say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does adopt House Resolution #148. HJR 20, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Ryder."

Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of HJR 20 is asking Congress to pass legislation called the Blind Person's Earnings Equity Act. This deals with an anomaly that's created. The unemployment among blind folks is about 70%, and recent language by the Congress concerning Social Security has decreased their ability to earn money and still receive some Social Security Benefits. This simply urges them to pass that legislation. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Any discussion on the Gentleman's Motion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt House Joint Resolution #20? All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does adopt House Joint Resolution #20. HR 96, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Scully."

Scully: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly. I present to you House Resolution 96, which requests the appointment of a task force to deal with the problem of overlapping taxing districts. Many of the communities that surround Cook County have overlapping taxing districts. The classic example is Bloom Township High School, in my district, which is partially in Cook County and partially in Will County. The people in Will County have their property assessed in a different manner than the property in Cook County. Yet both of them receive a tax assessment from Boone Township High School creating

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an inequitable tax burden in these communities. Similar problems exist in the community of Barrington. Representatives from that community, specifically the assessor of Cuba Township, have come up with several ideas on ways that we might be able to alleviate this inequity. We don't have solutions at this time. If we had solutions we would be asking for... to vote for a Bill. Instead I'm asking that this Body appoint a task force to look at the best solution to the cure for this inequity. And I ask for your favorable vote."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman from Kendall, Mr. Cross."

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

Speaker Brunsvold: "He yields."

Cross: "Representative, I ...kind of been like this all morning. No one can hear, no one can hear you on this side of the aisle. Can you explain again? I guess I'm confused in addition of not being able to hear you, and why on earth we need to do this?"

Scully: "Many taxing districts that border on Cook County overlap the county line. The method for to determine the equalized assessed evaluation for a piece of property, residential property in Cook County, is very different than the method use in Will County. Yet in many such situations the people on both the Will County side of the street and the Cook County side of the street are being assessed taxes by a single body, such as Bloom Township High School. This problem exists in many communities which border Cook County. We don't have a solution for this problem. What we're asking for is the appointment of a task force to come up with solutions. The problem that we experience in Steger, Illinois which straddles the Cook County, Will County line is shared by the people in Barrington where

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they straddle the Cook County and Cuba Township line."

Cross: "Representative. Mr. Speaker, could we have a Roll Call on this by the way?"

Speaker Brunsvold: "Absolutely, Mr. Cross."

Cross: "Representative, does the Department of Revenue now have the ability to apportion the tax burden, right now? The Department of Revenue."

Scully: "To the best my knowledge they do not. We have told by the Department of Revenue that under the existing law there is no solution to this problem."

Cross: "Have you attempted to address this through legislation? Why don't we, why don't we introduce a Bill that solves the problem instead of creating a task force?"

Scully: "Because we don't know how that Bill should read. We don't know what the solution is. We're looking for a task force to be appointed to find that solution."

Cross: "Aren't we, Representative, setting ourselves up with this Bill by creating a higher tax bill or higher tax burden for the residents of Cook County. Isn't that the real fear of the legislation that we should be doing? And there's the potential for that, is there not?"

Scully: "There's a potential that we will not like the solutions that the task force comes up with. As I stated several times, we don't have the solution right now. If I had the solution, I would be asking you to vote for a Bill. Instead, I'm asking you to vote for the appointment of a task force to find those solutions."

Cross: "Is there a way we can accomplish what you're trying to do without creating a higher tax burden on the Cook County residents, though? Is there a different way we can approach this? We don't want... none of us want to be accused of increasing taxes for Cook County people. What



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can we do to... what can we do... Is there a way to do this in a better way so we don't have a ta... higher tax burden for your Cook County residents?"

Scully: "If I had a solution to the problem I would be asking you to vote for a Bill. I would be asking you to vote for legislation. Instead I'm asking for the appointment of a task force to find those alternative solutions so we can then be presented with analysis of what alternative solutions might exist."

Cross: "Well, thank you Mr. Speaker. I have some real problems with this Resolution. I... there may be a problem but I... I'm puzzled by the need to create a task force. The allegation is that the people or the residents of Will County have a higher tax burden than those in Cook. The only result I see of this Resolution is a higher tax Bill and a higher tax burden for Cook County residents. That hardly seems equitable and fair. I would encourage a 'no' vote on this Bill. Thank you. Or Resolution."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Further discussion on the Resolution. Seeing none, the Gentleman from Cook to close. Mr. Scully."

Scully: "I ask for your support and your favorable votes on House Resolution 96. Thank you."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The question is, 'Shall House Resolution #96 be adopted?'. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. And on that question, there are 70 voting 'yes'; 43 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the House does adopt House Resolution #96. Mr. Myers. House Resolution 4, Mr. Dart."

Dart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 4 is straight forward. It asks that we declare

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May 28, 1997. We remember and care for Indigent Person's Day in Illinois. It's a Resolution the Governor's office is already sent a proclamation out themselves, as is the Mayor of the City of Chicago. And we ask the House to join in this as well."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Is there any discussion? Mr. Parke."

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

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Sponsor yields."

Parke: "Representative, what's an indigent? What's your definition?"

Dart: "Indigent, are those less fortunate. We have it written out on the Resolution itself. It talks about those who are less fortunate."

Parke: "Well, there's a lot of people less fortunate than you. Do all those people qualify?"

Dart: "No, no. I think if you, the people we're talking about are those people that are the ones that we usually think about as the homeless people and those. The reason we're doing this, in particular for the date in mind, is because we're having a memorial service for all those individuals who died during the heat related tragedy a couple years back. Most of them were all buried in mass graves. Nobody was there for them. There was one minister there, and they're going to try to have the service for them. Let them know that they were people that had some value in our society."

Parke: "Well, I think everyone here, I'm sure, is sympathetic to that problem. And this is strictly to honor those that were unknown."

Dart: "Yes. As I mentioned the Governor's office has issued a similar proclamation. It deals with those individuals who are, by in large, the forgotten ones and they are... as I

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say, it is targeted for this date for the particular event to talk about those people, who are the least fortunate, who are the forgotten ones in general."

Parke: "Okay. I'm sure the House will concur with your Resolution."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Any further discussion? The question is, 'Shall the House adopt House Resolution #4?' All in favor say 'aye; all opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does adopt House Resolution #4. Mr. Clerk, SJR 4. Senate Joint Resolution #4. Mr. Tenhouse. Mr. Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Joint Resolution 4 is brought to us at the request of... if we ever get it up here on the computer. Is brought at the request of the Illinois Coal Association and it deals really with extending the... let me get it out here, I'll wing it today. But it deals, basically, with extending the deadline on the Global Warming Committee that meets on their regular basis, and I know that this is an issue that was brought over to us from the, from the Senate to the House. We have a couple of Members who've been very involved in that issue, Ann Hughes, and I think Representative Novak, who could speak to and if there are any questions that anyone would have. But at this point I've known of no opposition and would ask for favorable consideration."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution #4. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, on the question all those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted, have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. And on this question there are 116 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the

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House does adopt Senate Joint Resolution #4. Senate Joint Resolution #11, Mr. Clerk."

Woolard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I think with all of the discussion and debate that we've had about the odor involved with the waste management facilities in our livestock industry today, that this is very timely. This is requesting SIU College of Agriculture to report to the General Assembly on a new procedure that they have been dealing with for some time, involving zebra mussels and odor control that might be utilized throughout the ag industry. We're requesting that they report to us, and I think this is great. I would encourage your support for this Resolution."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has asked for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution #11. Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Sponsor yields."

Black: "Yes. Representative, I have to admit I don't know what a zebra mussel is. Can you explain that to me?"

Woolard: "Looks, looks a little bit like a worm, you know, I think that a zebra mussel is one of those things that you probably have saw one of their cousins on the dinner table at some point in your life. But the zebra mussel is one of those that maybe has some negative aspects as well. But the the SIU School of Agriculture has determined, thus far, that there is a possibility of some very positive aspects in the removal of odor or from the waste of livestock throughout this state. And it's something that we hope that they succeed in providing us with something that will be utilized in a very successful fashion."

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Black: "Okay. I think you and I have talked about this, now my memory starts to come back. I think Purdue, University of Illinois, many schools are doing some research to see if, in fact, the odor problem can be eliminated from livestock production facilities. And that's the thrust of this Resolution, isn't it?"

Woolard: "Without question, Bill; I think that if we could solve that issue, we've solved the major part of the concerns of the citizens of this state."

Black: "Fine. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman from Saline, Mr. Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Just real quickly, I just want to bring to the Body's attention that, you know, the professor of ratites, my seat mate, is not limited in knowledge and expertise to just that industry. But now we expand to a new horizon. So we should commend him for bringing forth this proposal."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt Senate Joint Resolution #11?' All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does adopt Senate Joint Resolution #11. Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Brunsvold: "Yes Sir."

Black: "Since your official parliamentarian's up there. I was always under the impression that Joint Resolutions, particularly, when it's calling for action that may involve at some point the expenditure of money, that we would need to do a Roll Call on a Joint Resolution."

Speaker Brunsvold: "You're absolutely correct, Mr. Black."

Black: "Okay."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Gentleman has asked to vote on the Senate

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Joint Resolution. He's absolutely correct. The Motion was made to adopt Senate Joint Resolution #11. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. 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 that question, there are 110 voting 'yes'; 4 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present'. And the House does adopt Senate Joint Resolution #11. Mr. Hartke."

Hartke: "Mr. Speaker, the Democrats request an immediate Democrat Caucus in Room 114. We're going to look for Emilou."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Hartke has asked for a Democratic Conference. Mr. Tenhouse. Mr. Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Yes, we request an immediate Republican Conference as well, and it's very important, we would ask all the Members to attend. Room 118."

Speaker Brunsvold: "It is the Chair's intention to adjourn before we go to Conferences. So we're going to do that as soon as I get questions answered here. The Lady from Lake, Representative Moore."

Moore, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a Point of Inquiry, and it related to the last Resolution that Representative Woolard introduced."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Yes. State your Inquiry."

Moore, A.: "It was my understanding that Representative Woolard was to report back to us on some kind of process that he was investigating regarding the large scale livestock facilities. And I wanted to know if this Resolution is what was his idea of replacing some kind of process for investigating how to site those facilities."

Speaker Brunsvold: "I don't see Mr. Woolard in the Chamber right now, Representative Moore."

Moore, A.: "I know I have had my light on since the Resolution

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was actually being discussed."

Speaker Brunsvold: "I'm sorry, Representative. Could you discuss that with Mr. Woolard? He's right down here by the Well, with the reporters."

Moore, A.: "Well maybe he could go back to the microphone, so he could tell the entire Chamber."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Mr. Woolard; Representative Moore has a question for you on the record. Could you please answer it? At your desk, please. That's Speaker Madigan's desk."

Woolard: "Yes Sir, I'll respond."

Speaker Brunsvold: "Representative Moore, state your question."

Moore, A.: "Thank you. Mr. Woolard, I was trying to ask this question during the Resolution that was introduced regarding the zebra mussels and the large scale livestock facilities, and it was my understanding you were going to report back to the Chamber on an issue you were working on to try and examine some kind of siting process for these large scales facilities. And I wondered if that Resolution was your answer to that question?"

Woolard: "Positively this could be a part of the Resolution of this issue. But, no, that's not the answer to the question. We have appointed a committee that is a very diverse group of individuals who have concern and compassion for the quality of life of each and every citizen of this state. At the same time have the understanding that the industry and the business that is here and thriving, and needs to continue the livestock industry, in the state shall not be and should not be in jeopardy because of this issue. They are going to study the issue. They met last Wednesday, this Wednesday of this week. They're going to meet again the first part of June. They will make periodic reports to Senator Sieben and

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myself and a Committee of Agriculture in both Houses. They're going to be prepared to make recommendations for change if need be in the existing laws, regulations, and rules of the state. And we certainly hope that we can insure the integrity of an industry. At the same time protect the quality of life of each and every citizen in this state."

Moore, A.: "Is there a deadline on their date to report back, and what is happening to the current proposals that are up for approval?"

Woolard: "We've given them the opportunity to report to us at anytime. We've formed a Committee of the Whole that will be in recess, that being the Ag Committee, throughout the Summer Session. If they need for us to meet with them or to listen to any recommendations they might make, we'll be available to do so. We also told them that we would be ready and willing this fall to take action if they thought that that was necessary. But time specific, we told them we wanted, in hand, the first of January, 1998, a plan of any revisions, changes, and rules, regulations, or laws of the state."

Moore, A.: "And is there a moratorium on those applications that are out there?"

Woolard: "There is no moratoriums at all, no."

Moore, A.: "Thank you."

Speaker Brunsvold: "The Democrats will Conference in Room 114. The Republicans in 118, immediately following adjournment. And with that, Representative Lang moves the House stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 27th, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and the House does stand adjourned."