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Speaker Hartke: "The House shall come to order. Members will please be in their chairs. The guests in the gallery may want to join us for the prayer and invocation. We shall be led today in prayer by Reverend David Routien of the Savior of Destiny Church of God in Moline. Reverend Routien is the guest of Representative Mike Boland. Reverend Routien."

Reverend Routien: "Thank you. Let us bow our heads, please. Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You today with thanks in our hearts for all the great blessings that You have put upon this nation and this State of Illinois. Lord, we ask that You touch and be with our Leaders today, our Governor and his staff and we ask that You be with every single Legislator in this state and protect them, keep them, and use them for Your plans, Lord. Lord, we ask that You would look upon us with mercy and grace today and allow us to hear Your heart, Lord, in relation to these legislations that are before us. And I pray, Lord, that You would bring forth Your righteous decrees from this... these chambers for our state in Illinois. And Lord, we just ask, Lord, that You would bring salvation, the joy of salvation to Illinois, the joy of redemption and the freedom of redemption in You. We ask that You would bring just Your wonderful dwelling and amazing presence to this state. In Jesus' name, we pray it. Amen."

Speaker Hartke: "We shall be led in the Pledge today by Representative Mike Boland."

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Boland - 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 Hartke: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie, a report on the Democrat side."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. We have no excused absences to report among House Democrats today."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Jerry Mitchell is excused today."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just an inquiry of the Chair. I was just wondering when it is that Representative Joyce would be recognized for another Motion. I thought it was so appropriate yesterday. I just thought maybe we... if he would go ahead and..."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative."

Bost: "We'd like to... and if so, we'd like to elect him to a Member of your Leadership team. We think he's so fantastic."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Bost, that may be a long time. Mr. Clerk, take the record. 116 Members answering the quorum call, a quorum is present and we're ready to do business of the State of Illinois. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 47?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 47 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 47, a Bill for an Act requiring disclosure by state appointees. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 59. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 59 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 59, a Bill for an Act concerning day care homes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 62."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 62 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 62, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 117. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 117 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 117, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 183. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 183 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 183, a Bill for an Act concerning quick-take proceedings. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 494. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill.  
494."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 494 has been read a second time,  
previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 494, a Bill for an Act concerning  
plats. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 515. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 515 has been read a second time,  
previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 515, a Bill for an Act in relation to  
criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 847. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill.  
847."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 847 has been read a second time,  
previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 847, a Bill for Act in relation to  
local governments. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 1107. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1107 has been read a second time,  
previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1107, a Bill for an Act concerning  
taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 1194. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1194 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1194, a Bill for an Act in relation to firefighters. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "1196. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1196 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1196, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 1237. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1237 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1237, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 1350. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1350 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1350, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 1448. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1448 has been read a second time, previously."

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

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1448, a Bill for an Act regarding higher education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 1452. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1452 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1452, a Bill for an Act in relation to public utilities. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 1456. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1456 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1456, a Bill for an Act concerning administrative hearings. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 1486. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1486, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Second Read... House Bill 1486 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1486, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 1490. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1490, it's been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1490, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 1532. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1532 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1532, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 1335. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1535 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1535, a Bill for an Act concerning domestic violence. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2165. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2165 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2165, a Bill for an Act in relation to foreign trade zones. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2191. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2191 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2191, a Bill for an Act with regard to schools. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2250. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2250 has been read a second time, previously."

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

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2250, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2291. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2291 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2291, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2301. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2301 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2301, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 220... 2302. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2302 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2302, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2348. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2348 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2348, a Bill for an Act concerning occupational therapy. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2375. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."



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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2375 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2375, a Bill for an Act concerning financially troubled schools. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2403. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2403, a Bill for an Act... House Bill 2403 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2403, a Bill for an Act concerning local improvements. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2411. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2411 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2411, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2446. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2446 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2446, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2473. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2473 has been read a second time, previously."

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

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2473, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2493. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2493 has been a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2493, a Bill for an Act concerning bonds. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. We did. Okay. House Bill 2502. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2502 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2502, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. Second Read... Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2504. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2504 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2504, a Bill for an Act concerning fees. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2510. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2510 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2510, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipalities. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2515. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2515 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2515, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2523. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2523 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2523, a Bill for an Act concerning child support. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2524. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2524 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2524, a Bill for an Act in relation to domestic violence. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2529. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2529 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2529, a Bill for an Act in relation to street gangs. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2550. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2550 has been read a second time, previously."

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

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2550, a Bill for an Act concerning mortgages. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2653. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2653 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2653, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2798. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2798 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2798, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2799. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2799 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2799, a Bill for an Act concerning video conferencing. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2836. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2836 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2836, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2841. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2841 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2841, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2842. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2842 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2842, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2844. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2844 has been read a second time, previously."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Mr... House Bill 2848."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2844, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2848. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. House Bill 2855. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2855 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2855, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2858. Mr. Clerk... No, wait a minute. Hold on that one. House Bill 2864. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2864 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2864, a Bill for an Act concerning speech language pathology. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2889. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2889 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2889, a Bill for an Act in relation to agriculture. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2895. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2895 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2895, a Bill for an Act in relation to child support. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2902. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2902, a Bill for an Act in relation to children. Third... House Bill 2902 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2902, a Bill for an Act in relation to children. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2905. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2905 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2905, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2910. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2910 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2910, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2918. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2918 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2918, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2926. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2926 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2926, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2927. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2927 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2927, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2931. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2931 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2931, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2932. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2932 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2932, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2949. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2949 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2949, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2950. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2950 has been a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House bill 2950, a Bill for an Act concerning state parks. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2952. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2952 has been read a second time, previously."

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



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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2952, a Bill for an Act in relation to the transfer of certain real property. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2954. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2954 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2954, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2966. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2966 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2966, a Bill for an Act concerning sex offenders. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2977. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2977 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2977, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2985. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2985 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2985, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 2997. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2997 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2997, a Bill for an Act concerning the American flag. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3020. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3020 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3020, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3038. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3038 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3038, a Bill for an Act concerning community development. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3045. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3045 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3045, a Bill for an Act concerning community revitalization. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3049. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3049 has been read a second time, previously."

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

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3049, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3066. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3066 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3066, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3079. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3079 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3079, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3080. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3080 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3080, a Bill for an Act concerning assessor's compensation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3085. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3085 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3085, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3091. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3091 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3091, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal matters. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3100. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3100, a Bill for an Act concerning counties. Third... House Bill 3100 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3100, a Bill for an Act concerning counties. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3114. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3114 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3114, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3134. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3134 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3134, a Bill for an Act concerning the Illinois Poison Control System. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3197. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3197 has been read a second time, previously."

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Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk..."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3197, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3209. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3209 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3209, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3210. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3210 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3210, a Bill for an Act in relation to the operation of motor vehicles. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3395. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3395 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3395, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipalities. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3489. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3489 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3489, a Bill for an Act in relation to state finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3501. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3501 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3501, a Bill for an Act in relation to domestic violence. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3506. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3506 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3506, a Bill for an Act in relation to environmental protection. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3507. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3507 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3507, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3508. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3508 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3508, a Bill for an Act in relation to environmental matters. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3517. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3517 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3517, a Bill for an Act concerning tobacco. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3526. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3526 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3526, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3528. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3528 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3528, a Bill for an Act in relation to drug and alcohol impairment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3540. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3540 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3540, a Bill for an Act concerning... concerning the executive branch. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3556. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3556 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3556, a Bill for an Act in relation to sex offenders. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3586. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3586 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3586, a Bill for an Act in relation to health care. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3610. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3610 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3610, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3612. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3612 has been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3612, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 3663. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill..."

Speaker Hartke: "3663. 3663. Mr. Lyons."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3663 has been read a second time, previously."

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



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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3663, a Bill for an Act concerning financial institutions. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 6?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6, a Bill for an Act concerning public health emergencies. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 32."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 32, a Bill for an Act concerning state agencies. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold the Bill. House Bill 39."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 39, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Procurement Code penalties. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 79."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 79, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 87."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 87, a Bill for an Act in relation to elderly persons and persons with disabilities. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 87. House Bill 91, excuse me."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 91, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 186."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 186, a Bill for an Act concerning condominiums. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 263."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 263, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 407. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 407, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk, hold that Bill. House Bill 479. Mr. Clerk..."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 479, a Bill for an Act in relation to public health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk, hold that Bill. House Bill 527. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 527, a Bill for an Act in relation to local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 1359. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1359, a Bill for an Act in relation to crime victims. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 1578. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1578, a Bill for an Act concerning open meetings. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 1584. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1584, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 2205. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2205, a Bill for an Act concerning lobbyists. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 2262. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2262, a Bill for an Act concerning trusts and payable on death accounts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk, hold the Bill. House Bill 2299. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2299, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipalities. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk, hold that Bill. House Bill 2454. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2454, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Click... Mr. Clerk, hold the Bill. House Bill 2848."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2848, a Bill for an Act in relation to children. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 2858. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2858, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal actions. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold the Bill. House Bill 2976. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2976, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Bill 3115. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3115, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Hold that Bill. House Resolution 23. Out of the record with that Bill. The Chair would like to announce that we are preparing to vote on all the pieces of legislation that were voiced this morning and moved to Third Reading and read for a second time on Third Reading. So, on the Agreed Bill List #1, we will open the roll and Members are requested... Shhh. Members are requested to vote their switches, 'yes'. If on the sheets that you have turned in you vote 'no' or 'present', it will be recorded so and the Clerk will tabulate all of those sheets. If you care to vote 'no' on your switch, you will be recorded as voting 'no' on all of these Bills. You're encouraged to vote 'yes' and then vote 'no' on the yellow sheets, the tabulation sheets, on Agreed List 1. Are there any questions? The question is, 'Shall these Bills pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, could I have your attention, please. Shhh. We have several Bills that are still the first priority for Members who have not called their Bills or moved their Bills, so I will be calling them as best I can alphabetically down the list. If you are

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prepared to move your Bill either from Second to Third or to pass a Bill on Third, please be ready to call your Bill. On page 31 on the Calendar, on the Order of Second Reading, appears House Bill 3009, Representative Brauer. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3009, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3009, a Bill for an Act concerning commerce. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "This is just a simple Bill. The state has spent a tremendous amount of money in the past. We spent \$2½ million to put a restaurant in the state park. This money was spent. There was additional money to be spent for a hotel and this money was never spent. So, all this is gonna do is give us a chance to have a study to move this along at some future date."

Speaker Hartke: "Chair recognizes Representative Parke."

Parke: "Good morning, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hartke: "Good morning."

Parke: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hartke: "The Sponsor will yield."

Parke: "Representative, is this your first priority Bill?"

Brauer: "Well, I was trying to get this on the Agreed List, but they wouldn't do it."

Parke: "Say that again."

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Brauer: "I was trying to get this put on the Agreed to List, but they wouldn't do it."

Parke: "Well, therefore, it probably has problems, that's why. Now, again, this is a... do you normally introduce these kinds of Bills that have to do with DCCA? What does DCCA stand for by the way?"

Brauer: "Well, it's actually DCEO, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity."

Parke: "Okay. And normally, do you carry their legislation for 'em?"

Brauer: "No. Actually, this was something that came out of my district."

Parke: "So, did somebody come to you or did you drive in there and find out that there was a problem in the Petersburg area?"

Brauer: "Well, we've been there for six generations, so it's something that we're very familiar with."

Parke: "Oh. So, this is a special interest thing?"

Brauer: "No... yes, it is for the people of this state."

Parke: "I see. Okay. So, how many Bills have you carried like this?"

Brauer: "This'll be the first."

Parke: "This is the first what, first Bill?"

Brauer: "Yes, it is."

Parke: "Oh. First Bill. Well, it's probably part of a long stream of... string of quality legislation that everybody in the Petersburg area can look forward to. Now, this is a

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study for constructing a hotel or motel complex in the New Salem State Park? Why do you want to do that?"

Brauer: "Well, this has been discussed a long time ago. This was something that was never complete and with the completion of the new Abraham Lincoln Library, with the arrival of the Museum, there will be several hundred thousand additional visitors to this central Illinois location in the near future."

Parke: "And DCEO says that they think this is something necessary?"

Brauer: "Well, this is something that I think would be right up their alley since they're wanting to bring in new economic opportunities to this state."

Parke: "Well, who will own this hotel or motel complex?"

Brauer: "That's what the study will determine."

Parke: "Okay. We're not gonna have... it's not gonna be State owned is it?"

Brauer: "That's what the study will determine. I... I would hope a private investor would wanna come in and do this."

Parke: "And so this is an... a study. There's no... we would have to wait. How are we gonna find out what the study says?"

Brauer: "Well, we will have to fund the study and then see the final results after it's been announced."

Parke: "So, if a... if you build this complex, do we all have to go to the New Salem State Park, if we go to a... stay there, if they ever build it?"

Brauer: "I'm sorry. I didn't hear the question."

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Parke: "I said, if you eventually build a hotel or a motel complex in there, does everybody have to go? Do you get tickets if you get... if you stay there, do you get tickets for the Salem State Park Lincoln play? They still do the play there?"

Brauer: "Yes, they do and that's been very popular. Let me talk about tourism just a little bit in the state park. For the older citizens, it has to be accessible, for the middle age, it has to be challenging and for the young people, it has to be enjoyable. And this will be one thing that makes this a pleasant experience for everybody involved."

Parke: "Okay. Can they stay there and hunt and fish in central Illinois?"

Brauer: "That would be one option."

Parke: "Okay. Are you gonna get a job and clean... clean the cabins or anything like that?"

Brauer: "I'm not sure that I'd be qualified for that."

Parke: "Okay. Well, I just wanted to make sure. So... Okay. Well, it's looks like an interesting Bill. Unfortunately, it's gonna cost the state money. And I'm probably gonna have to vote 'present' on it because, again, I don't know where we're gonna get the money to do this study and... and it comes out of GRF. I just don't know what... what programs we're gonna be able to take it from since we don't have any money, but the concept sounds like it's worthwhile. It's just probably be... maybe its time has not come, but who knows, with all the initiative and the Lincoln Library and



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everything that's going on to honor Lincoln. And are we... are we comin' up with a an... an... 200 years with Lincoln or a hundred years with Lincoln or anything like that that we're gonna celebrate?"

Brauer: "Well, we're current... coming up on 200 hundred years of Lewis and Clark here in 2004, so that's going to help stimulate a lot of this interest in... Of course, that was Jefferson who appropriated that money for that expedition."

Parke: "Well, any other given time this probably would be a good idea. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jackson, Mr. Bost."

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Bost: "I... Representative, I... I have some concerns here. You say that the... that DCCA is to do a study. Do you realize that DCCA, because of our Governor, no longer exists?"

Brauer: "Yes."

Bost: "So, you really don't want anybody to do the study?"

Brauer: "This will go to DCEO when they change the name."

Bost: "This will go to DCCA... they already changed the name of DCCA. I mean... I mean, everybody tells me it's no longer DCCA."

Brauer: "This... this'll go to the Department of Economic... of Commerce and Economic Opportunity."

Bost: "Will we have to... now, are you gonna have to amend this now or are you gonna amend it later so it goes to the new agency or...?"

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Brauer: "No, no. It hasn't officially been changed, so when it is changed, it will automatically go there."

Bost: "It'll just automatically flip over."

Brauer: "Yes, Sir."

Bost: "Well, I was kinda worried about all these different things that seem to be getting directed that way. I have another concern, well... New Salem doesn't do witch hunts do they? And that's Old Salem, wasn't it?"

Brauer: "That was Old Salem, yes."

Bost: "Oh, okay. I just wanted to be sure on that one, too. I need to... I need to know... you know, I know the person who used to represent this area and if this is such a... you know, this is... you said this is your first Bill and not only your first Bill, your priority Bill. Is that correct?"

Brauer: "That's correct."

Bost: "Okay. Why is it that the former Representative that represented this area, if this is this vitality important, didn't get this job done?"

Brauer: "The... I have nothing but respect for the fine Gentleman that represented that area in the past and certainly look to every bit of his advice that I can. And that it... something that has just been brought up here recently with the completion of the Library and with the Museum coming... coming online."

Bost: "Well, I was just a little concerned because, you know, I know that this is... this is your #1 priority, you're trying to move this. This is your first Bill, so obviously as you

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came in this area you realized that there was something that needed to be done, that obviously wasn't done before. And that... I was a little concerned there, as a new guy comin' in, whether you were gonna... is the other Representative okay with this piece of legislation? Have you talked to him on this?"

Brauer: "I have not talked to him on this, but the previous Legislator there at one time was Abe Lincoln himself."

Bost: "I'm sorry. I didn't hear ya. Can you repeat that?"

Brauer: "If... if you go back far enough, the previous Legislator was Abe Lincoln himself. So, this is something that I'm sure he would like to see completed."

Bost: "You think Abe should have done this, is what you're saying?"

Brauer: "Well, at the time, he certainly didn't have any idea that he would reach a status that he had reached in his lifetime, that I'm sure, if he was aware of that, he would have brought this legislation forth."

Bost: "You know, so... I'm concerned. So, you're saying that this is something that Abe Lincoln should have done."

Brauer: "No, I am not. I'm saying that if he was aware of what he would go on to achieve that it was certain... been in the realm of a possibility."

Bost: "Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "To the Bill."

Bost: "I'm deeply concerned about this particular piece of legislation. It's going to an agency that we know there's gonna be some kind of major change and we're not sure how

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we're gonna catch up with that. This piece of legislation, obviously, it was not important enough for Abe Lincoln to do it. It was not important enough for the former Legislator, who was Raymond Poe, to take care of. But in the ultimate wisdom of the new Representative, I guess this is important. And we'll just see how it goes."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Black. Good morning, Mr. Black."

Black: "Good morning, Mr. Secretary, always a pleasure."

Speaker Hartke: "Thank you."

Black: "Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Hartke: "The Gentleman will yield."

Black: "Representative, in all... in all seriousness, I have often visited New Salem, even when the House has been in Session. It's something, I think, every Member should do. However, it's been a while since I've been out there. I thought there was a motel/hotel complex right across from the entrance. I know there was at one time. Is it gone or gone out of business?"

Brauer: "That... that facility was tore down when they decided to build the new restaurant and then the idea was to go ahead and replace that, also. That it was decided, at the time, to... not to spend the extra money."

Black: "All right. So, I stand corrected. And there is no motel as there used to be across from the main entrance..."

Brauer: "That's..."

Black: "...to New Salem."

Brauer: "That's correct. We..."

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Black: "Okay."

Brauer: "...we had Owens that ran that for years and years and it was known throughout the state."

Black: "All right. Is... Have you talked to the director of the Department of Economic Commerce and Opportunity or whatever it is?"

Brauer: "I talked to a liaison."

Black: "The liaison, but you haven't talked to the director?"

Brauer: "No, I have not."

Black: "Do you know who the director is?"

Brauer: "I assume it's... gonna be one... I'm not sure if he's been appointed yet or not."

Black: "I don't think he's been... you know, I think you're right. I don't he's been confirmed by the Senate, so... and I don't know who the interim director is. Well, thank you, Representative. As always, you answer the questions in a forthright way. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "To the Bill."

Black: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, here is a freshman Legislator that we can all look up to and follow his example. This is a first. Of all the first Bills in the last two or three years, this Gentleman is actually sponsoring a Bill, his first Bill, that actually has something to do with his district. What a revolutionary idea. I... I'll vote for the thing just because it's so unusual anymore to see a freshman Legislator get up and talk about a first Bill that actually involves and impacts his district. What a novel idea, I wish more would do it."

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Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Franks."

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Franks: "Representative Brauer, I respect what you're trying to do here, but I have grave reservations and I wanna ask you about this in all seriousness. We're looking here at a... using state money to study the feasibility of a hotel complex. Correct?"

Brauer: "Yes."

Franks: "Who would own this hotel?"

Brauer: "That will be determined by the study."

Franks: "Well, I don't understand that. Would it be... would it be state owned or privately owned?"

Brauer: "That would be determined by the study."

Franks: "Why would we want to spend state money to determine the feasibility of a private project, a potential private project?"

Brauer: "Because tourism is very important to this state. We have about 670 thousand jobs. We have about a \$21 billion direct paycheck to people involved with tourism study."

Franks: "I can't tell ya how much I agree with you that tourism is important, but I wanna know why the State of Illinois would be considering building hotels. We've been burnt with hotel projects in this state. We've given \$40 million to certain individuals to build hotels and then we had to write off 30 million of it because they haven't made their debt service and they still haven't paid their debt

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service. And we're paying for it every day. And one of those hotels is here in Springfield. Now, I don't know why we would use any money, state money, to own a hotel. So, if that's part of this Bill, I would like to see that out, number one. Number two, don't you think that if it was feasible that we were gonna be building a hotel to tourism and that area needed it, that a private company would have built a hotel outside the gates?"

Brauer: "The one thing we're trying to do is enhance the visitation of people that come down to see our greatest President. And so, hopefully, we will find a private individual that will want to build what is determined to be the best system down there."

Franks: "Well, you see, right now, people who... who are in the hotel business can determine on their own whether it'd be feasible to build a hotel. There are a few little towns around New Salem. I had the pleasure of visiting it last year when we were in Session, beautiful area. I had a lovely lunch there and walked around and we spent some money. But the fact is, if there should be a hotel there, I think that the free market can... would handle that. I'd like to go to the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I..."

Speaker Hartke: "To the Bill."

Franks: "I'm gonna be voting 'present' on this Bill because I have a potential conflict of interest. I actually have an ownership interest in a hotel management company. I think it's absolutely incredible that we would be using state money to subsidize private interests, because if my hotel

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company wanted to... to bid... bid on this, I'd be getting a state subsidy that I don't deserve. This is... I think this is a misdirected piece of legislation. I understand that we need to build our tourism, but I think the State of Illinois ought to stay out of the hotel/motel business. They have a horrible, horrible track record with it and we don't need to be wasting our money. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Fayette, Mr. Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the previous speaker. Representative, I saw a picture of our Governor with the regional representative of... what is it, Saturn Motor Company. Saturn, excuse me, Mitsubishi. Thank you. My seatmates are great for information. Anyway, our Governor, Governor Blagojevich, was with them talking about state and private ownership cooperation. I wanted to make sure that we all were aware that this is not precedent setting. We have many instances where there is cooperation between private and state resources and other. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hartke: "To the Bill."

Stephens: "I... Representative Black mentioned earlier that in a kidding atmosphere, how unusual, I'm reminded that not in Salem, but when the... when the capital of the State of Illinois was in Vandalia, which is in Fayette County, the young Abraham Lincoln, he kept talking and talking and beating the bush about things and so, I've always admired Abraham Lincoln. I always wanted to be about him, so I



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just keep standing up and talking, sometimes about nothing. But if you... sometimes if you talk about nothin', people will remember that we gotta get on and we're gonna support the Bi... the Gentleman's Bill. Can't go without saying about your Bill, Representative, a first... your first Bill. I always remember my first Bill. It was about caves and protecting cave owners. I think you've got a very admirable Bill. I think it was pulled off the Agreed Bill List because it does really do something. And I admire you, I think you're working for the people of your district. I have all the respect for that. And I think each Member should vote 'yes' for your Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Since no one is seeking recognition, Representative Brauer to close."

Brauer: "I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 3009?' All 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? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Please vote your switches. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 88 Members voting 'yes', 18 Members voting 'no', and 8 Members voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On Third Reading on page 46 on the Calendar appears House Bill 2434, Representative Capparelli. Out of the record. On page 46 on the Calendar, on the Order of Third Reading,

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appears House Bill 2413, Mr. Forby. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2413, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Forby."

Forby: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen. This is a Bill came from AARP. This is a Bill trying to save our senior citizens place so they can have the funding. AARP went out and tried to find funding so it wouldn't come out of General Funds. So, this is gonna help the senior citizens to come up with a funding for their senior citizen building. I have no opposition on this spring. With my Amendment, I had one, area of aging, with the Amendment, everybody's on board. I will answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Mautino. He's declined recognition. Since no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 2413?' All in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by 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... Mr. Rita. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 117 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 45 on the Calendar, on Third Reading appears House Bill 1543, Representative Granberg. Out of the record. On page 47 on the Calendar appears House Bill... on Third

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Reading, House Bill 2968, Representative McGuire. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2968, a Bill for an Act in relation to bonds. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative McGuire."

McGuire: "Mr. Speaker, as of yesterday, again, take the Bill out of the record. We're still working on it. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Out of the record. On page 46 on the Calendar, on Third Reading appears House Bill 2634, Representative Munson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2634, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Munson."

Munson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2634 puts into law what is in practice today. It provides that townships may provide for disposal of brush and leaves from property adjacent to roadways and for disaster relief services. This Bill addresses an opinion issued by the Attorney General's Office in January of this year that indicates townships do not have the authority to provide brush pickup to residents without referendum approval and that the township road districts have no authority at all to provide such service. I'd be happy to answer any questions. And I move for passage of this Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 2634? Representative Black, the Gentleman from Vermilion."

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor indicates she will yield."

Black: "Representative, would... this would authorize a tax increase. Correct?"

Munson: "No."

Black: "No. What... what are the electors authorizing?"

Munson: "It's the electors of the town... township that attend a town meeting would authorize the town board to use township funds if they so desire."

Black: "You mean they're just authorizing a transfer of funds?"

Munson: "Correct, to a line item."

Black: "All right. So, in... in your opening remarks, the electors... the electors give assistance. I interpreted that to mean a referendum. Obviously, that's not the case. You mean at a town board meeting those present and voting could vote to transfer from the existing road fund to do the purpose for which your Bill is designed. Right?"

Munson: "Right."

Black: "Brush, et cetera."

Munson: "Yes."

Black: "So, there would be no tax increase in the road fund. The electors could give the road commissioner the right to use money for something not currently covered?"

Munson: "Correct."

Black: "Okay. Fine. Thank you."

Munson: "Thank you."

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Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Lang."

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Lang: "Representative, I understand that under the current law when this cleanup takes place, it's... it's obviously on the public right-of-way, but there's some limit as to how much they can go onto private property. Does this change any of that?"

Munson: "No."

Lang: "And so, there's still a limit as to how many feet from the center of the road, one... these folks can go in cleaning up this brush?"

Munson: "Correct."

Lang: "And they can't, for instance, if they're friendly with the... the local municipal leaders, can't get... they can't go onto somebody's private property and sort of help them out?"

Munson: "Correct."

Lang: "Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Parke."

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Parke: "Representative, one of the things that is here is that it allows funds to be used as disposed of bush or brush and leaves. Will they burn it?"

Munson: "No."

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Parke: "Why? Why wouldn't they burn it?"

Munson: "Well, in... in Kane County, there's a leaf burning ban, so there would be no... no burning allowed."

Parke: "Do you have any of Cook County?"

Munson: "Don't know."

Parke: "Do you have any of Will County?"

Munson: "I don't know."

Parke: "Is this Bill only for that county?"

Munson: "It's for all townships."

Parke: "It's for all townships?"

Munson: "Correct."

Parke: "Could they burn it if they were down in central Illinois and southern Illinois?"

Munson: "I believe that burning is prohibitive. They would not be able to burn and if it is, they could continue to burn."

Parke: "Okay. So, if there in a nonburn zone, they can't burn?"

Munson: "Correct."

Parke: "What will they do with the brush after they've removed it? Excuse me, Representative. I'm talking to Representative, the Sponsor of the Bill."

Munson: "Wherever they dispose of it legally."

Parke: "Do they have to put it in bags? Do they have to put it in bags or can they just take it and put it in the back of a truck and dump it somewhere?"

Munson: "It's up to local authority."

Parke: "Okay. Thank you, Representative. I just didn't want you to feel that nobody cared about your legislation and

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that, you know, that it is a phenomenal... Now, this is your second most important Bill, moving brush and leaves. That's a good Bill, Representative. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Since no one is seeking recognition, Representative Munson to close."

Munson: "Thank you. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 2634?' 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? Please vote your switches. Have all voted who wish? Representative Rose. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 46 on the Calendar appears House Bill 2434, Representative Capparelli. Mr. Capparelli. Mr. Capparelli. Mr. Capparelli. Would someone ask Mr. Capparelli if he would like to call his Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2434, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "The Dean of the House, Mr. Capparelli."

Capparelli: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2434 amends the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District article of the Pension Code and authorize the employees to purchase up to

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two years additional service credit for military, prior military service. The Water Reclamation Fund does not allow, at this time, any additional time for prior service. House Bill 2435... 34 authorizes the commissioner of Water Reclamation to purchase up to two years additional service for prior military service. I don't know of any opposition to this Bill. I would like to ask ya for an 'aye' vote."

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

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, I've been here 18 years. Sometimes you just don't get to know people well enough. And I wanna just comment about the Sponsor. Just a few... within the last three weeks, I found out that the Sponsor of this Bill was a combat-wounded veteran. And I'm not sure that everyone knew that. He made... was part of two invasions in the Pacific and I just wanted the Body to recognize that. I think his Bill is a fine piece of legislation and certainly during these times of special ser... service and sacrifice, Representative, I res... have the utmost respect for you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Since no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 2434?' 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? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 109 Members voting 'yes', 7 Members voting 'no', and 0 voting



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'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 47 on the Calendar, on the Order of Second Reading, appears House Bill 3385, Mr. Rose. 3385, Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3385, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3385 would amend the Criminal Code of 1961. It provides the offense of disarming a peace officer also includes the attempt to take a weapon from that peace officer. Would also add a correctional institution employee to the offense of disarming a peace officer. House Amendment #1 was adopted in committee which restores the penalty to a Class II which is what it was originally. I'd be happy to answer any questions, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Since no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 3385?' 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 this question, there are 116 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Stephens."

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Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, having voted on the prevailing side of House Bill 38... 3385, I move that we reconsider the vote by which it passed."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Stephens, have you filed your Motion in writing?"

Stephens: "You're assuming that I'm from Fayette County and I can write."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Black. Your light was on."

Black: "Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. You've already taken the record. I... I thought that Bill had something to do with taking the arm or leg off of Raggedy Ann or Andy and I..."

Speaker Hartke: "I don't..."

Black: "...and I wanted to make sure."

Speaker Hartke: "I don't think that was this Bill..."

Black: "Oh."

Speaker Hartke: "...but I'm looking forward to that one..."

Black: "Oh, okay."

Speaker Hartke: "...as you are."

Black: "Well, I... it gets so confusing around here. I... What is it. Let's Raggedy Ann carry a gun. Is that what it is?"

Speaker Hartke: "I..."

Black: "Now... whatever."

Speaker Hartke: "I think is has something to do with..."

Black: "Now, the Senate will clean it up."

Speaker Hartke: "Okay. I'm sure they will. Mr. Stephens, would you withdraw your Motion? Would you please withdraw your Motion? The Motion is withdrawn. On page 46 on the Calendar, on the Order of Third Reading, appears House Bill

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2887, Representative Brunsvold. Mr. Brunsvold. Out of the record. On page 38 on the Calendar, on Second Reading appears House Bill 3411, Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3411, a Bill for an Act concerning the Bi-State Development Agency. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Okay. Leave that Bill on Third Reading. On page 10 on the Calendar, on Second Reading appears House Bill 1415, Representative Kelly. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1415, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. The Bill's been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1415, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Kelly."

Kelly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm still waiting for an Amendment to the Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Would you like to leave it on Third then until you're ready?"

Kelly: "Yes, I would."

Speaker Hartke: "Okay. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 1415?"

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1415 is on... is on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Hartke: "Move that Bill back to the Second Reading for the purpose of an Amendment at the request of the Sponsor. On page 3 on the Calendar, on Second Reading appears House Bill 89, Mr. Lang. Out of the record. On page 31 on the Calendar, on Second Reading appears House Bill 3001, Mr. Watson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3001, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. On page 6 on the Calendar, on the Order of Second Reading, appears House Bill 360, Mr. Novak. Mr. Novak in the chamber? Out of the record. On page 32, on the Order of Second Reading, appears House Bill 3061, Representative Ryg. Out of the record. On page 5 on the Calendar appears House Bill, on Second Reading, 277, Mr. Washington. Mr. Washington, would you like to hear that Bill on Second Reading? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 277, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Mr. Washington, would you like to hear that Bill now on Third Reading? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 277, a Bill for an Act concerning the deposit of state monies. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Washington on House Bill 277. Would you please explain your Bill."

Washington: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, what House Bill 277 does is a Bill that says that the Legislators in the State of Illinois believe in an even playing field when it comes to taxpayers' money and that those monies are in the care of the constitutional officer, the treasurer, to make sure, to go the extra mile, to make sure that the banks that are given the privilege to hold state public funds that they will make sure that communities and in particular, those who are less fortunate, that that money is evenly spread out in communities to help them with the economic growth. And also to be mindful that redlining behavior is something that we must discourage as Legislators of goodwill and good faith and we wanna see an even playing field of equal access and equal opportunity."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 277? The Chair recognizes Representative Black."

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

Speaker Hartke: "The Sponsor will yield."

Black: "Representative, the Bill... the Bill as drafted has no impact on credit unions. Correct?"

Washington: "I'm sorry, Sir."

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Black: "The Bill has no impact on any credit union doing business in the State of Illinois. Is that correct?"

Washington: "That's right. No, Sir, it does not."

Black: "Does... does... can... can this law be applied to nationally chartered banks? I... The reason I ask that, somewhere in the back of my head I thought I remembered that State Laws could not impact nationally chartered banks."

Washington: "Well, Representative, forgive me for not being clear on what you're referring to, but the answer to your previous question is 'no' and we've taken up all of the concerns of everybody that would have a concern."

Black: "I... And I really don't know the answer, but I can remember debate over the years about whether or not the state can regulate nationally chartered banks... federal banks. Banks that are chartered and regulated by the United States Government and there are state banks and there are savings and loans and there are credit unions. You've already said it doesn't apply to credit unions. I just wanna make sure in my own mind, does it or can it apply to federally chartered banks?"

Washington: "Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry. I'm gonna... I need to make an adjustment. I'd like to take it out of the record, House Bill 277."

Speaker Hartke: "Sure."

Washington: "I'm sorry, Sir."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 277, take it out of the record, please, Mr. Clerk."

Black: "Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Hartke: "Yes."

Black: "I would ask the indulgence of the Chair. I don't think I'm opposed to the Gentleman's Motion. I appreciate... or to the Bill. I appreciate him taking it out of the record. I hope we get right back to it. I'm just trying to get rid of some confusion and as soon as we do that, we'll go back to the Bill, I would trust."

Speaker Hartke: "Yes. Take that Bill out of the record. Take that Bill back to Second Reading for the purpose of an Amendment at the request of the Sponsor. That'll be House Bill 277. On page 38 on the Calendar, on the Order of Second Reading, appears House Bill 3429, Mr. Dunkin. Mr. Dunkin. Out of the record. On page 10 on the Calendar, on the Order of Second Reading, appears House Bill 1352, Mr. Yarbrough. Representative Yarbrough. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. There are still notes requested on that. That Bill will remain on Second Reading. On page 45 on the Calendar, on the Order of Third Reading, appears House Bill 1548, Mr. Wait. 1548. Out of the record. On page 46 on the Calendar, on Third Reading appears House Bill 2577, Mr. Phelps. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 113, offered by Representative McAuliffe. House Resolution 116, offered by Representative Daniels. House Resolution 117, offered by Representative Cross. House Resolution 118, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons. House Resolution 119, offered by Representative Washington. House

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Resolution 120, offered by Representative Howard. House  
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House Resolution 131, offered by Representative McCarthy.  
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Resolution 139, offered by Representative Poe. House  
Resolution 140, offered by Representative May. House  
Resolution 141, offered by Representative Miller. House  
Resolution 142, offered by Representative Granberg. House  
Resolution 143, offered by Representative Granberg. And  
House Resolution 144, offered by Representative Howard."

Speaker Hartke: "You've heard the Agreed 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. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're about to go to second priorities. First priorities, we've been through the page (sic-Calendar) and people have... are not ready or whatever. So, we're gonna do



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it alphabetically, as well. On page 47, on Third Reading appears House Bill 2890, Representative Brunsvold. Out of the record. On page 47, on the Order of Third Reading, appears House Bill 3101, Representative Beaubien. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3101, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Yes. I'd like to present House Bill 3101. What this Bill does is codify into law the practice that has been in place for many years whereby when an election takes place in March or April the clerk is directed to spread that referendum increase on its nex... on that same year's tax bill. If you do not do that, which is now a 'may' provision rather than 'shall', there's a situation where you can actually wait almost a year and a half or two years before you get the money that you've actually voted to have spread across the record. It primarily affects schools and it is supported by all the school organizations. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 3101? Seeing no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 3101?' 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? Have all voted who wish? Please vote your switches. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are

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108 Members voting 'yes', 4 Members voting 'no', 3 Members voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 47 on the Calendar, on Third Reading appears House Bill 3090, Mr. Dunn. Mr. Dunn. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3090, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Dunn."

Dunn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3090 is a relatively simple Bill. It... it allows the court to revoke bail for repeat offenses of domestic battery. As we know, police are often called out to a house. The offender is arrested and released on bail and goes back to the house and commits domestic violence again. If that occurs, it allows the court to revoke bail. That's all."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 3090? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 3090?' 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? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, 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. On page 44 on the Calendar, on Third Reading appears House Bill 1182, Representative Collins. Representative Collins."

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Out of the record. On page 43 on the Calendar appears House Bill 337, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 337, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 337 amends the transportation article of the School Code. It allows a school board to provide... school board to provide free transportation for any pupil residing within one and one half miles from the school attending where conditions are such that walking constitutes a serious hazard due to a situation seriously affecting student safety. So, it essentially broadens the statute to include things other than vehicular traffic as a... as a problem or impediment to getting to school. Be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 30...337? The Chair recognizes Representative Black."

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Black: "Representative, the current law is very clear about offering transportation and generally has to do with a hazardous traffic or railroad situation..."

Davis, W.: "Yes."

Black: "...something that is easily... Well, I wouldn't go for that. I've been in some of those hearings that haven't

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been easy. But generally, is measurable and can be easily seen by those interested in the hearing. Now, your... your Bill is adding something that's a little more esoteric. In other words, you're asking IDOT and the state... and the school board to determine whether or not the one and a half mile walk to school would be hazardous for things not controlled by IDOT. Like what, gangs."

Davis, W.: "Yes, Sir. Gang activity, drug trafficking, presence of known sexual predators. Just... there are some, as you indicated, esoteric things included, Sir."

Black: "How would... how would IDOT be able to be the arbiter of this Bill, when it has nothing related to the existing law of traffic or railroad conditions? I'm not sure IDOT is the right agency to try to determine whether or not a... a hazardous situation because of a neighborhood, a dispute, various gang turf would be involved. I mean, how would a highway engineer make that determination?"

Davis, W.: "Well, actually, Representative, IDOT's function in this will still essentially remain the same. They will deal with vehicular traffic issues which include busy highways, streets without sidewalks and railroad crossings. So, IDOT, in and of itself, is not making the determination relative to the other serious hazards that exist. That will predominately be left up to the... to the... to the local school board in association with the regional superintendents."

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Black: "All right. Did the... did the Illinois State Board of Education ever contact you about the estimated cost to the transportation fund should this become law, statewide?"

Davis, W.: "No, Sir."

Black: "It... I think, if I can find it here, I'm sorry for making you wait. All right, here it is."

Davis, W.: "Okay."

Black: "The State Board of Education has estimated that, as the legislation is currently written, it has a potential cost of a hundred and thirty-four million dollars. Now, that would be the case if every child in Illinois, who currently does not qualify under the one and a half mile rule because of lack of traffic hazard, all of a sudden were to start using the bus for a nontraffic hazard. That... that's a significant sum of money. I realize it may be open to question, but a significant sum of money, nonetheless. And as you know, the state generally reimburses a school district for transportation costs, but seldom at full cost. I think last year it was prorated... somebody on the Education Committee, correct me if I'm wrong. But I think they got about 90 cents on the dollar as to what it cost to transport. So, the concern I have with the Bill that it may be so broadly drafted that a parent could just simp... a parent or guardian could simply say, there's a couple of taverns, a pool hall on the way to school and I just don't want my child to walk by that... those taverns or the pool hall. Therefore, you have to transport the child and if it has the potential impact in excess of a hundred million,

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would there be any way we could narrow the scope of the Bill?"

Davis, W.: "Well, from what I understand, Representative, it doesn't incur any new costs. Of course, there will be some cost attached to it, but essentially the... if I read the language correctly, it says that it 'may' provide for the transportation of students within a mile and a half. So, it's not an automatic requirement. There are many school districts that were already providing that transportation, but because of some budgetary problems, removed that transportation and this just provides another opportunity whereas some districts can't try to have that transportation restored in cases where they had it, but it no longer exists and it also broadens that criteria to include things other than just vehicular..."

Black: "Okay."

Davis, W.: "...traffic, Sir."

Black: "Who or what body is the final arbiter of whether or not the child would qualify?"

Davis, W.: "It's the regional superintendent's office, Sir."

Black: "All right. So, if the regional superintendent of schools says, in my opinion, this is not a hazard where your child needs to be transported, is that the final decision or is it appealable?"

Davis, W.: "Yes, Sir. That is the final decision."

Black: "So, that would be the final decision. All right. There's also a Bill on the Calendar to abolish the regional superintendent of education in Cook County, so I don't know

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who... if that Bill passes, I'm not sure who would make the decision in Cook. But, and I don't understand that the regional superintendent of schools in Cook County has been out, in, out, back in and now I see on the Calendar, there's a Bill to take it back out. So, I assume, if the Bill becomes law, somebody in Cook County will be designated to make that decision."

Davis, W.: "In... Apparently, in that Bill, the State Board of Education takes over as regional superintendent, Sir."

Black: "Okay. Fine. Thank you, Representative."

Davis, W.: "Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Chapa La Via."

Chapa La Via: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I stand in strong support for this Bill. I am probably one of the few districts in Illinois, my district... School District 131 has no transportation system, never has. The amount of dropout rate is amazing, the amount of molestations at home is amazing. The... the inability of our children to learn and get to the next level of college of education is unbelievable. I support this with my whole heart. I hope this comes through because that way I can get my superintendent in that district the tools in order to establish a transportation system there that has never been in place. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Kosel."

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Kosel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Members of the House can see, I am on this Bill as the second Sponsor. Actually, Representative Davis and I had the identical Bill and since I had already amended it to correct some of the flaws that Representative Black talked about, adding the regional superintendent to the process to determine exactly what those other dangers other than traffic dangers would be, we agreed to have him carry it and have me as a second Sponsor. I want the Members of the House to know that the original transportation... the original code was written in the '60s. Our students are going to school in very, very different communities than they were in the '60s. We have to start considering other safety hazards for students. Yes, the State Board of Education did say there could be a tremendous financial impact, but if we take the same dollars that we have this year in the Transportation Fund and put them towards the students that are at the most serious risk, then we are accomplishing what we should be doing and that's protecting students. No school district in the State of Illinois has to participate in this. This is a 'may' Bill not a 'shall' Bill. And so, it needs... it needs the criteria of not putting an extra burden on it. And the last thing that... that my dear colleague, Representative Black, said was that there is no regional superintendent in Cook County. That was removed, but a new one was added for suburban Cook County. So, I think the only question would be how Chicago would deal with this. So, I ask for your approval of this Bill. It's not only



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important to his district, it's very important to mine also. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I support this Bill also. Sometimes, in the community that I live in, I see children walking to school, crossing hazardous intersections and railroad tracks while a school bus that is not full goes right past them, but because they live within that one and a half mile radius, they're not allowed to have the school bus. So, I think this is a good Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise in strong support of this Bill. In my own district, in Galesburg, and this is permissive and allows the... some more tools for a school board to work with. But in my own district, Galesburg School District had a situation where they're providing transportation and the bus is going right by an area where a parent wanted a child to get on because of some potential dangers in the area. The bus was nowhere near full. Just, if it was... maybe it had a 40... 40 capacity and only 20 seats were taken. When they asked the state board if they could allow that child to get on, they said 'yes', but every time you put a child that doesn't qualify on it reduces the percent reimbursement that they would get, is what they were told. This being permissive and allowing a school board to decide, here's a case where the school district could allow a student to get on, where a

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danger, a hazard, has been pointed out and yet, they're not having to add any driver, they're not adding another route. They're just coming closer to filling up the seats that they have. This is a good use of the resources we have. And I commend the Representative for bringing this. We're not living in the day of 'Ozzie and Harriet'. It's a different time and we need to have the tools out here that our districts can use to provide a safe ride to the schools. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Since no one is seeking recognition, Representative Davis to close."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, Members, we're not living in the same times that we were once living in. And if education is truly the priority that we say it is, we have to make every opportunity for our young people to get to and from school in a safe environment that would allow them the opportunity to learn without encumbrances. I appreciate the bipartisan support on this Bill. And ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 337?' 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? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Miller. Mr. Wirsing. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 87 Members voting 'yes', 2 Members voting 'no', 26 Members voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority,

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is hereby declared passed. On page 45 on the Calendar appears House Bill 2311, Representative Flowers or Feigenholtz. Out of the record. Representative Feigenholtz. 2311. Out of the record. Ho... On page 46 on the Calendar appears House Bill 2587, Representative Jones, Lou Jones. Out of the record. On page 47 on the Calendar, on Third Reading appears House Bill 3487, Representative Mulligan. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3487, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Body. What House Bill 3487 does is it creates the four-day school week task force to study the effectiveness of a four-day school week. I have no particular opinion on whether a four-day school week is good, bad or indifferent, but I think since schools around the country are looking at this and it has come up as a cost-saving measure, we should probably take it into consideration and study it so that we would have some opinion on it if the time comes we would be willing to do it. As far as I'm aware, the only school district in Illinois that is considering this is the Quincy School District. Right now, they would have to get a waiver to do something like this. My district has one school that is a year-round school, but that's different than what this would be. So, I would ask for your approval."

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

Franks: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Franks: "Representative, I understand what you're trying to do here, but I have some concerns. Will the study also talk about what would happen if... if there is a four-day work week... a four-day school week, what about the child care on that fifth day? And what's this gonna do for latchkey kids? It's something that's really concerning me 'cause I think we have enough problems now with kids getting home and mom or dad aren't home to meet 'em. And then, if we have an extra day where they're on their own, I'm really worried about the cost to these children."

Mulligan: "Representative, that's one of the reasons I brought this Bill. I would be concerned about that, too. It'd probably be more appropriate in high school or in middle school than it would be for a lower-grade level. Also, the other issue that came up in this issue... the discussion came up in a meeting with the state superintendent on other issues, that we look at days rather than hours and that that would be a... might be a more appropriate way to do things. I had a school district that wanted to add a couple of hours to a school day and eliminate them on another day, so teachers could have time for studying and the waiver was denied. So, I mean, there's just... I... I think it would look at all of that and so I'm not stating whether it'd be good or not. But I see your concern

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because that would be my concern as far as people that, you know, as a single mom, I couldn't wait 'til my kids went to school full-time..."

Franks: "Right."

Mulligan: "...so I didn't have to pay for daycare."

Franks: "Right."

Mulligan: "So, I... I agree with you on that, but I think that would be part of the study."

Franks: "Yeah. And I wanna be educated on this issue, too. It might be a good idea, it might not. I guess, as part of the study, I'd ask you to look at those other states that are... Are there other states that are doing it now?"

Mulligan: "Yes, there are... According to education officials, four-day school weeks are offered in Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, and Wyoming. And what some of the studies have showed that it was interesting that academic achievement was generally improved in some of those states. I know Colorado also has year-round school because I have..."

Franks: "Right."

Mulligan: "...family there."

Franks: "Yeah. I've got family in Florida who also have year-round school. I guess the other question I'd ask you to look is, in this study, besides the grades and how... and the performance, I'd also ask to look at maybe, since you're talking mak... mostly for high schools, I'd also ask you to look at teen pregnancy rates and also... and I know it sounds funny, but I'd also look at that and..."

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Mulligan: "No. They're... they're off with nothing to do. But also, I think four-day weeks would also work into a work program, so that students that take time off to maybe go work in an area and I know a couple of my schools have programs, one that United gave on being a travel agent, different things that would allow them to look at a profession. Some... And I think there are a lot of considerations and that's why I thought the task force might be a good idea."

Franks: "Okay. Well, thank you. I'll support the Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Further di... further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Lady yield?"

Speaker Hartke: "Lady will yield."

Flowers: "Representative, whose best interest would this Bill be for?"

Mulligan: "I don't... I think it would be in the best interest of the General Assembly to make an informed decision on whether we would ever want to do this. So, it... it would examine whether it would be in the best interest of our school children or certain types of school districts to possibly do this. But I don't... I would not predetermine who it would be in the best interest of. The only thing that I would say is, I think it's in our interest to have a study so that we can make informed decisions."

Flowers: "Okay. Well, my interest would be with the child and the long range affect that this may have. And when you

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talk about... are we talkin' about for grammar school and high schools?"

Mulligan: "Well, what I just answered Representative Franks is, yes. The reason is, I don't necessarily think that some districts it would be good for grammar school, in high school it may be... it may be good. It depending on the high school for the reasons pro and con that we talked about. So, I'm not making a judgment on whether it'd be good or not. The study may show that in Illinois, particularly in some districts, it would be a bad idea, particularly in the area of child care and latchkey kids. That I would be very concerned about. We have a lot of good after school programs. I have a district that had before school, after school and preschool and grammar school, which I think is excellent. It would be model for a lot of other districts. So, I'm just thinking before we're asked to do this day for cost, I think it would be good to have a task force that would examine whether this is a good idea or not."

Flowers: "You know, I just went over and complimented Representative Kosel on Representative Davis' Bill and in regards to the transportation and I asked her, how were we gonna pay for that. And when I think about what your Bill is doing in regards to supposedly trying to save money, I can imagine that it's gonna cost us more moneys. I wish my school district was like yours. I wish I had a before school program, an after school program or an extended program for my child to stay in school. I would imagine that the classrooms would be a lot tighter, the school

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buses will be a lot crowded if my child will have to be on the bus a lot longer because then we'd have to distribute more kids home and it would take them longer to get there. And to me this will be a stress on the student, #1, for that length of time. It would be a stress on the student in regards to the amount of homework that they would have to do. It would be a stress on the student in regards to what all the... the changes it's gonna make in their lives and how often they'll be left home alone. And it would be a stress on the parent because of the all the changes that they would have to make in order to work around what we're trying to do in regards to trying to save the school money and not trying to save the mon... and not trying to do what's best to educate our kids. Now, you know what I envision? I really envision, you know, how some jobs have three shifts. I can imagine us having a three-shift school as opposed to a one-shift. I could imagine that that would save moneys and save time and on transportation. So, but anyway, I just object to your Bill. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? No one is seeking recognition, Representative Mulligan to close."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In answer just to Representative Flowers. If this should pass, the Speaker gets to appoint new Members... two Members from his side of the aisle, she may wanna seek that appointment. And the other thing is, our programs in our schools, the before and after school, comes from grants written for federal funds that are available to all schools to seek and I would



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suggest that perhaps your school would wanna do it. I think this is a good idea so that we have the information just pro and con on this issue. It shouldn't cost anything. The task force is appointed. There is no reimbursement. So... except for expenses. Usually, when I'm on a task force, I don't even seek that reimbursement. So, I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 3487?' All 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? Have all voted your switch? Mr. Moffitt. Representative Ryg. Mr. Scully. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 60 Members voting 'yes', 44 Members voting 'no', 9 Members voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 47 on the Calendar, on Third Reading appears House Bill 2972, Mr. Joyce. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2972, a Bill for an Act concerning electronic mail. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Joyce."

Joyce: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Electronic Mail Act... House Bill 2872 (sic-2972) amends the Electronic Mail Act to allow for less unsolicited electronic mails and to require notification of advertisements and adult-related advertisements. This is an initiative of the state's attorneys in the State of

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Illinois. I urge an 'aye' vote. And would entertain any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Parke: "Representative, I'm just kinda curious. What penalties are involved with this legislation?"

Joyce: "Civil penalties."

Parke: "Such as, Class A misdemeanor, Class B mis... What kind of misdemeanors or is it felony?"

Joyce: "No... It's... I believe it's just misdemeanors and I think... I believe it's civil penalties and it also forbids the sale after someone has indicated that they do not wanna be contacted again on their e-mail, it forbids the sale of their name to any other advertising agencies or product lines."

Parke: "Are there any fines in this?"

Joyce: "There are fines. I don't know... Representative Parke, I remember we talked about this in committee and I sent you... I don't know if you got that memo that I se... put on your desk."

Parke: "It's probably still in the mail."

Joyce: "No... I'm right here, Representative Parke. It wasn't... I didn't send it electronically, I hand delivered it and put it on the desk you're standing at right now, yesterday afternoon."

Parke: "I don't remember seein' it."

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Joyce: "Okay."

Parke: "Do you... You don't have that memo with you? You don't offhand remember what the... if it... will it be any... you don't know if it's a misdemeanor or just a fine or..."

Joyce: "It's civil penalties, not criminal."

Parke: "All right. But there are numerous kinds of civil penalties. I'm just trying to find out how... how heavy duty this is. And peop... I'd think people'd like to know. I mean, if somebody misses it the first time, are they gonna have to pay \$5 thousand or what? 'Cause a lot of people who solicit e-mail are... are looking... some people may wanna get the e-mail to find out if there's a product that would service them better than the product they may have now. Do you... you don't have it there, you can't find..."

Joyce: "If you look under Section C..."

Parke: "Okay."

Joyce: "Do you have the Bill in front of you or no or just analysis?"

Parke: "So..."

Joyce: "There are no criminal penalties involved in this, Representative Parke and under Section C in the Bill, 'the injured person may re... recover attorney's fees and costs and may elect, in lieu of recovery of actual damages, to recover the lesser \$10 for each and every unsolicited electronic mail advertisement transmitted in violation of this Section, or \$25 thousand per day.'" "

Parke: "Okay. That's what I was lookin' for."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Parke, have you concluded?"

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Parke: "I see that... I see that there's a \$25 thousand per day violation, where does that fit? It's in the same Section."

Joyce: "In Section C, yes."

Parke: "Isn't that pretty stiff?"

Parke: "No, not when someone tells ya that they don't wanna be bothered with it anymore and they're sending countless and ignoring the laws of the... set forth by a lot of states, including ours."

Parke: "Well, I think the... the Bill itself is not a bad Bill. I think we... I think we voted it out unanimously, but I would like you to look at the... how heavy duty the fines are. People sometimes don't know the list is there, sometimes they miss it. It just seems like, ultimately, if you go to \$25 thousand a day, that seems pretty heavy. So, I think this... you may wanna look at that while it's in the Senate. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Since no one is seeking recognition, Representative Joyce to close."

Joyce: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We have, on a regular basis, tried to stop advertising on the Internet and e-mails and a lot of our children are on the... on the Internet on a regular basis and this Bill would allow the stoppage of adult advertising reaching those kids. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 2972?' All 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?"

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Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, 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. On page 47 on the Calendar appears House Bill 2930, Representative Osmond. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2930, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Osmond."

Osmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2930 prohibits a victim of domestic violence from posting any portion of bail in a criminal case or proceeding for any person alleged to have caused the abuse against the victim. There any questions?"

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any questions? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 2930?' 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? Representative Munson. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 1 Member voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 46 on the Calendar appears House Bill 2543, Representative Joe Lyons. Mr. Lyons. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2543, a Bill for an Act in relation to installment loans. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2543 is an initiative of the Illinois Financial Services Association... Association and Consumer Finance Companies. It allows 'em to increase their limit on consumer loans to 40 thousand, which is now currently 25 thousand. The increase is needed to address the increase costs basically of automobiles which... they have not had an increase in this since 1998, five years. So, as we all know, the cost of vehicles has well exceeded \$25 thousand in many cases. So, I would ask for a favorable vote on this thing. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 2543? Representative Black."

Black: "I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. Just one question, please. The Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hartke: "The Sponsor will yield."

Black: "Representative, the... the only dumb question around here is one you don't ask and when I took a quick look at this, raising that limit... I... I don't know what the... on the analysis it says, the... what is the Illinois Small Loan Association favored or had... had something to do with the genesis of the Bill. My question is, with the proliferation of payday loans in my district, car title loans or bring in your car, we'll give you money. Does this enable a company like that to increase the level of

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loan they might be willing to make under a Consumer Loan Act?"

Lyons, J.: "Representative Black, that is not a dumb question, it's an excellent question if it points in clarification and it puts your mind and everybody else's mind at ease. This will not affect payday loan companies nor predatory lending institutions. They are regulated by some of the same organizations within State Government, the Department of Financial Institutions and Banks and Real Estate, but this legislation will not affect them. They do not make loans at this level. Payday loans nor..."

Black: "Okay."

Lyons, J.: "...title loans."

Black: "All right. Fine. Thank you. I appreciate that."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Since no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 2543?' All 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? Have all voted who wish? McKeon. Mr. Reitz. Mr. Scully. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 3 Members voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Novak, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege, please."

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Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

Novak: "Well, we all know, as we've been working down here all week, the conflict in Iraq between the expeditionary forces and we know that this conflict is about a half a world away and I know we've had... taken some time out to reflect our own... our own prayers and our own manners with respect to what's occurring out there because we have a number of men and women in our armed forces from the State of Illinois that are serving their country in a gallant manner. I was advised earlier, a few minutes ago, that one of the first casualties in Illinois is a young man from my legislative district in St. Anne. His name is Captain Ryan Beaupre. He's 30 years old and he was one of the... one of the crew members of the helicopter that crashed, I believe, in Kuwait. So, I know a lot of the Beaupre family and my heart goes out to the family, my sympathies and condolences. And I'd like to ask everyone if they could just give this young man some sympathy for his family."

Speaker Hartke: "Thank you. On page 47 on the Calendar appears House Bill 3063, Representative Pankau. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3063, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Pankau."

Pankau: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill affects boat trailer brakes and it provides that brakes for a boat trailer with a gross weight of over three thousand pounds do not have to be operated by the driver of the towing



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vehicle from its cab. It provides that brakes must be designated to ensure that in case of the accidental breakaway of the towed boat trailer over five thousand pounds that the brakes are automatically applied. And I ask for your favorable approval."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 3063?  
The Chair recognizes Representative Franks."

Franks: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Franks: "Will older trailers need to be retrofitted?"

Pankau: "No."

Franks: "Will they be grandfathered in?"

Pankau: "Yes."

Franks: "Okay. Now, do these brakes that they have on these boat trailers, are you talking that they're automatic, they'd engage automatically and the driver wouldn't have to engage a brake. Correctly... correct?"

Pankau: "Correct. I think... Now, I am not an expert on boat trailer brakes, but I believe the lingo is that these are surge brakes. So, these are brakes that by the force of the pounds behind the vehicle, that is what puts the brake on as opposed to an electric brake which is inside the cab of the vehicle. And there is a lot of discrepancy in the industry whether electric brakes are better than surge brakes. It's sorta like, is concrete better than asphalt? You know, it's sort of in every... in the eye of the beholder, as they say."

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Franks: "There's no requirement for upgrading at all. It's like..."

Pankau: "No."

Franks: "Okay. And will this make our roads safer? I guess that's the bottom line."

Pankau: "I think safety is the bottom line here. And so a person could choose to do an electric brake or surge brake and again, in the eye of the beholder, some people feel that one is safer than the other. I have no opinion and this Bill allows for both."

Franks: "Can I ask why you're bringing this Bill?"

Pankau: "Yes. I have a constituent who lives in my district who brought this to my attention. He has a marine dealership in Romeoville."

Franks: "Okay."

Pankau: "So, his business is in Romeo, but he actually lives in my district. And he brought this to my attention because he said the way the law was written now, he felt that technically it would only allow for electric brakes and not the surge brakes which many people use."

Franks: "Are there any opponents to this Bill?"

Pankau: "None that I know of."

Franks: "Okay. I'm... obviously, we're all worried about highway safety."

Pankau: "Right."

Franks: "I just wanted to make sure we're not doing anything to decrease the safety on our roads."

Pankau: "No."

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Franks: "Okay. Well, thank you, Representative."

Pankau: "Thanks."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Sacia."

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Sacia: "Ladies and Gentlemen, as many of you know, I am a freshman Legislator and one of the things that was brought to my attention right after I got here was that very often we pass legislation and then spend years trying to correct it. Most of my life has been spent in law enforcement, however, when I retired in '97, I started a farm equipment, truck and trailer business. We sell over 700 trailers a year. I have spoken with Representative Pankau about this very Bill. This is very, very bad legislation. It'll come back to haunt us. Right now, the requirement is, the Illinois State Code requires that trailer braking be controlled from inside the cab of the tow vehicle. To argue that this is something as simple as the difference between concrete and asphalt is... is really, completely an oversimplification and does not address the issue. Surge brakes, yes, I agree with you. There are good surge brakes and there are good electric brakes. The industry has traveled a long way in the past ten years. Electric brakes have been improved greatly. They can be controlled from inside the tow vehicle. I truly submit to you, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is one of these Bills that if we pass through this House and if it gets through the Senate and if

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it ultimately becomes law, we will spend time in years to come reversing this Bill. This is bad legislation. And I would appreciate a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Steve Davis. Representative Hannig in the Chair."

Davis, S.: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates... she indicates she will."

Davis, S.: "Thank you. Representative, I had a similar Bill, I think, a couple of years ago dealing with this issue and we had the same problem with a retail boat dealership in my district. And I think what one of the main problems is, is that the manufacturers, who are manufacturing and shipping these boat trailers to the retail dealerships, are not complying with current Illinois law. That was my understanding at the time. And it seems to me that the legislation I drafted was to tighten that up and to try to make sure that the manufacturers who are manufacturing the boat trailers and shipping them into the State of Illinois were complying with the current Illinois law on brake standards. At the time, I think, that there was some opposition from IDOT to my Bill and I don't think it went anywhere. And I'm surprised that IDOT hasn't filed a slip in opposition to your Bill to exempt them. I understand the exemption because we literally have probably thousands of these trailers on the road right now that are not in compliance with current State Law. So, I understand what you're trying to do with your piece of legislation. Also, you're trying to and I was also trying to do this, take

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some of the liability off of the retail boat dealerships by introducing this legislation because they're kinda stuck between a rock and a hard place. They're given a product that really does not comply, but yet they are liable in case there's an accident on the road with the current boat trailers that they are selling. So, I understand what your legislation is, but I think that we need to address the problem at the manufacturing level and we should at some point in time require Illinois law to make sure that these manufacturers are shipping us legal trailers in this state and not illegal trailers with the proper brake systems on or... I understand what's goin' on. I'm gonna support the Bill, but I think that we need to look at the overall picture and put the manufacturers' feet to the fire instead of the dealerships."

Pankau: "That's a very good idea and maybe if this gets over to the Senate, they can address that part of it in the Senate. I will suggest that to the Senate Sponsor."

Davis, S.: "Right."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ever so briefly. I would just like to note that I may have a conflict of interest in this matter. And I'd like to be on the record as such, but I will vote my conscience."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative. And now, Representative Pankau to close."

Pankau: "...you. I understa... Representative Sacia (sic-Davis) and I have talked personally about this. I understand

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where he's coming from and he feels very strongly about electric brakes. I daresay that I could also, and I actually did, bring to the committee a person who felt very strongly about surge brakes. This Bill allows for both of them. And I think it's ultimately to the consumer to decide which is going to be the best for him 'cause after all, it's his safety involved. So, I ask for your approval of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3063 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 77 voting 'yes', 27 voting 'no', 10 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mendoza, are you ready for House Bill 3587? Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill. Excuse me. Representative Daniels, for what reason do you rise?"

Daniels: "Just on a point of personal privilege. I listened with careful attention to Representative Novak's comments about the individual from his district and I believe, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, that this is a time when the Members of this General Assembly and people of America need to speak up strongly for those individuals, men and women alike, that are serving this country in harms way. The news reports now are about the shocking and wave of bombs in Baghdad, which none of us enjoy the thought of, but the fact of the matter is that we have men and women in

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this democracy that are fighting for freedom. The fact of the matter is that regardless of your political persuasion, regardless of your intent, that this is a time that we all need to speak up in support of those troops. Most of you here were not active during the Vietnam War. I remember it at that time and I remember the dissension that existed in this country and the colleges of this campus and many people that spoke in dissension. I support the right of debate, of dissension, but I do not support forgetting about the men and women that are in harms way to protect this country. For years we have fought for the freedoms that we enjoy and I, for one, wanna add my voice to support America, to support our men and women of this troop, and thank our previous vets and those people that fought for our freedoms and support the people that right now are fighting for the democracy that day in and day out we enjoy in this country. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative. And Representative Meyer, for what reason do you rise?"

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to rise on point of personal privilege, also. We've had very, very sobering news this morning, that one of the first people that was killed in this war for the defense of freedom in Iraq and have taken away that horrible person that is over there right now that's their leader. One of the first people killed in this war was a citizen of the State of Illinois. And I do believe that we should take a moment to really reflect upon what we are

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doing and why we're doing it. I believe we're doing it for the right reasons. But we have people in this state, in this country, men and women in harms way today. This war is going to get much tougher as we get closer to Baghdad. And certainly, it's gonna be felt by those that are here at home. I would just like to reflect upon what families are going through in this state, in this nation, that have loved ones in harms way. It's extremely tough for them to watch the television as this war is played out in front of them in live, real time. It's just amazing. I was in Southeast Asia. I didn't happen to be in combat. I was in a support position. But I know that my wife, at the time, sat watching the news every night trying to see if either myself or other relatives that were in that conflict were okay. Certainly, much of that was delayed, it wasn't live as we're now seeing reporters actually filming from the battlefields. But we have loved ones here and I think that we should really reach out to those people that have family members or friends who are in Iraq right now or preparing to go and to make certain that our... our feelings are with them, our thoughts are with them. That as these reports come back that we make it easy for them to reach out and touch us as they wonder if that report of a helicopter down or a plane down or somebody killed in action is actually one of their family members. And I believe that it's very, very important that we reach out and touch those that are here in the states. And that we pray to bring all of our men and women home."



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Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative. And Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise?"

Stephens: "Well, I know that I've probably spoken way too much this week and I know that I may speak too often on veterans' issues and issues around... dealing with the military. I'm a little bit upset this morning and I hope you'll bear with me. The... As our young men are fire... men and women are facing an uncertain future, some around the country try to tell us that they are on a moral plane that is higher than the one that most of us are on. And I would like to challenge those people this morning. I believe that the American soldier will always be willing to fight and die for our right to dissent, our right to assemble, our right to free speech, and all the other rights guaranteed to us by our forefathers. But I have a request of those who come on to us now and say, we wanna go to our enemy, the American enemy, and we wanna be shields, shields, to stop the enemy from being hurt. You know, you don't have to go to Iraq to do that. You don't have to demonstrate in the streets of Washington. I have a challenge for each of those people who really mean it, who wanna be shields and they wanna save people from dying. Go to Israel, ride the school buses or stay at the hotels or have dinner along the Israeli-Palestine border. You will save lives or you will die. The savagery that continues to plague children of the Israeli people is a... is a... well, it's scarier than the war, in my opinion, because it... like September 11 is a war against civilians. The United States

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of America has never and never will go to war against civilians. That's the way we were... that's the way our country came to be, it's the way our country will continue to be. So, those of you... if you know anyone who's gone overseas to be a shield to save lives, I'd be glad to send 'em a ticket to go to Israel and to help save real lives in a real conflict where a shield will work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "And Mr. Clerk, would you now read House Bill 3587, please."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3587, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3587 is a very important Bill. It's a teachers Bill. It helps not only teachers but children. Six... well, I shouldn't say six years ago, but many, many years ago there was a Bill that was passed that said that if you are a legal U.S. resident, which means you have every right to live and work here for the rest of your life if you choose to do so... authorized to work and you become a teacher, you'd have six years time upon your certification in which time you had to become a U.S. citizen or else you lose your certification. Currently, we have over a thousand teachers who are in the position of either having been fired or going to be fired if they don't meet that six-year requirement. Now, some people might ask, why not just extend the deadline. I myself asked myself that

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question and I had a Bill that would do so, but after speaking with other teachers who notified me about my extension Bill, they told me that they're... it's virtually impossible to... to meet a requirement of even... of an extension of two years to maybe eight years or four years to maybe ten years. And so at some point you get to the point where it becomes ridiculous to keep extending and extending. Therefore, this Bill would just eliminate the requirement for people that have to become U.S. citizens in order to keep their jobs as teachers. We're currently faced with a teacher shortage epidemic in this state. This would help directly with that teacher shortage. The State of Illinois goes to Russia, we go to Germany, we go to France to recruit teachers for foreign language programs... I know, I should've probably... and... and unfortunately we bring these teachers here, they uproot their families, they come here, they're authorized to work and to teach and after six years we're telling them that if they haven't become citizens, they... they've gotta go. I think that's wrong. It not only hurts the teacher, but it more importantly hurts the children who are being taught. And I would therefore ask for an 'aye' vote on this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 3587. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Just in quick support, Speaker, to the Bill. I wanna thank Representative Mendoza for doing this. Many of us have received letters from teachers in situations like

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yours who are so desperately concerned about wanting to do a great job, are doing a great job and needed legislation like this. Suzanne (sic-Susana), this is a great piece of legislation for the teachers that deserve protection that you are providing for 'em. It's a great Bill. Thanks for bringing it to us."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to reiterate what Representative Lyons just said. I've been receiving letters, not only from teachers in my district, but also administrators who are begging me to try to do something so they can keep their best and brightest teachers. The bureaucratic mess that we have in this area can be fixed by this Bill. And if we pass this Bill, which we should've done last year, we'll be in a position where we won't have to, because of some artificial deadlines in the law, lose some of our best teachers and worse, maybe force them to leave the country on top of it. So, this is an important piece of legislation and at a time where we have a teaching shortage, we cannot afford to let this Bill sit on the Calendar. Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not want to reiterate what Representative that spoke before me just said, but this is a Bill that has seen its way through the General Assembly for the last three years. There are a lot of Members on this floor who have had hybrids and renditions of it. But I believe that Representative

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Mendoza's version of it is going to rectify problems that... and has even improved it better, so now it is the perfect Bill. So, we do have a teacher shortage in this state. We have people who are wanting to become American citizens who are waiting for that opportunity, some that plan to return to their countries one day and this will allow all of them to have an opportunity to help us with our teacher shortage in Illinois. And I support this. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bellock."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she will yield."

Bellock: "I just wanted to clarify that in this Bill you are asking that we do away with the qualification that you must be a cit... even applying for citizenship to teach in the State of Illinois?"

Mendoza: "Yes, this Bill..."

Bellock: "It's not just an extension of the application, it's doing away with the application of becom... of being a United States citizen?"

Mendoza: "Yes, the Bill does not extend, it just says that we eliminate the requirement of having to be a U.S. citizen in order to keep their job and their certification."

Bellock: "I've had some concerns from some of the teachers in my area regarding the Bill, so just because of that, not the extension of the citizenship but the citizenship itself."

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Mendoza: "Yes. Now, I'd like to clarify though that the vast majority of teachers want to become U.S. citizens. For example, the woman who came to testify on the Bill, she's from Russia, she's lived here for ten years, has already applied for citizenship it just hasn't been granted to her yet. And so these are many of the best bulk of the teachers that we're talking about, are teachers who want to become U.S. citizens. But there are cases where a teacher may... we may be recruiting somebody, let's say from Russia, and they may be willing to give the United States of America and the State of Illinois ten or twelve years of their time and experience our culture, give back to our culture as well, through the classroom and eventually go back to their homeland. And so, I mean, really if we're going to be telling people that they should be U.S. citizens, I think that's wonderful and I would encourage it of everyone but I don't think we should be mandating it in order for that person to keep their job, because I can tell you as an American and a proud American that patriotism is in the heart and we see that every day now in war. We've got U.S.... legal residents, not US citizens, who are fighting for our country. And I think that, ya know, you shouldn't necessarily have to be a U.S. citizen to work in a classroom or to teach our kids. That's a duty in and of itself that... and a service that I think is being provided by many, over a thousand people right now to our children."

Bellock: "But they are legal residents?"

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Mendoza: "Absolutely. They are absolutely legal U.S. residents who are authorized to work here, live here, they pay taxes, the only difference is they cannot vote on election day."

Bellock: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Aguilar."

Aguilar: "...Mr. Speaker. Our country already, ya know, hires, ya know, people from the outside the United States for professional reasons. An example is the India Institute of Technology, one of the best schools in the United States, that brings in engineers and technicians from India into our country that have, ya know, top of their class and already, ya know, do excellent engineering work. Why not teachers? Teachers... there's a thousand teachers that qualify and are very dedicated to their students and why not give them the opportunity to stay in this country and teach our kids. There's thousands of 'em that, ya know, they are just dedicated to our kids. So, I wanna be part of this Bill, Representative Mendoza. And I commend you for this. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Soto."

Soto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, stand in support of this Bill. And I urge this General Assembly to support it. I think it's a good Bill. I think it affects a lot of our children in all of our districts. So, again, I urge you for your support and I thank you for your support."

Speaker Hannig: "So, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 102 voting 'yes', 3 voting 'no', and 6 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. And I'd like to announce that with regards to the Agreed List #1, Supplemental #1, the Clerk has certified that all Bills and Resolutions have received a sufficient number of votes. And therefore, the Bills and Resolutions contained on Agreed List #1, Supplemental #1, have received the required Constitutional Majority, and are hereby declared passed. Representative Pihos on House Bill 3058. Out of the record. Representative Biggins, for what reason do you rise?"

Biggins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a... make a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Biggins: "I'd like to introduce, in the gallery today, the Fenwick High School debate team. They're here for the weekend, do mock trials. And can we give them all a fine round. They're led by Dr. Gerald Lordan. Senator Cronin and myself are pleased to acknowledge them today and would you please welcome them with a round of applause."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 3452."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3452, a Bill for an Act in relation to State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative McGuire."



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McGuire: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to pass this Bill, but we have to take it out of the record for an Amendment. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, could you read House Bill 2863."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2863, a Bill for an Act concerning child support. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative... Representative Molaro, are you prepared on House Bill 2648? Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2648, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Illinois House. This is clarification language that really deals only with Cook County. Basically, what it does is, as of now, for example, when there's a TIF district and the TIF district expires, the property is now brought on the roll and it's brought on as new property so, therefore, it can be assessed as new property and the taxing bodies will get that benefit. In Cook County, we have Class 6B, 7, 8, and 9 which talks about incentives and when a village allows an incentive for these types of properties, they're not taxed at the 36 or 38 percent they're taxed at the 16 percent. When that incentive period is over, to get them

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back to where they're taxed at 36 and 38 percent, which they normally should be, they have to be listed as new property and that's what this Bill does. It calls them new property, so, therefore, these type of properties can be brought back on the rolls at 36 and 38 percent and not at 16 percent. And that's what the Bill does. And I would ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Representative Meyer."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Yes. He indicates he will yield."

Meyer: "Representative, I'm not all that familiar with the Property Tax Code. Can you give me a... what is the definition of 'new property'?"

Molaro: "Well, basically, apparently under these classes that are now in effect in Cook County only, there's different classes of property. And when... when a village allows for incentives, were created to attract commercial and industrial property in Cook County, they are granted a reduction. So, to put 'em back on the rolls when they come out of these classes, right, we have to now list them because they were built new and they were put in this class, we have to list them as new property so we get the 36 percent instead of just the 16 percent when they're in these classes. I don't know if that answers your question."

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Meyer: "Well, again, this is kind of a learning process for me because I'm trying to look at what my analysis indicates on some... some of the... your Bill and I'm trying to equate that with new property as opposed to renovated property that might have gone through substantial renovations that it almost would become new..."

Molaro: "Well... Yeah. These are only properties that were given an incentive when they were originally built by either the county or the village. So, said, that we want as much... you know, actually the genesis of this Bill and Representative Lyons had a... the exact same Bill and I sorta called mine first 'cause I'm chairman of Revenue, so her Bill, unfortunately, died in committee. But it's the same exact Bill. This happened in... somewhere in both of our districts and it had to do with UPS wanted to build a brand new plant in our districts and we wanted to encourage that. So, UPS was given an... was categorized as a 6B property whereby even though they were commercial property, they were taxed at 16 percent instead of 36 or 38 percent as all commercial property is after they're valued. Well, we were told by ED-RED, which is all the educational tax bodies, that when and until when they come off this incentive we must create... call them 'new property'. If we don't call them new property, they don't come on at 36 percent, they stay at 16 percent. So, that's what this Bill does. Just says that when they come back on, they're listed at for the tax code as new property."

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Meyer: "What is this going to do then increase the taxes on that property? Is that what you're indicating?"

Molaro: "I'm sorry, can you repeat that."

Meyer: "I said..."

Molaro: "I was talking to one of your Leaders."

Meyer: "I assume she's a fellow Sponsor, now."

Molaro: "Yes."

Meyer: "Will this increase then the taxes on that property?"

Molaro: "Well, the assessed... the point is, the assessed valuation is created, whatever that number is. Eight million, whatever the... the county assessed at and because of this incentive, they only have to pay 16 percent. This will cri... This will raise it to 36 percent, so in reality, yes, the owners of that property will now when their tax bill comes out being assessed at 16 versus 38; yes, they will pay a bigger amount, but they knew that going in. That's why the assessor's for this and nobody's against this Bill. The property owners knew that when they were given this special assessment and this special break, they knew that at seven or ten years later they would be assessed at the higher rate. That their incentive is now over and they're gonna be put on the tax rolls like every other commercial piece of property in Cook County, so they are well aware of this. When it comes to that year, they're not surprised by this... by this."

Meyer: "Then why do you need the laws?"

Molaro: "Because we put this language for new property. We did this for TIF districts when you come out of the TIF

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district. We didn't do it for Class 6B and Class 7B property. It was an oversight and we're correcting that language now and the assessor agrees it's an oversight and that is why he's in... he agrees with this and is a proponent of the legislation."

Meyer: "What is the difference between the TIF district and the other two classifications that you referred to there?"

Molaro: "Well, a TIF district includes... there's a whole, I would say, apparatus that you would have to go through to be declared a TIF district. These, you don't have to become a TIF district to do this. The assessor with the municipality apparently can give this classification of 6B or 7, now, without creating a TIF district. But I can't stand here and recite all of the classes of property. We'd have to get an expert at..."

Meyer: "No. And I wouldn't expect you to. When you were indicating your... in your one response though you were talking about a TIF district and then the... there were two other classifications and I forget the nomenclature used for them at this point, but I was wondering what the difference was because a TIF, I would believe from the response to your question, is an automatic transfer back to the assessed valuation at a higher level. Whereas, these other... the other classifications you were saying you indicated you needed the law changed for it. And I was really wondering why... I didn't quite understand why you would need the law changed for this. Was the law always intended to hold those properties down..."

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Molaro: "No."

Meyer: "...and now we wanna increase them up?"

Molaro: "No. The law... just the opposite. When... when Cook County municipalities gave these classifications to single pieces of property, not creating an entire district, just single pieces of property and they gave them this Class 6B, Class 7B designation, that they would be incentivized by these designations to build the prop... build their structures there, they would get this incentive for six or seven years and then be brought back on the tax rolls. When they created these so-called incentives, they didn't clarify that they would be brought on as new properties like we do clarify in the TIF law, so they knew that they would be this and this is just putting in what we intended to do originally."

Meyer: "Just one second, Representative, here. I know I have another question."

Molaro: "No problem."

Meyer: "It has escaped me and I need to refer to my notes again. Is this forward-looking only or do we go back in time with any of these reassessments?"

Molaro: "I'm told it's forward-looking only."

Meyer: "Okay. I'm looking at my notes here and I have an indication on the 1995 tax year calculations and I'm trying to understand, just from my notes, what that meant. Which is not, obviously, your problem, but it'll take me a second here."

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Speaker Hannig: "Have you concluded your remarks, Representative?"

Meyer: "You know, we're having a hard time understanding one point here and I apologize for that. I'm very... it's very confusing, obviously, to some of us because where we may not have Cook County in our districts and... there is a difference in the way that property is assessed in Cook County versus the rest of the state, unfortunately. But I would thank the Representative for his response and I certainly don't want to hold up the debate while we work at further understanding of this, so why don't we just move on from there. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative. Now, the Chair will recognize the Lady from Cook County, the Majority Leader, Representative Currie to clarify."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. It's a really simple, straightforward Bill. When property tax caps were approved in this Assembly, there was an exemption for new property. So, if you have an empty parcel and someone builds a building, you can count the value of that new building in your property tax base. We were careful to make sure that if a property has not been taxed... assessed appropriately because it's in a TIF district that at the time when the TIF ends the property counts as new property for purposes of the tax cap. In Cook County, only in Cook County, we classify real property and as the Sponsor said, there is an incentive program under which local governments or the Cook County assessor can offer someone who wants to

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build a new, a lower classification for a short period of time. The question is, when that time period expires does that property get to count the way it would have had there been no incentive classification? So, all this does is to say, yes, it's new property in the sense that it's new assessed value is what you use for figuring out your tax rate. It's comparable entirely to what we do with property that just came onto the tax rolls this year and it is identical to the way we treat property once a TIF has expired and the regular assessment applies."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Biggins."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will yield."

Biggins: "Representative, is your intention with this Bill to be... the way it's printed now today, and you don't intend to gut this Bill later on and make it into a shell Bill, do you?"

Molaro: "No."

Biggins: "Okay. And so you're gonna leave this Bill as it is. May not be... do something deleterious to the property tax cap legislation that we currently..."

Molaro: "No."

Biggins: "...live and work under, are you?"

Molaro: "No, not at all."

Biggins: "Okay. Thank you. I'm in support of this Bill. This Bill, when enacted, will enable the assessor to do his job properly. It is at his request that this legislation was introduced because he wants it codified, that this policy



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that he's gonna be doing in his office is the correct policy and from the taxpayers' point of view, as was stated by the Sponsor, the original deal included... okay, this is such amount of time to get an assessment deduction and then after that it goes back out in full. But also included in this is an opportunity for the taxpayer, once his property's back on the roll, he also has the opportunity to appeal that assessment and hire the proper persons to do that in the County of Cook and so, everybody's got a fair hearing here and I think, therefore, it's good legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lyons."

Lyons, E.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in strong support of this legislation and I'd like to put people's minds at ease. This is not an attempt to get rid of PTAB. This is not an attempt to go around the tax cap. I think it was explained earlier very well by Representative Currie. What this Bill does is allows taxing districts to access property they would not be able to access otherwise. This is... we're not setting a precedent here. This has been done by this Body in the past, where we have had hospitals that have gone from not-for-profit to a for profit category and have... we have deemed them new property as well. So, as I said, I rise in strong support of this legislation. This is good for the taxing districts in my district and I'm sure in a lot of districts in Cook County. And I would urge your support."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Molaro, would you like to close?"

Molaro: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank Representative Currie for her succinct and of course, intelligent explanation and I'd also like to thank Representative Lyons for allowing us to proceed with this Bill in my name. Thank you very much. And I would ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2648 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 93 voting 'yes' and 20 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 2491."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2491, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Granberg, for what reason do you rise?"

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Hannig: "State your inquiry."

Granberg: "There are a number of Members who have an issue and if you could ask Speaker Madigan to address this point. A number of the Members are asking, Speaker, as a resident of Illinois and as the State Party Chairman of the Democratic Party, I assume, we're... you're gonna give moral support to

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the University of Illinois as opposed to the Indiana team tomorrow?"

Speaker Madigan: "We should all be for the best team."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. And on House Bill 2491, Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2491 amends the School Code. Requires that the State Board of Education to implement and administer a Student Achievement Improvement Grant Program to provide two-year grants to schools on the academic watch list and un... the lowest achieving school students."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 2491. Is there any discussion? There being none, then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', and 2 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Rose. Representative Rose, are you ready on House Bill 3493? Then, Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill. No. Excuse me. Out of the record. Representative... Representative Hamos on House Bill 2345. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2345 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendment... no Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hamos, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hamos."

Hamos: "Thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. Floor Amendment #1 is a technical Amendment that was recommended by the committee the last time we heard this. Which basically takes municipalities with populations of less than \$5 thousand out of coverage under local housing development plans. And I ask your support."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then 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 Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 2887."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2887, a Bill for an Act concerning State Fairgrounds. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Director Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Oh. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2887 is an initiative of the Department of Agriculture and deals with the use of the fairgrounds. Fairgrounds are under the control of Department of Agriculture and it's often been my belief that that facility is totally underused. This would give the Department of Agriculture the right to get into leases of the property. During the year, they're not, of course, fair-related. Be allow them to do some special events, outside the fair, maybe even contracts going over a year so they can get events in there two, three years ahead of time. Of course, they would charge appropriate fees and

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leases to people wanting to rent that. And it is really a good idea for us to try to utilize this great facility we have here in Springfield. And I would ask for the passage of House Bill 8... 2887."

Speaker Hannig: "And now..."

Brunsvold: "This also includes Du Quoin Fairgrounds."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, Representative Meyer."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Meyer: "Good to see ya, Director."

Brunsvold: "Thank you."

Meyer: "Representative, what fees will be involved here?"

Brunsvold: "I'd like to defer those questions to Mr. Hartke, if I could. Mr. Hartke."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Yes. The State Fairgrounds is about half a billion dollars worth of buildings. And we have a division out there called nonfair activities. Many of those activities now that are takin' place or contracted for the use of those fairgrounds. This will allow the department to expand that possibilities to... to other entities and to charge a fee depending upon the size of the activity that is... that is out there. It also will offer some long-term contracts. Currently, we... we only contract maybe a year or two ahead of time and there are groups that would like to use the fairgrounds to where we can go out maybe five or six years as Representative Brunsvold had indicated to make long-term contracts for the use. Now, the size of the fee

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would depend the amount of grounds they're gonna use and the activity that there gonna take place to cover our cost and to maybe even make some money for that fairgrounds."

Meyer: "Will these fees be so much per building or will they be the same amount per building no matter who it is that is trying to rent that facility?"

Hartke: "Well, Representative Meyer, again, it depends upon the activity that takes place, how much they're gonna use, what... how many hours of labor that the department will have to use to prepare for the event and then cleanup afterward. It'll be very flexible."

Meyer: "Will it be based on a schedule, when you're talking about hours of labor and different sizes of buildings?"

Hartke: "Well, there'll be all kinds of things that will be taken into consideration. Is it an inside building? Is it going to be used when air conditioning is needed or when the heat is needed in the wintertime or is gonna be an outside event, the grounds gonna be torn up and have to be replaced? And so, the... the size of the fee will depend upon the activity that's gonna take place."

Meyer: "Well..."

Hartke: "How much garbage has to be removed, et cetera."

Meyer: "It seems like a good way for the state to recoup some money and I stand in support of your Bill."

Hartke: "Right. Currently, I think the State Fairground is totally underutilized for the amount of buildings and facilities in the 584 acres that we have out there. And so, this is a chance to expand those nonfair activities, to

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possibly make some money, create tourism for the City of Springfield which would enhance state revenues around, totally."

Meyer: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, I'm glad this Bill's come up. There's a question I've always had in the back of my mind and I don't know the answer. In my years here, there have been political fund-raisers held at the fairgrounds, I think at the Artisan Building or something. Does the department charge a rental fee for the use of that property in such cases?"

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "It's my understanding, yes, they do."

Black: "Okay. I would... I will think that would only be the commonsense thing to do."

Hartke: "Right."

Black: "Representative, might you have a potential conflict of interest on this Bill?"

Speaker Hannig: "This is Repre..."

Hartke: "I hope so."

Black: "On behalf of your... on behalf of your many, many friends on both sides of the aisle and as I told one of your Members the other day, I get out a lot in my district. I've never met a farmer, a grain elevator worker, or

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anybody involved in agriculture that doesn't speak highly of you. And I hope that you do, in the very near future, have a potential conflict of interest on this Bill, but in the meantime, I know you'll vote your conscience."

Hartke: "Yes, I will."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Poe."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Which Sponsor, Representative?"

Poe: "I don't care."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. State your question."

Poe: "Chuck, I guess and a lot of... this is my district and I think it's a good idea and something we need to move forward with. Probably the concern I would have is, when we're doing this, are we gonna be... are we actually gonna promote activities out there or are we just gonna stay on a rental basis or what's the intent?"

Hartke: "I think a little bit of both. I've been in contact with several individuals and we are going to try to promote the use of the fairgrounds. Last week I got a call from an individual here in Springfield who was very interested in a comment I made at a recent speaking engagement. She thinks that it'd be a fantastic idea to promote that. It would not be in competition with other facilities, the convention centers here in the city because we have... have two different types of facilities. One can handle certain things and the other cannot. And so, she had asked that we



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work with the department and the city's convention bureau's promotion use, work together on this."

Poe: "And I think you'll understand that, especially since that's my district, and I hope it's not perceived out there that we're trying to get in competition with private promoters that actually promote at the State Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds is about ten months of the year very busy and sometimes four and five things a weekend, but, I mean, we need to caution about that, competition between the state and private promoters."

Hartke: "And I... and I agree with that and that's where we have to... we have to work this thing out, but right now, this change is needed for the legislation for us to go long-term."

Poe: "And any... and also, I know, there's a couple of those big facilities out there that we could rent a lot more in the summer, especially in some of the months that's not air conditioning and then also in the winter if we could even heat some of those facilities, we could probably draw more people in that we could use in those winter months. Is that some of the kind of things the Department of Ag's gonna wanna do?"

Hartke: "There's some of the things I think that the department ought to be looking at and we wanna utilize that space out there to the best of our ability. We've made the investment. We're paying for it. We maintain those facilities. We might as well use 'em."

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Poe: "Okay. To the Bill. Representative Black asked a question about rental. Yes, yes, there's a charge of rental. You have to also contract a custodian. You have to have all the facilities. If you have extra tables, chairs or anything, there's a charge on all those kinda things, when you rent a facility. So, it does improve the cash flow of the State of Illinois and some of those things. I do think it's a good idea. Springfield is very dependent on the fairgrounds. You can ask any of the motels or any of the restaurants on the north end of Springfield and they really depend on this. Anything we can do to make that better is... has to be good for the City of Springfield and more tax dollars for the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, there being no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 94 voting 'yes', and 21 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 2345."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2345, a Bill for... a Bill for an Act in relation to housing. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hamos."

Hamos: "Thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This is the product of the work of the cosponsors whose names are

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listed up there, with four hearings that we held last fall to look into what really is a housing crisis in the State of Illinois that affects many of our families. And some of those underrepresenta... under... underserved priority populations are listed in the Bill and they range anywhere from low-income families, to disabled, to the homeless, to seniors and to people who are unable to find housing near work. This legislation really has four parts. It sets up a state agen... interagency task force that would develop an annual comprehensive housing plan. We've never had a housing plan in the State of Illinois. And that... and that the... the state would also prepare a six-month progress report so we could see that we were really making progress toward that plan. The second thing it would do is that the plan would prioritize the previously underserved populations that I described before. The third thing is that the initiative would pool available federal and state monies that are already available. This Bill has no GRF impact. In fact, when we looked into all the housing money that's already coming into the state, what we learned is that it goes out in a... in a very haphazard way. It makes it very expensive and difficult to build this kind of housing. This would pool, as many other states have done now successfully, to make it easier to create housing. And the fourth thing is that it would... legislation would provide preferences for state grants and loans to those communities that decide to develop local housing development plans. This is really the carrot that we

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always talk about to get more affordable housing built in Illinois. And I'm available for questions and ask for your support."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, Representative Meyer is recognized."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she will yield."

Meyer: "Representative, what is the genesis of this Bill?"

Hamos: "Well, as I indicated, we held four housing hearings in the fall through the auspices of the Urban Revitalization Committee and the people who are involved in this, myself, and Representative Leitch, Jefferson, Hultgren and Osterman, primarily, although several others also came to those, heard about the many different needs in housing and out of that, we created a housing plan."

Meyer: "Is there opposition to this Bill?"

Hamos: "I don't think there is. The Illinois Municipal League weighed in at the committee hearings, to be honest about that, because the Bill does say that we would like to see municipal-state partnerships in creating affordable housing. And that we would like to see communities create local housing development plans according to their own needs. But if there's no stick to it, there's only a carrot."

Meyer: "My... my records indicate that every municipality would be required to create a local housing development plan. Is that correct?"

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Hamos: "Yes, but again, it... that's subsection (a). Subsection (b) says those that do should receive preferences for... for state monies. It's the carrot, there's no stick attached to it if they don't decide to do it."

Meyer: "Is there a penalty at all if they do not decide to do this?"

Hamos: "Not at all."

Meyer: "How do you require something and then not have a penalty if they don't do it?"

Hamos: "You know, the reason... the reason to require it is really to establish a state policy on housing and to involve every community to the extent that we can. But it's really a carrot approach which is what we always talk about. The carrot here would be preferences for the kind of state grants that we do give out."

Meyer: "Do you lay out the criteria for this plan?"

Hamos: "I'm sorry?"

Meyer: "Do you lay out the criteria for this plan, what needs to be in the plan. How one goes about creating it."

Hamos: "The... Well, the. You know, we really do in some detail because the plan would take the needs of these five different priority populations and then by pooling all the available money, we'd go through page after page in the kinds of things that would be... that should be considered in creating the Illinois Housing Initiative, we call it."

Meyer: "How long is this plan going to take a community to create? You indicated page after page."

Hamos: "I'm sorry. Are you talking about the local plans?"

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Meyer: "Yes."

Hamos: "No. We have no criteria for the local plans at all."

Meyer: "You have no criteria for local..."

Hamos: "No."

Meyer: "...plans at all."

Hamos: "In fact, they should be tailored to the needs of local communities. We don't mean to superimpose any kind of state requirement there. It really should be looked at very much on a local basis."

Meyer: "Well, what framework does a community have to go on then?"

Hamos: "The... the only language we have in here, Representative, is that each municipality shall create a local housing development plan for the development of a broad range of housing including, but not limited to, permanent housing for the priority populations identified in subsection (a), the five different priority populations. Last year, we passed a Bill which is a local planning initiative and we hope that if communities really do engage in doing this, that there will be lots of technical assistance out there, lots of model ordinances, lots of help that will be offered. But it will be very much developed on a Community-level basis."

Meyer: "Are there any pro... model programs within the United States that you can draw on?"

Hamos: "I think that a lot of people have done a lot of work on housing. And then, even in Illinois, there are communities that have done a lot of work, so there are models. But

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again, this would be left to the local community to ask for help."

Meyer: "What were some of the carrots that you were talking about?"

Hamos: "We really could just say that the preferences in the awarding of grants, loans and contracts with the state under various state funding sources, tax credits, tax incentives and technical assistance grants. The Governor would really determine that."

Meyer: "If that is a carrot, do you withhold that from a community that has not created their plan?"

Hamos: "We would create preferences, Representative and preferences are carrots."

Meyer: "I'm sorry. I'm having a hard time hearing."

Hamos: "Thank you. These would be in the nature of preferences. There are always a lot of applicants for every available project and we... it's not... it's not really withholding, but we would give preferences to those communities that really are joining the state in really what is a partnership."

Meyer: "Well, if those... those communities that choose not to spend the time putting together this plan, would you withhold those funds from them?"

Hamos: "No. But in an era of limited resources, I would give preferences to those municipalities who are part of a partnership."

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Meyer: "In other words, there is that... that cloud hanging over them, there's that threat that if you don't cooperate with us that we're not gonna consider you for a grant."

Hamos: "That's what a carrot is."

Meyer: "It's a..."

Hamos: "Is it in..."

Meyer: "...more like a... that's more like a velvet hammer than the carrot."

Hamos: "It's more like an incentive."

Meyer: "Representative, I'd like to thank you for the responses that you've given me and look forward to the rest of the debate."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang, the Gentleman from Cook."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Lang: "Representative, I know you've worked hard on this and I think this is a good idea, but I do have a couple of questions that I need to clear up. There's a section in the Bill that requires every municipality in the state to have a housing development plan and then you have an Amendment which limits that to municipalities of over 5 thousand. Is 'municipality' defined in the Bill? Does this apply to just cities or cities and counties or townships? Who does this apply to?"

Hamos: "Well, I think that 'municipality' here really does mean just the municipality. I suppose we could have thought a little more broadly about it, but truthfully, housing policy is made at the municipal level. Sometimes, I think,



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for unincorporated areas, it's probably made differently. But, really, housing policy, zoning issues, deciding the quality of a community and the look of a community is very much a municipal level issue and this doesn't try to abrogate that in any way."

Lang: "Well, I don't have a problem with that theory. I'm just concerned that the word 'municipality' is not defined. Would you consider getting a definition of this in the Senate?"

Hamos: "Yeah."

Lang: "Because I don't think you intend, for instance, townships where there's incorporated cities within townships, they shouldn't both need to have a plan, I assume. Correct?"

Hamos: "Yeah. This is... I think that's a good idea, Representative. It's just that this doesn't come up in the various hearings we had on this."

Lang: "The other question is, it says that each municipality 'shall' have this plan, but there doesn't seem to be a penalty for not having the plan. Is the only penalty that if you don't a plan you can't get a grant?"

Hamos: "Well, again, I don't think we... we're not... I don't think we're saying you can't get a grant. We're trying to offer an incentive for communities to do this by saying they should have preferences for grants."

Lang: "So, the result of this would be that if a community really doesn't care about getting such a grant, if they don't do the plan, they're not penalized in any way,

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there's no punishment in this Bill, there's no... there's no teeth that require them to do that. They would just miss out probably on the opportunity to get a grant."

Hamos: "There's no teeth and they may or may not miss out on the opportunity. We would give preferences to those that do it."

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

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she will yield."

Black: "Representative, I define 'municipality' as any incorporated city, town or village in the State of Illinois. A fair... fair definition?"

Hamos: "I... I guess it is."

Black: "All right. Since... since your que... answer to a previous question was that there are no... that there's no teeth, no penalty provision in the Bill, why then do you mandate that every municipality must create a local housing development plan?"

Hamos: "Well... Representative Black, there's a funny thing about that because we really did consider this. We only have two words in Illinois law. One is a 'shall' and one is a 'may'. 'Shall' in this context means that it makes sense to create a statewide housing policy. 'May' in this context would have meant nothing. So, the goal here is to create a statewide housing policy, but the goal is not to

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apply a stick if a municipality decides not to participate."

Black: "All right. Representative, the difficulty with a Bill like this is I think and I know you don't intend to, but where you live and where I live may as well be in different countries. And when you mandate that every municipality has to create a local housing development plan, you're talking about towns in my district, incorporated towns and villages, of 225 people, 250 people, total operating budget of \$40 thousand a year, maybe. They not only may not have the expertise to create such a plan, there may be absolutely no demand for housing... housing of any kind in there isolated town or village. And even if they had the expertise to develop the plan, many of these small, rural communities, seriously, may not have the money to buy a ream of paper to put the plan on."

Hamos: "Representative, and this came up in our hearing, and at the request of my cosponsors, that it was a good idea we excluded municipalities under 5 thousand in Amendment #1."

Black: "All right. Is that a Committee Amendment?"

Hamos: "Yes."

Black: "I'm sorry. I didn't scroll down..."

Hamos: "Yes."

Black: "...far enough. All right. I'm glad to hear that. I... I still have some concerns because there's a town in my district that would qualify of 6 thousand and they literally don't know how they're gonna pay their streetlight franchise fee in the next couple of months.

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It's, again, I think in the high-density population and in the fast-growing areas of this state, the Bill is probably, not only necessary but may very well be vital. But there are other parts in the state where that's not the case, but since there's really no penalty clause, I guess it would fair for me to say to the mayor of this town of 6 thousand, you can choose to do this or you can choose not to do this."

Hamos: "Right."

Black: "All right. Even the law doesn't give him that actual choice, he isn't going to be hauled into court if he doesn't have a plan."

Hamos: "No."

Black: "All right. Thank you."

Hamos: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she will yield."

Davis, M.: "Yeah. Ya know, Julie... Representative Hamos, I think it's a wonderful idea, but I have to ask this question. Are... are there any funds available to do any of this?"

Hamos: "For the Bill itself? The concept behind this Bill is that we already receive hundreds of millions of dollars in the State of Illinois coming in from the Federal Government, primarily, and some even from the state through the Real Estate Transfer Tax, currently. But the state has never put it together in a way that is... makes sense as a

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policy. So, what this really Bill... what this Bill really provides is that the state should create a plan for how it's going to spend money for housing already available and we think that without any additional dollars, currently, we can do a lot just by pooling the money and making it more efficiently spent in the State of Illinois."

Davis, M.: "Okay. So, this Bill doesn't offer a subsidy to renters or...?"

Hamos: "This is not the Bill that does that, no."

Davis, M.: "Okay. Thank you, Julie. It's a great concept."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mathias."

Mathias: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Mathias: "You know, as you know, I'm... as an attorney, you know, when I have a client that comes to me and says, you know, do I have to do something that's within the law even though there may be a small penalty to it. As an attorney, I always have to advise 'em you have to follow the law. So, I don't know, necessarily, because you don't have a penalty in there that you aren't still requiring and mandating that each community, within the parameters of your Bill, still has to follow the law and therefore, do something, even though they may not even have a department that does or has the capability to do that. Are there any other exceptions that you can make in the Bill for those situations?"

Hamos: "Are there any what, please?"

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Mathias: "Exceptions to your... in the Bill that you can... In other words, once you say they 'shall' do it, then I think that if they wanna obey the law, they 'shall' do it."

Hamos: "I guess I don't know how to answer that. We'd like them to do it. It would be great if they did."

Mathias: "And if..."

Hamos: "You know, if you... if you read subsection (a) and subsection (b) together, under one Section, it tries to create a state approach for housing. Leaves it very much at the local municipal level and then it says, in subsection (b), that a municipality that does adopt the local housing development plan shall receive preference. So, it's... it's... it infers, in subsection (b), that not... not everybody's really going to do it."

Mathias: "Now, I know most larger towns, maybe smaller towns also, do adopt every so often a comprehensive plan for their community. Would this qualify for that or are there certain components that would have to be in the comprehensive plan in order to make it qualify for... for your... under your Bill?"

Hamos: "I think those communities that already do comprehensive planning are really one step ahead because they are looking at the total needs of their community. This really, I think, if they read this law, they will try to include housing as part of a comprehensive plan. Again, many communities are already doing that."

Mathias: "But, I mean, they don't necessarily do it just for housing, they do it for all..."

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Hamos: "Right."

Mathias: "...they do it for zoning."

Hamos: "Right."

Mathias: "And basically, that's the... the idea that where they would like to put things in their community..."

Hamos: "Right."

Mathias: "...whether it's apartments or single-family or commercial."

Hamos: "Right."

Mathias: "Would... would..."

Hamos: "They would not..."

Mathias: "...having this plan, because there's really no criteria in the Bill..."

Hamos: "Right."

Mathias: "...would this plan, in your opinion, qualify then if you have already a comprehensive plan in your community?"

Hamos: "I think a comprehensive plan that includes housing is really the ideal for a community and would not... this would not be a separate plan from a total comprehensive plan."

Mathias: "And what would you consider that includes housing? What would that mean to a community in developing a plan?"

Hamos: "This suggests a broad range of housing, including some of the underserved populations."

Mathias: "So, it would ha... in other words, it would have to set aside certain areas for that purpose in order to qualify under your plan? Excuse me."

Hamos: "This doesn't get into the specifics. Every community has to think about those things for itself. We, the

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Sponsors of this, left it purposefully vague because it very much has to be tailored for individual communities. This is not a top-down approach to what a plan must include, spelling out all the different criteria. It really just suggests that housing is so important to so many people that communities should consider this as part of their overall goals."

Mathias: "So, ob... obviously, Home Rule communities would have to... would also be mandated under this Bill to prepare a housing plan?"

Hamos: "Each municipality."

Mathias: "Would this then be, I'm told, Home Rule authority?"

Hamos: "Again..."

Mathias: "I guess... I guess that question would be proper... properly addressed to the Speaker. Would this Bill grant Home Rule authority?"

Speaker Hannig: "We'll have the parliamentarian take a look at that. Could you proceed with your questions."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Franks."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she will."

Franks: "Representative Hamos, I'm... I'm reading the Amendment and I'm a little confused with the language. It says that this section does not apply to any municipality with a population of less than 5 thousand. But it goes on to say, provided that any county with a population of less than 25 thousand can develop its own housing development plan."



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Does this mean that those municipalities with less than 5 thousand, but in counties with more than 25 thousand are therefore not exempt?"

Hamos: "No. I think that that is not the... that is not my reading of the Amendment. But it does suggest that counties... you know, this was at the request of some of the rural groups that are working downstate. They wanted this kind of language really to get counties in rural areas involved in helping local, smaller areas... smaller, rural areas develop housing plans."

Franks: "I understand the rationale behind it, but I think that I respectfully disagree with your interpretation. If one reads that Amendment, it's all in the same sentence and it looks to me that it is a... a contingent that the only way it can be exempt is if the small county, i.e., one with less than 25 thousand, puts together a plan. And what concerns me is, I've got many municipalities in my district with less than 5 thousand people, but my county has 260 thousand people. And I think that those small towns, the way this is written, are not gonna be exempt."

Hamos: "Well, Representative Franks, I think for purposes of legislative intent, let me say that what the committee intended was that municipalities of less than \$5 thousand... 5 thousand people, I'm sorry, would not be included in this Section. The second part of that phrase is to involve counties, small counties, in some areas of the state."

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Franks: "Well, should this pass, I'd ask that this be amended in the Senate to make that clear because I think, as it's written now, it means the opposite. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Kelly."

Kelly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Hamos, you talked about preferences given to local municipalities who decide to develop a housing plan. My concern or question is for those municipalities who don't choose to develop a plan because they already have enough affordable housing, like we do in the southern suburbs, I hope that we would still be given preferences for grants and loans. Do you see my point?"

Hamos: "Yeah. This doesn't... I think in those areas that already have a lot of affordable housing, it is very easy for them to create a plan that might include some broader range of housing with some goal to achieve some other housing goals for different populations."

Kelly: "No, I agree with your idea. I think it's a great idea, but I'm just concerned some municipalities might say, we don't need to develop a plan for affordable housing because we already have it. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Okay. The parliamentarian now will answer the question on the Home Rule."

Parliamentarian Uhe: "Representative Mathias, on behalf of the Speaker in response to your inquiry, House Bill 2345 does not preempt Home Rule powers and will require 60 votes."

Speaker Hannig: "And so, Representative Hamos to close."

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Hamos: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we've spent a lot of time talking about two paragraphs of a lengthy Bill in a lengthy process. But really, if I... I would really ask you and refer you to the rest of the Bill which really says that housing is such a fundamental need of our constituents in all of our districts that we would hope that the State of Illinois, under a new administration, will move forward in developing a comprehensive housing policy and a housing plan. And that's really what this Bill is about. And I urge your favorable support."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2345 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting 'yes' and 37 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative O'Brien, are you ready on House Bill 1195? Out of the record. Representative Reitz, on 2951. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Excuse me. Representative... Representative May, for what reason do you rise?"

May: "Ah, yes. Mr. Speaker, on the previous Bill, 2887, I wish to be recorded as a 'yes' vote. My speak... my little switch didn't work properly."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay."

May: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative Rita, what did... for what reason do you rise?"

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Rita: "Point of personal privilege. On yesterday's vote on House Bill 1096, my intent was a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Journal will... in both cases, the Journal will recognize your intentions. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2951, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 29... 2951 changes the fee for the daily use stamps. It's an initiative of the... for pheasant hunting, to go pheasant hunting on parks that are controlled by the Department of Natural Resources. It is an initiative of the department. It's going to help cover some of the costs that we have. We, currently, have control of the hunts throughout all... some of the parks in Illinois. The current cost that we incur for that is a little over \$40 a day. The current fee is \$15. This would change the fee to \$20 beginning in 2004 and \$25 in 2007. The intent of this is just to try to make sure that we can continue to have pheasant hunts at our state parks and not have to incur that... all of the costs that we are incurring now to have that cost go to the state. So, we're trying to preserve these hunts for our hunters in southern Illinois. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 69 voting 'yes' and 45 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Smith, are you ready on House Bill 2955? Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2955, a Bill for an Act concerning state employees. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a pension issue that applies to the State Employees Retirement System. And it amends the current provision in the State Finance Act that allows retiring state employees to receive cash payment for unused vacation, overtime and holiday days, as well as, one half of the unused sick days that they earned from 1984, when that was first allowed, to 1998. Under this Bill, the right to receive cash for these unused days can be made subject to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement that they may be governed by. I know of no opposition. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 2955. And on that question, the Gentle... the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black. Representative Black, you're on."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

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Black: "Representative, certainly no secret that these vacation and unused sick leave days have been written about quite extensively in the state media lately. What is it... what is it exactly you're trying to do with this Bill? You're saying that a teacher can be paid in installments rather than a lump sum payment or..."

Smith: "Well, Representative Black, we're simply saying that... that... that this would be subject to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement which currently would... they're required to receive this. We're simply saying that they can be made subject to a collective bargaining agreement."

Black: "All right. So, excuse me, whether or not you're paid in a lump sum would depend upon the collective bargaining agreement. Correct?"

Smith: "That's right."

Black: "Now, the lump sum payouts that we read so much about in the last two weeks, some of them as high as \$95 thousand, the Governor has put a stop to that, I believe, by Executive Order. Correct?"

Smith: "That's my understanding, right."

Black: "But those are only for nonunion employees, right?"

Smith: "That's right."

Black: "Has the Governor given you any indication whether he supports this Bill or whether he's looking at the Bill or..."

Smith: "No, he has not, Representative Black. I might add, I should have in my opening statement, that this is simply

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doing what we did last year for the employees of the community colleges of the City of Chicago."

Black: "All right. Let me ask you a definitional question. You know, the only real concern I have under collective bargaining, would your Bill prevent a collective bargaining agreement? For example, if the next contract between the State of Illinois and AFSCME, if Governor Blagojevich wants to phase out the unlimited number of sick days or vacation days and begin to remove that liability factor, this Bill would not preclude him from bargaining away... No, that's not the right term. From entering into an agreement that, you know, you're not going to be able to accumulate hundreds of days of sick leave, vacation time, et cetera, and then be expected to get paid for it. If I understood what the Governor was saying, he... he has... he thinks he has to bring this under control and he may have to do that by collective bargaining. Does this Bill prevent him, in any way, from doing that in the next contract?"

Smith: "No, it does not."

Black: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2955 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes' and 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority,

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is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1624."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1624, a Bill for an Act concerning computers. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Scully."

Scully: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to present to you House Bill 1624 entitled the Computer Lemon Act which amends the Consumer Fraud Act to make specific provisions for disclosures to consumer buyers of computers and to impose specific requirements on computer manufacturers for the repair of computers. This Bill was presented previously last... in last Session. It passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 109 to 1. It died in Senate Rules in the past. Just earlier this week, this same Bill was passed by the Senate by a vote of, I believe, 41 to 18. And I'd be happy to answer any questions. And I'd ask for your favorable vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Representative Parke."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will yield."

Parke: "Our staff analysis shows that the Illinois Manufacturers' Association is opposed. Have you worked out anything with them or are they still opposed or are you... do you care?"

Scully: "Mr. Representative, in... in committee, they did not voice or file a witness slip. They have never approached



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me, so prior to you telling me that they are opposed to it,  
I was not aware that they were opposed to it."

Parke: "Okay. Well, they're opposed to this. So..."

Scully: "I wish they had told me so."

Parke: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Scully: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Scully to close."

Scully: "...a favorable vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1624 pass?'

All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 6 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sacia, are you prepared on House Bill 3692? 3692. Mr... Mr. Clerk, would you... would you read the Bill. Excuse me."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill..."

Speaker Hannig: "Excuse me. Mr. Sacia."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3692, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Chair apologizes for mispronouncing your name, Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Not necessary at all. Thank you. I am prepared. Mr. Speaker, the essence of this Bill is to determine that a loaded milk truck is considered a nondivisible load. There is discrepancy in State Law between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and other lawmakers where

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there is confusion. The purpose of the Bill is to identify a milk truck, a milk tanker, as a nondivisible load. I would welcome any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 3692. And on that question, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate you letting the cat out of the bag. It's something we've known for a long time. This is one half of the world famous Russian ice skating pairs champion from years ago, Sasha and his partner Katarina. I don't know what happened to Katarina, but we're certainly glad to have Sacia here and if you wanna... I have a picture of him at the 1954 Olympics in his tutu, if anyone would like to see it after we're done."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, Representative."

Black: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Black: "Representative, I know there's going to be people in this chamber that look at their analysis or read the Bill and think that you and I and anybody else who supports this Bill is probably crazy, because how could you divide a cargo of milk, for example. And I know that Representative Sacia will certainly answer the questions more eloquently than I can, but if you don't approve this Bill and if for some reason a agricultural truck is hauling bulk milk from a dairy farm to the facility, bottling facility or whatever you want to call it, and it is... is a little overweight,

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how... how do you take the milk out of the truck to get in compliance with whatever the weight load may be? You can't take out boxes, you can't have another semi-trailer meet you and just transfer cargo. And what's happening is they were, the State Police, in some cases, as I understand it, was telling the driver or the dairy, open the spigot of the truck and dump the milk on the ground. Well... that..., that's... when there are people in this state that depend on the WIC program for basic formula for their children, it's ludicrous to try to devise or divide a cargo of milk and then just say, well, you're only 500 pounds over, just open the spigot and dump the milk on the ground. That... that's not good public policy and I think it's long past due that this Bill is passed. And I commend the Representative for his work on it and I trust that it will receive a favorable vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Hartke: "Representative Sacia, what do you know about milk trucks?"

Sacia: "I know a lot about 'em, Sir."

Hartke: "Is that right?"

Sacia: "I do."

Hartke: "All right. How many gallons of milk can you haul in a milk truck?"

Sacia: "Five thousand gallons on a straight truck."

Hartke: "Five thousand gallons?"

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Sacia: "On a straight truck. Yes, Sir."

Hartke: "On a straight truck?"

Sacia: "Yes."

Hartke: "What about a semi?"

Sacia: "To eighty thousand pounds. I don't know what the... what the total gallonage would be, Mr. Hartke."

Hartke: "Probably around eight thousand gallons."

Sacia: "Perhaps, yes."

Hartke: "Took off with a gallon... an eight thousand gallon of milk and ran it to Florida and dumped it out. What would you bring back, orange juice?"

Sacia: "You'd bring back an empty tanker, Sir."

Hartke: "Empty tanks?"

Sacia: "Yes, Sir."

Hartke: "You can't bring orange juice back?"

Sacia: "I'm sure you could bring something back if..."

Hartke: "How about Roundup Ready chemicals?"

Sacia: "No, no chemicals."

Hartke: "Why not?"

Sacia: "Because the tank is utilized strictly for milk."

Hartke: "Oh. So, they have to clean 'em out when they get down there?"

Sacia: "Absolutely, Sir."

Hartke: "Rinse 'em once or twice?"

Sacia: "Extensively."

Hartke: "Extensively. Would you explain that?"

Sacia: "Actually, there's a product utilized. One of the generic names is BK. That's utilized..."

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Hartke: "Is what?"

Sacia: "'B' as in boy, 'k' as in king."

Hartke: "Oh."

Sacia: "It's a cleansing product."

Hartke: "Is that something like Clorox?"

Sacia: "It... Probably similar, Mr. Hartke."

Hartke: "You could probably bring Clorox back then, couldn't ya?"

Sacia: "I'm sure they could probably bring it back."

Hartke: "Liquid Clorox, you could bring back and when you got it back up here, milk the cows and then, again, and send it to Florida."

Sacia: "Has to only be food, Sir. A food product which would be milk."

Hartke: "But you're cleaning 'em out with Clorox."

Sacia: "That would be correct."

Hartke: "Oh, but you can't bring the Clorox back?"

Sacia: "I believe the way the statute is written it cannot be. That's correct, Mr. Hartke."

Hartke: "So, it only has to be a food product brought back?"

Sacia: "That would be correct."

Hartke: "How about egg whites?"

Sacia: "I do not know the answer to that."

Hartke: "How about egg yolks?"

Sacia: "Nor to that."

Hartke: "How many eggs would it take to fill one of these up?"

Sacia: "A bunch."

Hartke: "A bunch. How many's a bunch? Two dozen?"

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Sacia: "At least, at least."

Hartke: "Goose eggs or hen eggs?"

Sacia: "Goose eggs. I would say one more thing to the Bill and Mr. Black was very eloquent in his comment. But there's another half to this equation and that is when a milk truck pulls into a dairy and hooks up to a five thousand gallon bulk tank, it must, by EPA regulation, empty the entire load and very often that'll create an overweight situation. That's pretty much the catalyst for the Bill."

Hartke: "Now, wait a minute. If it only holds five thousand gallon, you mean milk varies in its weight?"

Sacia: "No. It... it can... you can have a five thousand gallon tank on a straight truck, Mr. Hartke, loaded to five thousand gallons, you're in the neighborhood of 12 thousand pounds heavy on Illinois roads."

Hartke: "Oh. So, why would you wanna fill the truck to break the law?"

Sacia: "That's... that's where... that's where the contradision... contradiction comes in, Representative Hartke. The contradiction is that the IEPA says it is a nondivisible load. The milk truck hauler goes to the farm, in order to comply with IEPA regulations, he must empty the entire bulk tank at that farm onto the straight truck. Many of these farms, as you know, as an example in northwestern Illinois, you can't get a tractor trailer unit in. It's just not possible. Consequently, they have to get 'em in and out of there with the straight truck and loaded to capacity he

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will or she will be overloaded on Illinois highways.  
That's the purpose of the Bill."

Hartke: "And... and county and township roads probably as well."

Sacia: "Exactly, Sir."

Hartke: "So, that's permissible under this law?"

Sacia: "It is not permissible..."

Hartke: "Today..."

Sacia: "...and the purpose is to create everybody getting on the  
same page of music, recognizing that it is a nondivisible  
load."

Hartke: "Right. Because you know..."

Sacia: "Certainly, the Department of Agriculture..."

Hartke: "Right."

Sacia: "...would be onboard with that."

Hartke: "A dairy truck goes to the farm and sometimes in the  
spring, they'll produce more milk than they will in the  
fall?"

Sacia: "That's exactly right."

Hartke: "Do hens lay more eggs in the fall than they do in the  
summer?"

Sacia: "The issue here, if you're... if you're... I don't know the  
answer to that, Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Okay. And this goes for chocolate milk, as well?"

Sacia: "Absolutely, Sir."

Hartke: "How many cows give chocolate milk?"

Sacia: "None that I'm aware of."

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Hartke: "Yeah, well, we ought to bring a cow in to find that out, you know. Okay. I have no further questions, but I agree with your Bill."

Sacia: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative McCarthy."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

McCarthy: "Representative Sacia, I thought I didn't understand the Bill until I got the questions from my friend from Effingham and now, I'm completely confused. But, I have two simple questions. The... according to our analysis the Illinois Department of Transportation is an opponent of the Bill."

Sacia: "That is correct, Sir."

McCarthy: "Is that still true?"

Sacia: "They are an opponent. That is correct."

McCarthy: "Okay. And what was their... their main reason for being an opponent?"

Sacia: "The big reason that IDOT has a problem with the Bill gets into, in Illinois, what we refer to as the bridge law. The bridge law deals with literally the concentrated weight on a bridge going across. It's a complex formula that I could not articulate here and it would be extremely difficult to understand if I could. But the issue is, in Illinois we have created legalities for cement trucks, we've created legalities for garbage trucks and by



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everybody understanding that milk is a nondivisible load, it will clarify an issue."

McCarthy: "Okay. Did you say we created legalities for cement trucks?"

Sacia: "I'm saying that we've created a permit situation, it would be the correct terminology, for cement trucks and garbage trucks."

McCarthy: "And would I be right to say that their main objection is probably the weight?"

Sacia: "That... that... that's..."

McCarthy: "That they think that the weight of the truck..."

Sacia: "It is a weight issue, that's correct."

McCarthy: "And so, by changing this, what weight is it at now and what weight will it go to, that they'll be allowable on the roads?"

Sacia: "Okay. Right now, you're looking at in the neighborhood of 50 thousand pounds, you're going to end up with a straight truck in excess of probably 65 thousand pounds. But here's the issue, Representative McCarthy. If you go... the... the catalyst behind all of this particular Bill is northwest Illinois, where we border Iowa and Wisconsin. These milk trucks can operate legally in Iowa. They can operate legally in Wisconsin with no impediments. As soon as they come into the State of Illinois, where we have one of the finest dairies in the state, we have Stockton Cheese Company which has 80 employees, which does \$80 million a year in business and is the largest manufacturer of Swiss cheese in the entire United States and its very existence

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depends upon milk being transferred into that plant from Iowa, from Wisconsin and from Illinois. The milk trucks have no problem operating in those other states or I should say no impediments. In Illinois, due to the way Illinoisan... Illinois law is written, they do have problems."

McCarthy: "And do you know, if... if we make this change and make them a nondivisible truck, or you wanna make 'em not a nondivisible truck, I guess. Will that allow for them to pay more in road fees in case there is some damage to the roads, from the extra weight on these trucks?"

Sacia: "They... It absolutely would, Mr. McCarthy, from the standpoint that they would buy a permit to make them legal giving the state additional funds to compensate for the very problem which you bring up."

McCarthy: "Okay. I appreciate your answer. The other thing is. We also have the Illinois Municipal League is against this for some reason. Do you have any idea what that reason is?"

Sacia: "I do not know the answer to that, Sir. I was not aware they were an opponent."

McCarthy: "Well, it..."

Sacia: "I was aware of IDOT."

McCarthy: "It's on our analysis, but that could or could not be true so... Thank you for your answers."

Sacia: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Brauer: "I just want to clarify some things. I'm fortunate to have an expert sitting next to me in this. It's my sister from southern Illinois. She is a dairy farmer. So, I wanna maybe add a couple things here in case there's a Gentleman in the room that's gonna be a director someday. Milk weighs eight pounds per gallons and when they haul a product back, it'll go through a wash, a acid rinse, a rinse, and then they can haul the product. So, I think this is a good Bill. It's important that we have the ability for agriculture to operate in this state. And this is one of the tools that will allow us to do that."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Sacia to close."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an important Bill. It clarifies a conflict in Illinois law and it'll certainly be good for the dairy industry in Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3692 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Daniels, for what reason do you rise?"

Daniels: "...Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. On Wednesday, March 26, we posted a Bill for the Developmental Disabilities & Mental Illness Committee to meet at 9:00.

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Would like to waive the posting requirements so that we can hear a subject matter only on family support system at 8:30 on that day."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, the Gentleman has asked that we waive the posting requirements for the purposes of a subject matter only hearing. Are there any objections? There being no objections, then the Gentleman's Motion will prevail. Representative Giles, for what reason do you rise?"

Giles: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On House Bill 2955, I would have voted 'aye'. Could the record reflect that... that vote?"

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative Collins, for what reason do you rise?"

Collins: "Yes. I just wanted to, Mr. Speaker, on 2955, I did not vote. I want the record to reflect a 'yes' vote, please."

Speaker Hannig: "The Journal will reflect your intention in both cases. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 2527."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2527, a Bill for an Act concerning libraries. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Osterman."

Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2527 allows the Chicago Public Library the ability to establish itself as a separate library system. Currently, they are part of the Chicago Library System. The funding from the Secretary of State for these two systems, as well as all the other systems in

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the state, would remain as it is today. House Bill 2527 also gives the State Librarian the ability to address failing library systems. There are no opponents to this legislation. I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Representative Mulligan."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Mulligan: "Representative, could you just give me the difference between the Chicago Public Library and the Chicago..."

Osterman: "Library System?"

Mulligan: "...Library System?"

Osterman: "The Chicago Library System is... currently oversees the Chicago Public Library which is the satellite libraries throughout the City of Chicago, but there's also the Library System which provides support to law libraries, colleges, libraries like that, reference libraries in the city. Currently, the funding that comes from the Secretary of State is a 25/75 split, 75 going to the Chicago Public Libraries and 25 staying with the Library System. So, what we're trying to do is... the Chicago Public Library is looking to break out by itself. Chicago Public Library System would stay as it is and the funding would remain as for both."

Mulligan: "So, would that mean there would be less monies for the Chicago Public Library?"

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Osterman: "The money would stay as it is today, so it wouldn't be less or more."

Mulligan: "So, what's the object then?"

Osterman: "The object is to give the Chicago Public Library which has a budget of a hundred million dollars, three million coming from the Secretary of State, it's own autonomy. So, the money would come directly to Chicago Public Library instead of going through the Library System. That's caused some delays in the past which helps adminis... you know, creates some problems sometimes with administrating the library."

Mulligan: "All right. And then will the Chicago Public Library give back the Library System their funding or will they come in two separate..."

Osterman: "It's two separate ones and again, the funding would stay the same as it is."

Mulligan: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes' and 2 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Jefferson, for what reason do you rise?"

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Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanna let the record reflect that on House Bill 2955 my intent was to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Hannig: "The Journal will show... so reflect. Representative Winters. Is Representative Winters in the chamber? Representative Wint... we... Do you want us to call House Bill 2537? Okay. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2537, a Bill for an Act in relation to juvenile detention centers. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This will amend... this actually will help fund four different downstate juvenile detention facilities that are not fully funded by the state. There are a number of others that are. We're simply trying to bring all of the downstate juvenile detention centers into the same formula. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 102 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Wait. Representative Wait, are you prepared on House Bill 1547? Could someone get

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Representative Wait's attention. Representative Wait, would you like to call House Bill 1547? Okay. Out of the record. Okay. Mr. Clerk, would you call House... read House Bill 3086."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3086, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, could you read House Bill 3589."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3589, a Bill for an Act concerning stem cell research. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Kosel, shall we move House Bill 1116? Okay. That Bill's out of the record. And Representative Saviano, do you wish to move House Bill 2772? Is the Gentleman in the chamber? Okay. Then we'll leave that one on Second. Representative Hoffman on House Bill 1272. Do you want us to move that Bill? Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1272, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Yeah, Rep... Representative Steve Davis, do you want us to move House Bill 2265? Representative Steve Davis, 2265? Out of the record."



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Representative Giles on House Bill 1256. Representative Giles, would you like to move this Bill? Okay. Out of the record. Representative Jakobsson on House Bill 465. Would you like us to move that? Okay. Out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. And Representative Turner on House Bill 524. Would you like us to move that Bill to Third? Representative Turner. Out of the record. Okay. Representative Brady, would you like us... would you like us to move House Bill 3024? 3024, Representative Brady? Representative Brady. Would you like us to move this Bill from Second to Third? Okay. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3024, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative McAuliffe, we have House Bill 2573. Out of the record. Representative Mulligan. Representative Mulligan, we have House Bill 2935. Would you like us to move that to Third? From Second to Third? It's just from Second to Third. Do you want us to move it? Okay. Out of the record. Representative Stephens on House Bill 3107. From Second to Third, 3107. Out of the record. Representative Wait on House Bill 3117. From Second to Third. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3117, a Bill for an Act in relation to sex offenders. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Wirsing on House Bill 371. You want us to call this? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 371, a Bill for an Act concerning teacher certification. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Representative Berrios on House Bill 2522. Representative Wirsing, the Chair apologizes. I'm trying to move Bills from Second to Third at this time. Could we come back to your Bill at another time? So, that's out of the record at the request of the Chair and the Sponsor. So, Representative Berrios on House Bill 2522. Would you like to move that to Third Reading? Okay. Out of the record. Representative Burke. Is Representative Burke in the chambers? Okay. Out of the record. Representative Capparelli. Okay. Out... out of the record. Representative Chapa LaVia in the chamber? House Bill 3141. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3141, a Bill for an Act concerning military personnel. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Collins on House Bill 3127. Okay. Out of the record. Representative Currie on Repre... on House Bill 59... 539. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 539, a Bill for an Act concerning freedom of information. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 3127."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3127, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Steve Davis on House Bill 2313. Would you like us to move that to Third? Out of the record. House Bill 3405, Representative Davis. Representative Davis. Would you read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3405, a Bill for an Act concerning educational labor relations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Delgado on House Bill 3071. Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3071, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Dunkin on House Bill 3628. Representative Dunkin, would you like us

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to move this to Third? To Third Reading. Third. Roll it. Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3628, a Bill for an Act concerning open meetings. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Feigenholtz on House Bill 3589. Shall we move that Bill to Third Reading? Oh, excuse me. You're correct, we already did. Representative Flowers on House Bill 1484. Should we move that to Third, Representative Flowers? You wanna hold that Bill? Okay. Out of the record. Representative Fritchey on House Bill 259, from Second to Third? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 259, a Bill for an Act in relation to credit and debit cards. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Holbrook on House Bill 2273, from Second to Third. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2273, a Bill for an Act concerning recreational trails. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Howard on House Bill 2331, from Second to Third. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2331, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Jakobsson on House Bill 343. You want us to move the Bill from Second to Third? Representative Jakobsson on House Bill 343. Would you like us to move the Bill to Third. Okay. Out of the record. Representative McGuire on House Bill 2636, from Second to Third. You want us to move the Bill? Okay. Out of the record. Representative McKeon on House Bill 2339, from Second to Third. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2339, a Bill for an Act concerning human resources. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Miller... Miller on House Bill 3086. The Gentleman in the chamber? Okay. Out of the record. Representative Molaro on House Bill 1171. Would you like us to move it to Third? Yeah, Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1171, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Novak. The Gentleman in the chamber? Okay. Representative Osterman. We have House Bill 2356. Would you like us to move it to

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Third? Okay. Out of the record. Representative Phelps. Representative Phelps, the Gentleman in the chamber? Okay. Out of the record. Representative Rita on House Bill 2965. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2965, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Slone. We have House Bill 221. Would you like us to move that to Third? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 221, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Smith on House Bill 3183. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3183, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Washington on House Bill 2344. Would you like us to move that to Third Reading? From Second Reading to Third Reading? Would you like us to move it? Now, we'll read the Bill then, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2344, a Bill for an Act concerning business practices. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Yarbrough on House Bill 3455. You want us to move the Bill? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3455, a Bill for an Act in relation to disabled persons. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Coulson on House Bill 414. Would you like us to move that? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 414, a Bill for an Act in relation to children. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Mulligan on House Bill 2975. 2975. Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2975, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Boland on House Bill 2456. Would you like us to move that to Third? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2456, a Bill for an Act in relation to firefighters. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Brosnahan on House Bill 1451. Would you like us to move that Bill? No. Out of the record. Representative Currie. Representative Currie. Okay. Representative Davis on House Bill 3671. Representative Davis. Okay. How about Representative Delgado on House Bill 2267. Move it to Third? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2267, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Feigenholtz on House Bill 3021. Shall we move that to Third? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3021, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Fritchey on House Bill 1150. Would you like us to move that to Third? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1150, a Bill for an Act concerning electronic fund transfers. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 2234."



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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2234, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Howard on House Bill 2390, from Second to Third? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2390, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Jakobsson on House Bill 344. Representative Jakobsson on 344. Okay. Out of the record. Representative Lou Jones on House Bill 3062. 3062. Okay. Out of the record. Representative Joyce on House Bill 3231. Would you like us to move that Bill to Third, Representative? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3231, a Bill for an Act concerning sanitation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Lyons, Joe Lyons, on House Bill 44. Would you like us to move that to Third? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 44, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third... Third Reading. Representative Miller on House Bill 3543. Would you like that to go to Third? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3543, a Bill for an Act concerning special districts. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Miller, we also had House Bill 3086. Would you like us to move that to Third? Okay. That's out of the record. And Representative Molaro on House Bill 1364. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1364, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Reitz on House Bill 3078. Representative Reitz. Representative Slone on House Bill 220. Would you like us to move that to Third? Okay. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, would you clarify, what is the status of House Bill 3086?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3086 is on the Order of House Bills- Third Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you. The Adjournment Resolution, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Joint Resolution #28 offered by Representative Currie."

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, March 21, 2003, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, March 24, 2003 at 12:00 noon; and the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at 12:00 noon."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. Are there any announcements? Okay. Now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie moves that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 25 at the hour of 12 noon. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. It's adopt... the Motion is adopted and the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 82, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to voting. Senate Bill 208, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning teachers. Senate Bill 235, offered by Representative Washington, a Bill for an Act in relation to banking. Senate Bill 292, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Senate Bill 319, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning abuse and neglect. Senate Bill 329, offered by

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Representative Washington, a Bill for an Act concerning business practices. Senate Bill 339, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. Senate Bill 408, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning sanitary districts. Senate Bill 492, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. Senate Bill 524, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning fire protection. Senate Bill 562, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning electronic fund transfer terminals. Senate Bill 563, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Senate Bill 564, offered by Representative Giles, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 565, offered by Representative Graham, a Bill for an Act relating to young children's learning and development. Senate Bill 611, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning electronic mail. Senate Bill 630, offered by Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Senate Bill 642, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Senate Bill 688, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning attorneys. Senate Bill 820, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. Senate Bill 875, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education

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student assistance. Senate Bill 881, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. Senate Bill 899, offered by Representative Bailey, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1030, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Senate Bill 1038, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. Senate Bill 1039, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1046, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 1093, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Senate Bill 1117, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act in relation to physician assistants and advance practice nurses. Senate Bill 1118, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning children's advocacy. Senate Bill 1133, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 1167, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. Senate Bill 1168, offered by Representative Washington, a Bill for an Act in relation to park districts. Senate Bill 1175, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. Senate Bill 1176, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Senate Bill 1337, offered by Representative Joyce, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. Senate Bill 1147, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an

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Act concerning the state administration. Senate Bill 1352, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning condominiums. Senate Bill 1362, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Senate Bill 1375, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. Senate Bill 1407, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act in relation to courts. Senate Bill 1409, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. Senate Bill 1418, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Senate Bill 1453, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Senate Bill 1493, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcohol. Senate Bill 1545, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning nurses. Senate Bill 1548, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. Senate Bill 1577, offered by Representative Bailey, a Bill for an Act in relation to sexually dangerous persons. Senate Bill 1581, offered by Representative Beaubien, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Senate Bill 1648, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning construction management. Senate Bill 1749, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning the practice of medicine. Senate Bill 1751, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act in

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relation to civil procedure. Introduction and First Reading of these Senate Bills.”

Clerk Rossi: “Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Friday, March 21, 2003, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'to the floor for consideration' Floor Amendment #5 to House Bill 184, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 370, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1373, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1577, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2298, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2345, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3060, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3386 and Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3427. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned.”