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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

19th Legislative Day

March 2, 1999

Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Assistant Pastor of the Victory Temple Church in Springfield. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us in the invocation."

Reverend Crawford: "May we all pray. Most precious and eternal God, the King of Glory and the Prince of Peace. We come so humbly before You mindful of Your word that says that if we would only seek You, we shall find You. That if we would knock, that the door shall be opened. That if we would ask, it shall be given. So this Assembly, most Gracious God, comes before You seeking for Your wisdom, knocking for understanding and asking that the blessings of an almighty God, the Redeemer and the Sustainer of life, would be upon us this day and forevermore. God, this we kindly pray. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "Is Mr. Black on the floor to lead us in the pledge? Oh, he's on the Democratic side waving a white flag. Mr. Black, can you turn on... Okay."

Black - 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 Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Ronen is excused. Representative Scully is late. When he arrives he'll sign in."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Let the record show that all the Republicans are here today."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 116 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Hartke in the Chair."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Committee Reports. Representative Schoenberg, Chairperson from the Committee on State Procurement, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 2, 1999, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2253. Representative Lou Lang, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health and Patient Abuse, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 2, 1999, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bills 182, 183, 184, 378, 462 and 1325."

Speaker Hartke: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my privilege, today, to announce that one of the newer and younger Members of the House, Randy Hultgren, had his 33rd birthday yesterday. It is true, another year tacked on. I do want to say he has cake down in the front, but just remember, his family also owns a funeral home. So, if you have any problem with the cake, it's Randy's fault. Congratulations."

Speaker Hartke: "Thank you, Mr. Winters. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Brunsvold. For what reason do you rise?"

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to remind the Sportsmen's Caucus Members that the auction and reception's this evening at the fairgrounds at the Artisan Building. I'd like all the Members to please come over and have some food and enjoy the auction and reception with a lot of the

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sponsors. And probably, a lot of people from your district may be there enjoying the evening. So, we'd ask... or I'd ask that... show up and see if we can have a good time tonight over at the fairgrounds for the Sportsmen's Caucus Auction and Reception. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hartke: "On page 19 of the Calendar, appears the Consent Calendar, Second Readings. Mr. Clerk, want to read the Consent Calendar?"

Clerk Rossi: "Consent Calendar, Second Reading, Second Day. House Bill 541, a Bill for an Act amending the Township Code. Second Reading of this House Bill. House Bill 607, a Bill for an Act amending the Fire Protection District Act. Second Reading of this House Bill. House Bill 668, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. Second Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Page 18 of the Calendar, appears Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 22. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Has this Bill been read a second time?"

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 22 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 22, a Bill for an Act regarding appropriations. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Curry."

Curry: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 22 is an Agreed Bill and simply appropriates the \$30,000,000 for the Computer Technology Loan Program. The appropriation was at the recommendation of the Senate. So, it's an Agreed Bill and I don't think there should be any problems."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jersey, Representative Ryder."

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Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Lady's Motion and I would ask my colleagues to support this Bill on Third Reading. We've discussed it previously, both in legislation that this House has passed, almost unanimously and in this piece of legislation. The purpose is to allow the State of Illinois to spend the electronic technology money which we had appropriated and for which the previous Comptroller had an interpretation issue. I, strongly, strongly urge that we favor this piece of legislation."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Curry to close."

Curry: "I just urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "You've heard the Lady's Motion. This is final action. All those in favor of Senate Bill 22 signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The polling is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On Senate Bill 22, there are 115 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Madison, Representative Davis."

Davis, S.: "Thank you, Speaker. I would move to suspend the posting requirements for House Bills 807, House Bill 1063 and House Bill 1371, so they can be heard in subcommittee."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Motion carries. Mr. Schoenberg, would you come to the podium, please? On page 2 of the Calendar, on House Bills-Second Reading, appears House Bill 1. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1, a Bill for an Act amending the

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Election Code. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 lost in committee. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. On page 2 on the Calendar, appears House Bill 38. Representative McKeon. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 38, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 39, Representative Cowlshaw. You have an Amendment in Rules. Take that out of the record. House Bill 41, Representative Durkin. Out of the record. House Bill 57, Representative Turner. Out of the record. House Bill 60, Representative Winters. You have an Amendment in Rules. House Bill 63, Representative Granberg. Out of the record. House Bill 65, Representative Schoenberg. Out of the record. House Bill 67, Representative Garrett. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 67, a Bill for an Act concerning agency performance review. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 70, Representative Schoenberg. Out of the record. House Bill 78, Representative Schoenberg. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 78, a Bill for an Act in relation to balancing budgets. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Moving back to House Bill 76,

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Representative Schoenberg. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 76, a Bill for an Act amending the Criminal Code of 1961. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 107, Representative Steve Davis. Mr. Steve Davis. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. He has an Amendment? Take that out of the record. House Bill 130, Representative Black. You have an Amendment on that Bill, as well. Take it out of the record. Also, 131 (sic-House Bill). House Bill 139, Representative Steve Davis. You have an Amendment in Rules. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Saviano, for a Motion. Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I would move that we waive the posting requirements for House Bill 2140. This Bill was inadvertently not posted and I have a little work to do on that. So, I would respectfully request that we waive the posting requirement. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Motion carries. Representative Currie now moves that the House stand adjourned until the hour of 12 noon tomorrow, March 3rd. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the House does stand adjourned."