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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Johnny Ashburn of the Assembly of God Church in Woodstock. Pastor Ashburn is the guest of Representative Jack Franks. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Ashburn: "Let's bow our heads in prayer. Oh God of grace and wisdom we humbly bow this day and beseech You to guide and bless our Legislators whom You have selected and whom You have selected and whom You have ordained for such a time as this. We, through the process of election, have called them our own, and yet You have given them honor, and given them power and strength to do Your bidding. We ask this day Lord, that You would guide, lead, direct them with Your mighty wisdom and with Your counsel, that they might make decisions that are honorable to You and a benefit to these people of the great State of Illinois. We thank You for our servants and yet our leaders, as well. And we pray God, that you would give them the strength that they need to conduct such business is that would bless us as people and constituents of this state. We also remember today in a very humble way those who are grieving still over the loss of their loved ones due to the atrocities that were committed so many years ago upon such a people. And we pray, Oh God, that that holocaust will never pass from our minds, but we will always remember what man can do against mankind. We pray that it shall never happen again. We also pray for our Governor, for our Senators, that You would guide and lead them in their endeavors, as they take their rightful place to conduct government in this state, the State of Illinois. We pray in the name which is above

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every name. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Franks."

Franks - 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 Representatives Lou Jones, Shirley Jones, Charles Morrow, and Gary Forby are excused today. And the Members of the House might want to know that Representative Forby had surgery earlier this week, successful surgery. He's doing well. He's expected home today and he'll be at home recuperating next week."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, let the record show that Representative Stephens is excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 111 Members responding... Mr. Clerk, there being 113 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call there is a quorum present. Mr. Black."

Black: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, a parliamentary inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Black: "Yes, pursuant to Rule 49, I'm joined by five Members on my side of the aisle to request a record vote on a Motion to Discharge House Resolution 59 from further consideration by the House Rules Committee. This Motion is in writing and has been filed with the Clerk. Mr. Speaker, this Resolution is to wish you a Happy Birthday and the Democrat Members of the Rules Committee refused to let it out this

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morning. So, I would hope that you would join me in a discharge of the Rules Committee so we could pay proper respect to your birthday."

Speaker Madigan: "We wouldn't want to establish the precedent, Mr. Black."

Black: "I was hoping you would. I have never had anything discharged from Rules Committee, Mr. Speaker... "

Speaker Madigan: "Right. Right."

Black: "... surely, your Resolution on your birthday would be a first."

Speaker Madigan: "We want to maintain those parameters for you."

Black: "Your consistency never ceases to amaze me, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "But, thank you."

Black: "We do wish you a very happy birthday, although quite frankly, I'm not authorized to say very happy, that Motion was defeated in Republican Caucus on a close vote. But, we do wish you a happy birthday."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you, very much. Thank you. Mr. Righter."

Righter: "Rise for a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Righter: "Thank you. I know that many of the Members are already aware, but I would like to announce that there are several students from Eastern Illinois University down on the first floor of the rotunda with scientific and research projects covering a variety of fields that are very interesting. I would encourage the Members, if you haven't already, to go down and see some of those. There is also Eastern's jazz band is playing down in the rotunda and will be playing maybe for the next 15 minutes or so. There are a number of them seated in the gallery, right above me so I'd ask the Members of the chamber to give a warm welcome to the

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students from Eastern. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk,... Representative Hartke in the Chair. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Rossi: "House Resolution 208, offered by Representative Moore; House Resolution 209, offered by Representative Dale Righter; House Resolution 211, offered by Representative O'Connor; House Resolution 212, offered by Representative McGuire; House Resolution 213, offered by Representative Scully; House Resolution 214, offered by Representative Hoffman; House Resolution 216, offered by Representative Rich Myers; House Resolution 219, offered by Representative Osmond; House Resolution 220, offered by Representative Osmond; House Resolution 221, offered by Representative Osmond; House Resolution 222, offered by Representative Osmond; House Resolution 223, offered by Representative Giles; House Resolution 224, offered by Representative Julie Curry; House Resolution 225, offered by Representative Durkin; House Resolution 226, offered by Representative Hannig; House Resolution 227, offered by Representative Granberg; House Resolution 228, offered by Speaker Madigan; and House Resolution 229, offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Hartke: "You've heard the Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it, and the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. For what reason does Representative Berns seek recognition?"

Berns: "Mr. Speaker, I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

Berns: "I have a visitor here today. I have the Mayor of the Village of Ogden, Jack Reidner and his wife Rosanne, with me today. And I'd ask the House to give them a nice

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welcome."

Speaker Hartke: "Welcome to the House chamber. The Chair recognizes Representative Black for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Black: "Inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hartke: "State your inquiry."

Black: "Thank you. Would the Speaker Pro Tem care to enlighten us on when we might... surely you or some Member of your Leadership team ordered a cake in honor of the Speaker's birthday. Will that be out shortly?"

Speaker Hartke: "We made a mistake and we left it in Ron Wait's office, so..."

Black: "You should know better. You should know better. Well, that's the end of that cake."

Speaker Hartke: "The Chair recognizes Representative Brunsvold. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Brunsvold: "An announcement, Mr. Speaker. Next week, next Tuesday and Wednesday night we're going to practice, softball practice, for the game coming up on May 10th. So, everybody that's going to play needs to bring their shoes and clothing with them for practice next week. We'll be playing at the Sacred Heart field on Washington and Amos, which is west of here about 10 blocks. So, be prepared next week to practice and get ready for the Senate on May 10th. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Coach, will you be providing maps for those individuals who can read maps?"

Brunsvold: "Absolutely."

Speaker Hartke: "Thank you. The Chair recognizes Representative Lawfer. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Lawfer: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A point of personal privilege."

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Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

Lawfer: "I would like the Body to welcome the Pages that are here on both sides. They are from the Immanuel Lutheran School in Freeport and I think a round of applause in welcoming them to Springfield would be appropriate."

Speaker Hartke: "Welcome to the General Assembly and thanks for your assistance. On page 6 of the Calendar, on Second Meeting (sic-Reading)... on Second... Senate Bills is Senate Bill 115, Representative Lyons. Representative Lyons. Would you like to move this Bill to Third? Out of the record. Senate Bill 864, Representative Osmond. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 864, a Bill for an Act concerning reinsurance. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 869, Representative Lyons, Representative Eileen Lyons. Would you like to move this Bill to Third? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1172, Representative Kosel. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1172, a Bill for an Act concerning the duties of Governor. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go to Senate Bills-Third Reading. If you have a Bill you'd like to pass on Third Reading be prepared. On page 5 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 74, Representative Holbrook. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 74, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Holbrook."

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Holbrook: "Thank you, Speaker and Body. Senate Bill 74 provides for a no fee for not-for-profits on title exchanges for automobiles. We have areas like the Cancer Society that take these automobiles in and they provide them either to sell off for charity or they provide them to people on Welfare-to-Work. This came up from a local organization and backed by the United Way in our area. I know of no opposition to the Bill. It passed out of the Senate unanimously and out of our committee unanimously. And, I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hartke: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we're on Third Reading, please give the speaker's your attention. Shh. Shh. Representative Black."

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

Speaker Hartke: "The Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Black: "Representative, I certainly have no quarrel with the underlying intent of your legislation. However, I noticed and I note the opposition of the Department of Transportation to the Bill and that opposition, I presume, is predicated on a potential loss to the road fund, would that be correct?"

Holbrook: "That's correct."

Black: "Did anyone prepare any estimate on how much money might be lost to the road fund as a result of this reducing the title fee for the nonprofits?"

Holbrook: "They couldn't give us a definitive answer when asked for a fiscal note. But as an example, they used the entire Metro East, there were 40 vehicles. Now, we're the second largest metropolitan area in the state and in our area it involved 40 vehicles, last year."

Black: "Perhaps, we could clear up some confusion. I've had some

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calls that indicate this waives the increase to title fee for any and all vehicles titled by a nonprofit, i.e., the Red Cross, community-based organizations, I don't think that's in the Bill at all."

Holbrook: "No, no it's not."

Black: "That's not the Bill."

Holbrook: "No."

Black: "The Bill says a vehicle donated to a nonprofit to serve some charitable work. That vehicle that you or I would donate would be eligible for the waive of the title fee. And that's the only scenario in which that would happen, correct?"

Holbrook: "That's correct, used cars donated. Only to them that they're going to use, absolutely."

Black: "All right then, that's what I thought. And then the last question I have, when the nonprofit disposes of the vehicle for whatever use they have had. Let's say they choose not to sell it, they used it for a vehicle to help people get to work or whatever. If that vehicle is then transferred to a private buyer, I assume that title transfer would then take place at the full fee, correct?"

Holbrook: "That's my understanding."

Black: "All right. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, Representative Holbrook to close."

Holbrook: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 74?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Turner, would you care to vote? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On Senate Bill 74 there are 109 Members

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voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 2 Members voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 377, Representative Winters. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 377, a Bill for an Act with respect to schools. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 377 changes the school aid formula to allow schools that are on a 8 Block or 4 Block system with longer class periods to actually get the credit for partial days that they currently are penalized for. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion on Senate Bill 377? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 377?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those 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 Senate Bill 377, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 5 of the Calendar, on Third Reading for Senate Bills appears Senate Bill 400, Representative Mitchell. Out of the record. House Bill 273 (sic-Senate Bill), Representative Holbrook. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 273, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Speaker. Senate Bill 273 makes a change in

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the definition of 'bumper' to allow older cars to be retrofitted with new type bumpers that are coming off the assembly line even today. This came up in a small town west of me and out in Salem where a young man received a ticket because he put a brand-new bumper on his truck, that was actually right off... what you'd have on a new Corvette or on a new Camaro today. There's no opposition to this Bill. IDOT, the State Police they're all... none of those are opposed to this. It's just us updating with technology. It's a new type of bumper called a rolled pan bumper and probably there's thousands of people in this state in violation right now, not even knowing it, under this. And I'd move for passage of the Bill."

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

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Black: "Representative, I wasn't, excuse me, I wasn't quite sure of this Bill when we heard it in committee. I'm looking at the Bill, it says, 'for purposes of the Code, a bumper will include a device or system of devices similar in design to those with which new motor vehicles are equipped.' That to me, that's a very broad definition. Are we opening up a situation where if I put a two by eight on the bumper of my old pickup truck that's gonna qualify as a bumper?"

Holbrook: "Absolutely not. What this is referring to is factory-designed bumpers that are safer. And the actual title of the type of bumper is called a rolled pan bumper. And what they're doing, is some people to make their car's either for style, design, or safety are putting these new federally-approved bumpers that are coming off new

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automobiles on some older automobiles for either cosmetic or safety reasons, and this would allow it. And the only bumpers that would be allowed under this are the ones that are actually coming off right now that are approved by the government, by the Federal Government, at this time. And the reason is the steel does not protrude from outside the actual front or back of the car. They're actually... the steel is actually under and they have a cushion device that extends out and it makes even safer, in this case. It's called a rolled pan bumper and that's what this legislation would allow... this is according to what we... talking the State Police and with IDOT."

Black: "Did this Bill come from a constituent who had put one of these new style bumpers on a older vehicle? I mean, what created the confusion in this case?"

Holbrook: "That's exactly it. A young man in Salem, Illinois had this put in and his name was Collier. And he was putting this bumper on his car for both cosmetic and safety reasons. And the State Police, because it did... the steel of the bumper did not protrude pass the actual front or back plane of the automobile, they didn't meet the criteria under the current definition and that's why this legislation started up. That's why it was the genesis. And Senator Watson had sent this over and asked me to pick it up on this Bill in the absence of Representative Stephens."

Black: "All right. And Representative, I don't have any problems that I can see with the Bill, except that the actual language of the Bill seems to me to be very open-ended, 'for purposes of this Code, a bumper also includes a device or system of devices similar in design to those with which new motor vehicles are equipped.' I mean that's... "

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Holbrook: "Yes."

Black: "That's awfully open-ended."

Holbrook: "Yeah."

Black: "I mean, will you have to change this every few years?"

Holbrook: "I think what this change... "

Black: "How would a state trooper know whether or not a bumper meets this criteria?"

Holbrook: "Well, I think what this does will update our Code so that as they come out with these new type of bumpers, as this rolled pan bumper was, if it's approved at the federal level to be put on these automobiles, then we can put them... retrofit them on our current automobiles."

Black: "Okay."

Holbrook: "I think it's pretty specific. It has to be a manufactured item here, that they're adding on. It has to be approved already in coming off the assembly line, which they're pretty strict on what they're allowed out with now."

Black: "And I think that's the key, I'd be more comfortable if this said, 'federally-approved' or 'meeting certain standards'. But the actual Bill makes no reference to federal standards or any other standards, it just says, 'similar'."

Holbrook: "Similar."

Black: "I don't, ya know, if you tell me and I have no reason to doubt your word, that there's no opposition and the State Police are comfortable with it, it's fine with me. My only fear is it is so open-ended that it... we may be back here in a year or two trying to tighten it up. But, I'll defer because you're familiar with the case that initiated it and I'm not."

Holbrook: "Well, there's no eraser left on my pencil, I can

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promise ya."

Black: "Okay. All right."

Holbrook: "But they said they're comfortable with this, and am also, and you know the Senate and their all-knowing wisdom I'm sure they really researched this as much as we did."

Black: "All right. Thank you very much."

Holbrook: "Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, Representative Holbrook to close."

Holbrook: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 273?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those 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 Senate Bill 273, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Resolution introduction."

Clerk Rossi: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 215, offered by Representative Garrett; House Resolution 217, offered by Representative Julie Curry; and House Resolution 218, offered by Representative Schoenberg are assigned to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Hartke: "On page 5 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 463, Representative Brady. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 463, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 463 amends the Illinois Insurance Code to provide that with respect to claims against the assets

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of an insurance company, a claim against assets maintained in... must be maintained in a separate account that is not chargeable with liabilities arising outside of that account. And I'd be more than happy to answer any questions. This is a department Bill as well as in favor is the Illinois Life Insurance Council, the Department of Insurance, and the Illinois Life Insurance Council."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 463?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those 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 Senate Bill 463, there are 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill (sic-Senate Bill) 504, Representative Bugielski. Out of the record. House Bill (sic-Senate Bill) 542, Representative Erwin. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 542, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Erwin."

Erwin: "Thank you, Speaker. Senate Bill 542 encourages employers to allow breaktime for nursing mothers in the workplace. We know from medical and science research that women who breast-feed are healthier themselves and have healthier children. And many employers today are appreciating this and in trying to retain a capable, competent workforce know that they need to make these accommodations. This essentially is for nursing mothers who need to express, as the term is, express breast milk. It is really a pump,

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there needs to be a private place. And the Bill simply asks that unpaid breaktime be permitted so that nursing mothers can pump breast milk so that their babies can stay healthy. I was reminded in committee that many employers permit paid breaktime for employees to smoke, to leave the building to go have a cigarette. One would presume that in trying to have healthy children in encouraging breast-feeding we would like to at least permit a similar accommodation for nursing mothers. I encourage your unanimous support."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 542?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those 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 Senate Bill 542, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill (sic-Senate Bill) 610, Representative Davis, Mr. Steve Davis, Mr. Davis? Out of the record. Senate Bill 627, out of the record. Senate Bill 668, Representative Cross (sic-Krause). Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 668, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Cross (sic-Krause)."

Krause: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 668 provides that the state will reimburse school districts for the annual tuition costs of children who are from orphanages and children's homes who attend public school and it is for the

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summer term. In my particular district, River Trails District has Maryville and this would help pay the tuition for the summer term also, of those students that would attend the public schools. The total cost is about \$225 thousand. I'd be pleased to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 668?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On Senate Bill 668, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 819, Representative Franks. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 819, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Franks."

Franks: "This Senate Bill requires that all slow-moving vehicle emblems to meet or exceed the recent specifications that have been put forward by the Society of Agriculture Engineers by September 2004. The new materials are 10 times brighter at night than the materials that were previously used. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 819?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those 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 Senate

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Bill 819, there are 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 865, Representative Brady. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 865, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 865 would create a structure that will provide insurers and reinsurers with efficient funding alternatives, increasing the insurance capacity in the Illinois marketplace and spread risk across a broader pool of individuals and businesses. Moreover, creating such a structure for domestic companies would allow Illinois to become more competitive in the national insurance arena and will have a positive effect on the state's economy. There are no known opponents to this Bill and I'd be happy to answer any questions, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Seeing that no one is seek... the Chair recognizes Representative Slone."

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

Speaker Hartke: "The Gentleman will yield."

Slone: "Mr. Brady, I don't understand insurance very well. Can you explain a little bit how... what this would do, again?"

Brady: "What this particular Bill addresses is what's called a protected cell account, which is funds in a separate account within insurance companies. And this legislation would create the structure that provide the insurers and reinsurers to efficient funding alternatives to be able to increase the capacity for special risks and spread that broader throughout the individual and businesses. And in

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the protected cells, where the money is kept, it would allow those particular companies to use those funds not to commingle those funds."

Slone: "Okay. And what if there's, I don't know, some kind of a major catastrophe would that keep... would that reduce the liability that the insurers would face in that event to their insureds?"

Brady: "Could you repeat it one more time, Representative? I couldn't hear you exactly."

Slone: "If there was some kind of a large scale, I don't know, a flood or something that affected a large number of insureds in one place, this happens from time to time, how would this affect the insured's ability to be paid, would it?"

Brady: "No, it would not, from my understanding."

Slone: "So, it's to protect the insurance companies but it wouldn't harm their customers, is that right?"

Brady: "No. It would protect the insurers, their customers in other words."

Slone: "Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, Representative Brady to close."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, I would ask for a 'yes' vote on Senate Bill 865. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 865?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those 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 Senate Bill 865, there are 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate

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Bill 870, Representative Hassert. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 870, a Bill for an Act concerning insurer security deposits. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Hassert."

Hassert: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. This simply amends the Insurance Code. The Health Maintenance Organization Act sets forth a procedure by which the Director of Insurance may refund insurance deposit of securities upon dissolution of the insurance company. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Hoffman: "What's the current law with regard to the security deposits and the releasing of security deposits?"

Hassert: "I understand it's silent. Basically, there is no statutes governing releasing the deposits. That's why they wanna do this, because it's basically silent."

Hoffman: "Okay. And the Department wants this in order to insure that they have some type of continuity with regard to how they release the deposits."

Hassert: "Yes. The wanna make sure they're not subject to any liability in the future."

Hoffman: "Okay. And the companies are okay with this also, the insurance companies?"

Hassert: "Yes."

Hoffman: "Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, Representative Hassert to close. He

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just seeks an 'aye' vote. The question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 870?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those 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 Senate Bill 870, there are 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 941, Representative Turner, John Turner. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 941, a Bill for and Act concerning insurance. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Turner."

Turner, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. Senate Bill 941 provides that the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund is not liable for interest on judgements entered against an insured or the insolvent company. And it increases from 1% to 2% of net-direct written premiums as being the maximum that may be accessed on a member company. The Department is supportive and as far as I know all of the insurance industry is supportive. I know of no opposition. Be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion on Senate Bill 941? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 941?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those 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 Senate Bill 941, there are 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Speaker Madigan in the Chair."

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Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could have your attention. The Chair would like to direct your attention to the Daily Senate Calendar which is published everyday and which contains nine pages of House Bills where there is no Senate Sponsor. So, for those of you who are still chafing under the five-bill limit, there are nine pages of Bills that have not been picked up in Senate and all of us would be well-advised to try and work with Members of the Senate to find Senate Sponsors. And if we could all have your attention, if we could all have your attention on a point of personal privilege. We would like to hear from Representative Doug Scott, on a point of personal privilege."

Scott: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It truly is a point of personal privilege for me because for the last six years I've had the honor of representing my hometown here in the General Assembly. And I've been very fortunate the two jobs I've had since I got out of school have been wonderful jobs for the last 16 years and I've loved them both. The job of State Representative has been very rewarding and very exciting, as I know all of you know. And as I get set to start a new job on Monday evening, I've got a variety of emotions. I'm very excited at the opportunities to serve Rockford, but I'm sad about leaving this work and leaving all of you. I didn't run for Mayor of Rockford because I wanted to leave here, I ran because I love public service and I saw that as a wonderful opportunity and a unique opportunity to serve more people and serve in an even larger way. I think we're all fortunate to be in these positions that we're in, with the opportunity to serve. It may have happened to you, it was kind of funny I was thinking about it, when I first got

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there I was in awe of this building and everything that it represents and it kind of overwhelmed me everyday when I'd come in here. And then after a little while it got to be the point where well this is where I go to work everyday, I just come into the Capitol and I come into the House chambers and this is where I go to work. But everyday I force myself to look around a little bit and think about what this represents and about the work we do, 'cause it is more than just a job and it is more than just about our own personal careers. We've been given the opportunity to serve our own communities which is a very, very high calling and to represent their interests on very important issues. It's a rare privilege that I'm thankful that I've had, and I'm sure you all feel the same way. I'll miss the issues, from the very important, like providing for public safety or deciding how best to educate our children, providing relief for those persons in our society who are in need, to the not so important issues that we debate here. Although, everything we do is important to someone. But most of all, I'll miss all of you, my colleagues and the wonderful staff, that makes us all look a lot better on a daily basis. People unfortunately disparage politicians a lot. Maybe we're just easy targets. But when folks say we don't care, or that we're just in it for ourselves, I know that's not true. I always tell people that the men and women that I've served with in the General Assembly, even those with whom I disagree with on a lot of issues, have the best interests of the state at heart, and that they're in the business for the right reasons. I've learned a lot from you, and I've had a lot of fun with you as we take our work very seriously and ourselves, hopefully, just a little bit less seriously. I've made

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some lifelong friends here, and you're the reason I can honestly say that I have enjoyed every single day of this experience. Now, not all old Legislators fade away some of us return as mayors with our hands out begging for our cities, and such it is with me. So, you don't get rid of me that easily, I'll be back here. I still have some Bills that are important to Rockford. They're over in the Senate. Good luck with those. Right, as the Speaker just pointed out. And hopefully, you'll wind your way up to Rockford. We have a lot to show off and I'd love to see ya there, but with one reminder that if you get a traffic ticket there all I can tell ya is that the city does need the revenue. So, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for the opportunity to be involved in a lot of very important issues over the years, thinking about some of them and going through old files, you really gave me a great opportunity to be involved with a lot of important things, and I thank you for that. I want to thank all of you for everything that you've done for me and helped me and the friends that you've been to me. I'm gonna miss all of you and I love all of you. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Andrea Moore."

Moore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a moment to say, I know everyone is anxious to go home, but it truly, Rockford's gain is the Illinois House's loss. And I know so many times I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Representative Scott. And he managed in his short time here to work on complicated issues and he garnered both respect, and something that's very hard to get here, is trust from the other Members that are here. Trust is a word that you don't use very often in this setting and he certainly has had it because he's always given you a very straightforward

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and most importantly, a very sincere answer to whatever it is you were working with him for. You take that sincerity that you have for public service and do well for Rockford."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much. Mr. Speaker. Not to be redundant, simply wish Representative Doug Scott the very best. The citizens of Rockford will be well served as the area of Rockford has been well served, by his service in the General Assembly. And, given that and your recent announcement of nine pages of House Bills lacking Senate Sponsor's and we have just passed, I don't know, nine or ten Senate Bills in 15 minutes, would the Chair entertain a Motion to Adjourn?"

Speaker Madigan: "In just a couple minutes."

Black: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Winters."

Winters: "Well, as the counterpart to Doug from the Rockford area, I want to really say that it has been a pleasure working with you for actually the last 10 or 12 years, since Doug in the city attorney position, on the county board. We worked together on several issues locally, truly a Gentlemen in a absolute stellar example of what this General Assembly can be. My only regret is that on our rides back up to Rockford together I will lose my direct pipeline to the weekly Democratic Caucus."

Speaker Madigan: "Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "I would just like to commend Doug Scott on the integrity in which he legislated and in which he formed coalitions with his colleague. And I think it's commendable to leave this Body on your own two feet. God bless you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Dart."

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Dart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to echo a lot of the comments of previous speakers. Doug has truly been an honor to this place. He has taken his job very seriously, as everybody around here is aware of. When he works on an issue he puts everything into it. And he has been honest and upstanding from the day he got here. It's going to be a loss for all of us missing his wit and wisdom. It'll be a personal loss, I will have no one to go to movies with anymore. So, Doug, as I say, it's a great loss for us here but it's a great gain for Rockford, and good luck."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just would like to share that, Doug and I have worked on legislation and I've opposed his legislation. But philosophically, he is one of those Members who truly believes in his issues, and to me that's what I respect the most. I don't have to agree, but if they believe in those issues and articulate them and fight for them, that's all I can expect from any Member. So, I personally wanted to say, I enjoyed serving with you. I respect you and I wish you well in Rockford. And I think the citizens of Rockford have made a good choice."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. Not only does this House lose a great leader today, but one of my great personal friends that I developed in this House is moving on to greener pastures. Rockford is a great city, and Doug Scott moving on to the City of Rockford is going to make it greater. He's aware that there's significant problems in that community, but I know that within a matter of time Doug will tackle them and repair those problems just as he's repaired the breach in this General Assembly, in this House in many occasions. He's been one of our best

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and brightest. We will surely miss him, but I will surely be calling him for advice on into the future as I have in the past. Doug, we all wish you well and we'll all be up there to see you, not driving too fast through the streets of Rockford."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Representative Scott, my husband and I were both born in Rockford. We are both graduates of Rockford public high schools, and we have returned to Rockford frequently over all these years, partly because some of the people with whom we graduated from high school still live there. But, mostly because our parents lived there, all four of them, until their deaths. So, we had made many, many trips back to Rockford, over the years. Our children used to ask, frequently, when do we get to go to Rockford, because of course their grandparents spoiled them when they were there. We have seen over the years the problems that the City of Rockford has faced, and yet at the same time the great strides that it has made, in many ways. It is a wonderful city, and it is a city as typical of the Midwest and of this grand diversity that enriches us all, as any city I can think of. I can think of no one that I think is better equipped to do all of the right things for that great city than you. And we are delighted that you're going to take care of our hometown."

Speaker Madigan: "On behalf of all of us, Doug, I think we all want to wish you the very best of luck. We know that the government of the City of Rockford will be very well managed. We know that you will appear here routinely asking for legislative help for the great City of Rockford. So, the best of luck and God bless. We have one item of business and a series of announcements. So, Mr. Clerk on

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Supplemental Calendar #1, in relative to that Calendar read the Rules report."

Clerk Rossi: "Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 19th, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'to the Floor for consideration' House Resolution 217. Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

Speaker Madigan: "On the Supplemental Calendar #1, there appears Resolution number 217, by Representative Julie Curry. The Lady moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say, 'yes'; those opposed say, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, the Resolution is adopted. The Chair would like to remind the Members that on next Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Room 114, there will be the first meeting of the House Reapportionment Committee, next Tuesday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Room 114, the first meeting of the House Reapportionment Committee. For the Democrats, at 12 noon there'll be a House Democratic Caucus for the purpose of discussing reapportionment and the budget. And then Session will convene at 1:30 in the afternoon. So, again, Caucus at 12 noon. I believe the Republicans are caucusing at the same time, and Session will be at 1:30 p.m. Is there anything further to come before the Body? There being nothing further, the Clerk would like to read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Joint Resolution #25 offered by Representative Barbara Currie."

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL

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ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, April 19, 2001, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at 12:00 o'clock noon; and when the House of Representatives stands adjourned, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 24, 2001."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Resolution. Those in favor say, 'aye'; those opposed say, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, the Resolution is adopted. Representative Currie moves that the House does stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m., providing perfunctory time for the Clerk. Those in favor say, 'aye'; those opposed say, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, the House does stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m., providing perfunctory time for the Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Fowler, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties and Townships, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Thursday, April 19, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 31, Senate Bill 1084, Senate Bill 1113; 'do pass as amended Senate Bill 99. Representative O'Brien, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary II-Criminal Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Thursday, April 19, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 50, Senate Bill 64, Senate Bill 138, Senate Bill 175, Senate Bill 187, Senate Bill 194, Senate Bill 464, Senate Bill 1049, and Senate Bill 1297. Representative McAuliffe, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action

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taken on Thursday, April 19, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 876; recommends 'be adopted' House Joint Resolution 13. Representative Schoenberg, Chairperson from the Committee on State Procurement, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Thursday, April 19, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 269. Representative Scully, Chairperson from the Committee on Conservation and Land Use, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Thursday, April 19, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 12 and Senate Bill 874; recommends 'be adopted' Senate Joint Resolution 2. Representative Feigenholtz, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, April 18, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 114 and Senate Bill 149. Representative Giles, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, April 18, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 109, Senate Bill 170, Senate Bill 330, Senate Bill 376, Senate Bill 556, Senate Bill 1026, Senate Bill 1293. Representative Reitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, April 18th, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 316, Senate Bill 358, Senate Bill 523, Senate Bill 787, and

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Senate Bill 915. Representative Dart, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, April 18, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 195, Senate Bill 433, Senate Bill 493, Senate Bill 494, Senate Bill 721, and Senate Bill 1048. Representative Brosnahan, Chairperson from the Committee on the Disabled Community, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, April 18th, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 816. Representative Saviano, Chairperson from the Committee on Registration & Regulation, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, April 18th, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 129, Senate Bill 263, Senate Bill 289, Senate Bill 318, Senate Bill 534, Senate Bill 633, Senate Bill 751, Senate Bill 833; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 285 and Senate Bill 447. Representative McCarthy, Chairperson from the Committee on Child Support Enforcement, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, April 18th, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 950. Representative Collins, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, April 18th, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 502, Senate Bill 824, Senate Bill 825, Senate Bill 830, Senate Bill 834, Senate Bill 835, Senate Bill 836, Senate Bill

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837, Senate Bill 859, Senate Bill 860, Senate Bill 961, Senate Bill 1151; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 931; recommends 'be adopted' House Joint Resolution 15. Representative Stroger, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, April 18th, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 62, Senate Bill 720; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 858; recommends 'be adopted' House Joint Resolution 19. Representative Scully, Chairperson from the Committee on Commerce & Business Development, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, April 18th, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Standard Debate' Senate Bill 603. Representative Novak, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, April 18th, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 364, Senate Bill 683, and Senate Bill 880. Representative Erwin, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, April 18th, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 317, Senate Bill 406, Senate Bill 914; 'do pass Standard Debate' Senate Bill 168. Introduction - First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1283, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act in relations to audits. First Reading of this Senate Bill. There being no further business the House Perfunctory Session shall stand adjourned."