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Speaker Hannig: "The hour of 11:00 having arrived, the Members will please be in their seats and the House will be in order. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and pagers and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in prayer today by Pastor Al Sandlin with Riverside Church of Christ in Minooka. Al Sandlin is the guest of Representative Gordon."

Pastor Sandlin: "Shall we pray. Blessed art Thou, Lord God, of heaven and earth, our Father forever and ever. Yours, Oh Lord, is the greatness, the power, and the glory, the victory and the majesty, for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours. Yours is the kingdom, Oh Lord, and You're exalted as head overall. Both riches and honor come from You and You reign overall and Your hand is power and might. In Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. We praise Your glorious name and now, therefore our Father, we thank You for life itself and all the blessings we enjoy from Thy bountiful hand for these men and women who lead and direct the affairs of this great state and our great nation. I petition Thee, Holy Father, to grant unto each one, compassion, understanding, wisdom, and foresight. Lead these, Oh Lord, in Your righteousness, that as a state and as a nation we may enjoy Thy favor. We ask of Thee safety and protection from our men and women who serve this great land around the globe. We do pray that peace would find its place and families can be reunited in love and peace. This is a day which Thou has made so we will

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rejoice and be glad in it. This prayer of praise, adoration, thanksgiving, and supplication, we offer unto Thee, in the exalted and precious name of Jesus, amen."

Speaker Hannig: "And we'll be led in the Pledge today by Representative Osmond."

Osmond - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Hannig: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative McKeon is excused today."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost."

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

Speaker Hannig: "And the record will so reflect. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There's 116 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Jefferson, Chairperson from the Committee on Elections & Campaign Reform, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 12, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1337. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 13, 2005, reported the same back with the

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following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 277; 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2249. Representative Saviano, Chairperson from the Committee on Registration and Regulation, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 13, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3742; 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 260 and Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1031. Representative Soto, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 12, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2260 and House Joint Resolution 28. Representative Joyce, Chairperson from the Committee on Aging, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 12, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 169. Representative Molaro, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary II - Criminal Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 12, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2369. Representative McCarthy, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 12, 2005, reported the same back with the

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following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 156 and House Joint Resolution 24. Representative Richard Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel and Pensions, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 12, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Joint Resolution 21. Representative Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Computer Technology, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 12, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2408 and House Resolution 144. Representative Granberg, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 12, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Joint Resolution 33. Representative Colvin, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 12, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2853."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bellock, for what reason do you rise?"

Bellock: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, state your point."

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Bellock: "I'd just like to introduce to the rest of the Members, we have a wonderful group of women from the Catholic Conference of Women throughout the State of Illinois who are visiting us. They're up in the gallery today. I'd like them to stand up and say hello. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. On Supplemental Calendar #1, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, is House Bill 3742. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill, please."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3742, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Biggins, you have on page 27 of the Calendar, House Bill 4014. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4014, a Bill for An Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Biggins."

Biggins: "Yep, thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4014, there were some objections to the Bill. These have been partially resolved and I have assurance and I gave assurance that the Bill would not be moved in the House... Senate unless the Resolutions have been corrected. It... legislation that deals with emergency services and some of the... like I said, the objections com... are being worked on

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and will be... or the Bill will not move in the Senate Chamber. So, I would request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of House Bill 4014. This is on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Then... Rep... the Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Franks."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Franks: "Representative, I'm just looking at our analysis and it indicates that the American Red Cross is an opponent. Could you please tell me why?"

Biggins: "Yeah, thank you, Mr. Franks for your question. The American Red Cross has removed its opposition as has the Illinois Department of Public Health for reasons being that they even... they said... they may object to it later on but they have confident that their differences can be worked out in the Senate or they will oppose the Bill in the Senate. Right now, there is no objection to them. Thank you for asking that."

Franks: "Thank you, I appreciate that."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? 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 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Bailey. Representative

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Bailey. On page 24 of the Calendar is House Bill 904. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 904, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Bailey."

Bailey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to... let me see. Is there a third Amendment?"

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, could you give us the status of the Amendments on the Bill, please."

Clerk Mahoney: "On House Bill 904, Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 was adopted by the House. Floor Amendment #3 was referred to the Rules Committee."

Bailey: "Did he say... I couldn't hear the last part."

Speaker Hannig: "He said #3 is still in the Rules Committee."

Bailey: "I would like to withdraw House Amendment 3."

Speaker Hannig: "Can not..."

Bailey: "I don't..."

Speaker Hannig: "Three's not on the Bill, Representative."

Bailey: "Okay, thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "So, the Bill's on Third Reading. Do you want to pass it right now?"

Bailey: "Yes."

Speaker Hannig: "So, why don't you explain the Bill to the Members and we'll go from there."

Bailey: "Thank you, oh. House Amendment... House Bill 904 amends the Public Health Powers and Duty Law. Requires the Department of Health to create an advisory council on hepatitis C to review, to recommend changes to, and solicit

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funds to implement a hepatitis C prevention plan. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? 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 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Beiser. You have on page 13 of the Calendar, House Bill 2241. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2241 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Amendment #1 was... Floor Amendment #1 was adopted by the House. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Beiser, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Beiser."

Beiser: "Yes, I have a Floor Amendment that I'd like to offer. That being... basically this is the Senior Amber Alert Bill. This is an Amendment offered by the State Police which would codify the differences between a senior amber alert and an amber alert as we know it for the younger kids. So, I ask for your favorable adoption..."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. Is there any discussion? Then all in favor... all in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'."



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The 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Bradley, would you like us to read House Bill 480? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Representative Delgado, for what reason do you rise?"

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For a personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives. I'd like to introduce to you in the gallery to my... over on the Democratic side of the aisle. We do have a wonderful person here from the Chicago Teachers Union. The President, Marilyn Stewart has joined us, and let's give her a nice round of applause from the General Assembly. Welcome to your Capitol, Madam President and to all your members who I know are here today."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill, please. House Bill 480."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 480, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This is a Bill that has brought people together because it deals with taking care of children. I had a young child in my district that was diagnosed with eye cancer. And it could have been prevented or treated earlier had there been a screening process in place. A very simple process

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whereby you determine whether or not someone is a candidate or possibly has some type of tumor in the optical areas of the eye and the brain. And basically, it can be as simple as looking at a photograph of the child to determine whether or not there is what's determined to be a white or a black shine from the eye as opposed to the red-eye reflex. This Bill as I said, has brought people together. Not only are Representative Osterman and I working together hand in hand on this Bill, but we've managed to bring together the Illinois Trial Lawyers and the Illinois Medical Society on language in this Bill as well. So, having said that, and because of the nature of this, to take care of kids. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "This Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Then Representative Osterman's recognized to close."

Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wanna echo my remarks from my colleague, Representative Bradley. I don't know that you'll see many Bradley/Osterman Bills in the future, but the issue of children and safety of children and health of children has brought us together. It's brought the Pediatrics Association together, the optometrists, the Med Society, Children's Memorial Hospital and the trial lawyers together. What we wanna do is to try to increase the amount of reporting. We wanna make sure that doctors and pediatricians are keeping an eye out for problems in children with their eyes as in newborns, so that if there

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are problems they can be dealt with quickly. It will help for their health and well-being and that of their families. Like Representative Bradley, I had a tragic situation where a family came into my office where they had lost their daughter to eye cancer, a young beautiful little girl named Amiden. And she died because of eye cancer. It's our hope and my hope that in the future, early detection will help prevent those tragedies and like Representative Bradley, I ask for an 'aye' vote today."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all vote who wish? Representative Parke, would you like.. Okay, Mr. Parke is recorded. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Froehlich, for what reason do you rise?"

Froehlich: "For a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Froehlich: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to ask the Body to join me in welcoming the officers of the IEA Union for the largest elementary district in the State of Illinois, Schaumburg Township District 54. Kathy, Connie, and Cathy are here from that district, so, let's make them feel welcome today."

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Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Black, on page 25 of the Calendar is House Bill 1527. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1527, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Yeah, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill was brought to me by a constituent who worked for a municipality and took the Early Retirement Initiative under IMRF. He then thought about running for mayor of his community and was told by IMRF in writing that he could not do that unless he returned all of the benefits he had received under his IMRF Early Retirement Initiative pension. I don't think that's a fair procedure. I don't think someone should be prohibited from running for office because they had taken a pension emolument from the Municipal Retirement Fund. All this Bill does is to say that it allows a participant of IMRF who took the ERI to return to service in a non-IMRF elected position and then he or she would not have to forfeit the enhanced benefits they've received. I think it opens up the possibility and the availability of people to run for office if they want to. It has the support of IMRF. I'll be glad to answer any questions that you might have."

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Speaker Hannig: "This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate, and in response, Representative Bost is recognized."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise in strong support of this Bill. In my district I've met several that want to run for office and because of their prior involvement with government and because of the IMRF system, it says they can't. It's almost I would consider even though the law was placed this way, would be unconstitutional to not give an opportunity for someone who served in the public trust and understands many of the jobs that are out there, that they should be able to run and I appreciate the Representative carrying this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? 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? Representative Lyons. Representative Tryon, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 20 of the Calendar is House Bill 3517 for Representative Brady. Could someone give the Chair some direction on whether he wants to move that Bill? 3517. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3517 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. On page 20 of the Calendar, Representative Brosnahan has House Bill 3596. Out of the record. Representative Chavez, on page 9 in the Calendar, you have House Bill 1320. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1320 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Chavez, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Chavez."

Chavez: "Good morning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1320 amends the Abuse and Neglected Child Reporting Act. It includes as a penalty for a school teacher, principal, administrator, or members of other schools, personnel who failed to immediately report or cause to report an incident of the sexual abuse of a child by someone responsible for the child's welfare. I ask your support."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1, and on that question, Representative Lindner is recognized."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Lindner: "Representative, can you tell us what the genesis of this Bill was?"

Chavez: "This is because of the... in fact, that we have in Berwyn with the sexual abuse of the childs at Berwyn community and the school board. They didn't know... they

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didn't say anything at all. They didn't report. They neglected to report it."

Lindner: "All right. And are these... this adds to the mandate report? To be mandated reporters, school administrators, principals, teachers, school board members, or other school personnel, who would that be?"

Chavez: "Anyone that works at a school that knows about this and don't report it."

Lindner: "All right. Would that include, you know, people on a cleaning staff, also?"

Chavez: "Yes."

Lindner: "All right. And would they have to be full-time at the school?"

Chavez: "The school personnel is what's in the law now. We are not changing anything."

Lindner: "I'm sorry, I didn't understand."

Chavez: "We don't changing the definition of the 'school personnel'. That's currently in the law right now."

Lindner: "Okay, and what is that definition?"

Chavez: "We have to check. We don't know if there's a fine."

Lindner: "What? What?"

Chavez: "We have to check, we don't know if there's a fine."

Lindner: "Okay."

Chavez: "But it mentioned school personnel."

Lindner: "Okay, so you don't know if school personnel includes also part-time people at the school?"

Chavez: "You know, it's currently the law. We don't changing anything."

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Lindner: "Since school board members are really not around the school like other school personnel are, why did you include school board members in this?"

Chavez: "It only applies... it only applies if they know about it. And if they... and if they do and they don't know about it. And if they do know and they don't report it, it's very dangerous for the children."

Lindner: "All right. Now this... this wasn't true in the original Bill, but Amendment #1 does make it knowingly and willfully. Is that correct?"

Chavez: "Correct."

Lindner: "And also, what was the... what was the penalty before and to what are you changing that?"

Chavez: "The penalty starts at a A class misdemeanor. But we raise it one class. So it starts at Class IV felony."

Lindner: "Okay, so, it's not a misdemeanor anymore, it's a felony?"

Chavez: "Yes, but only for sex offenders."

Lindner: "Only for what?"

Chavez: "For... only if they fail to report a sex offense."

Lindner: "All right. Now, are the.. let's see... we still have opposition to this Bill, is that correct?"

Chavez: "I have nobody to contact with me yet on that."

Lindner: "All right. Our comments even on the Amendment say that LEND, SCOPE, and the School Management Alliance are still in opposition to this Bill."

Chavez: "That might be the case."

Lindner: "Okay. Why? Do you know why?"



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Chavez: "No, I... I only want to tell you one thing. I would like to have... we have our childrens and I want them to a schools environmental that are safety and I want just... I want not to punish anybody but I want to be sure they report what they have to report it. And if they are knowing about this they have to get... ya know, and punish them in case the case that they don't report it or ya know, neglect it."

Lindner: "All right. Now..."

Chavez: "I'm not trying to accuse anybody, but just to get the job done."

Lindner: "Okay. Now, it's my understanding that Representative Molaro..."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative, your five minutes have expired. Could you bring your remarks to a close? There's a number of people seeking recognition. Two can speak in response. Representative Parke, do you wish to speak in response?"

Parke: "I would like to yield my time to Representative Lindner."

Speaker Hannig: "So, she'll be the only one who speaks in response. We'll give her five more minutes."

Lindner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Representative Parke. It's my understanding that Representative Molaro has the same Bill that you do, but that the School Management Alliance is in support of that Bill."

Chavez: "That's a different Bill. We... the Bill that Mr. Molaro has similar to us, we have a meeting with the people from the schools about a week ago and which agrees that Mr.

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Molaro will put his Bill... we are trying to train the people that when they go to the school they don't have to... they have to train them. Let 'em know that they have to report... report these offenses and that's what this Bill is for. Training and reporting a felony, I mean, this case."

Lindner: "All right, but it's my understanding that the School Management Alliance had input into the Amendment to Representative Molaro's Bill and that they support that Bill. So why are you not supporting that Bill if everyone is in favor of it?"

Chavez: "Molaro's Bill does not raise the penalties. We intend to raise the penalties for the hiding the sex offense."

Lindner: "All right. Did you just say that Molaro's Bill does not increase the penalties?"

Chavez: "We don't believe that it does."

Lindner: "All right. Mr. Speaker, I would be joined by a number of my colleagues and ask that this be taken off Short Debate. Oh, it's just the Amendment. Okay. Sorry."

Speaker Hannig: "We'll remove it from the Calendar on Short Debate."

Lindner: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "But we're on Amendment debate..."

Lindner: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "...rules at this time, so..."

Lindner: "Yeah, thank you very much..."

Speaker Hannig: "All right. So, on the Amendment now, all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

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Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. However, notes have been requested and not yet filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay, so, Representative Chavez, you have to have some notes filed before this can moved to Third. And Mr. Clerk, would you note on the Calendar that this has been removed from Short Debate? Representative Monique Davis, on page 14 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 2408. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2408 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Davis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you. This Amendment helps to make this Bill much more amenable to a group of about five districts that will be able to purchase computers with the assistance of the Department of Economic Opportunity and this is their Amendment. I think it was questioned before when I brought the Bill forward that the department wanted to provide an Amendment for this Bill and that is what this Amendment does. It makes the Bill suitable to that agency and I would urge an adoption of this Amendment. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then all in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it, the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Eddy, on page 24 of the Calendar you have House Bill 402. Is that correct? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 402, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 402 is an attempt to clear up a number... the number of waivers that are requested for driver's education fees. Currently, the limit that a school can charge for driver's education is \$50 without requesting a wavier. This would move that to \$250. After consulting with ISBE we found that... and one other quick point. There has never been a request for a driver's education fee increase denied by this Body or the Senate. So, for those of you that are worried about voting on a fee increase, you really do it every year. Whenever we receive the report from the State Board of Education that has hundreds of fee increases requested for driver's education and we don't deny those, we are, in effect, allowing those fee increases. This would substantially reduce the number of those requests that would come before this Body because it would allow local boards of education to charge up to \$250 instead of \$50. Last year, for example, 40... about 42 percent of the fee waivers approved by this Body were above \$250, this 41 percent. So, this is common sense. It cuts down on paper work and allows local school districts to

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choose the option of increasing that fee. The change that was made to the Bill by the Amendment simply makes sure that the money that's paid by the local parents or students to the school district stay and cannot be taken for any other purpose than to support driver's education fees. I'd be happy to answer any questions anyone might have."

Speaker Hannig: "This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? 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? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Mr. Clerk, take... Representative Black and Younge, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. Representative, do you wish to put this on postponed? Okay, this'll be on Postponed Consideration. Representative Burke, would you like to have us read House Bill 1445? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1445, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Burke."

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1445 amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act to allow professional engineers and fire sprinkler contractors who hold NICET Level 3 or 4 certifications to approve layout drawings for sprinkler systems. NICET stands for the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies and all fire

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sprinkler contractors must hold this certification if they were licensed after January 3, 2003. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of House Bill 1445. This is on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? 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? Representative Brauer, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Fritchey, would you like us to read House Bill 3485? Representative Fritchey. 3485. Okay. Mr. Clerk, let's take this out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. Representative Graham, you have House Bill 1349. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1349 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 was approved by the House. Notes have been requested but not yet filed on this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay, I... the Chair did not know there was still notes, Representative, so we'll have to hold that. Did you say they were all filed or not filed, Representative? They're not filed. Turn on Representative Graham."

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Graham: "They were run. The notes that were filed by me I'd like to withdraw them."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay, you need to come up... you need to come up..."

Graham: "Okay."

Speaker Hannig: "...and file a slip, then we'll come back to it. So, we'll take that out of the record for just a moment. Representative Hoffman, would you like us to read House Bill 1411? 1411. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1411, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1411 exempts public utility drivers from federal maximum hours of service regulations if they are responding to a utility service emergency. The federal legislation allows states to create exemptions to these federal regulations during state authorized emergency situations. I know of no opposition. I believe this an agreed Bill and I ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Hannig: "This is on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass'? All in favor vote 'aye'; oppose 'nay'. 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 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby

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declared passed. Representative Howard, you have pa... on page 16 of the Calendar you have House Bill 2578. Representative Howard, do you wanna move this Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2578 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Howard, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Howard."

Howard: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment #2, it replaces everything and becomes the Bill. It adds requirements that state agencies make arrangements with local health organizations to conduct the HIV/AIDS testing and counseling. And that the testing be the rapid testing authorized under the Aid... Aids Confidentiality Act. This Amendment requires the Research Institute at Chicago State University to conduct a study to determine the correlation between incarceration and HIV infection. It establishes the HIV/AIDS Response Review Panel and the Governor's Office to review implementation of this Act. It requires the Department of Corrections to provide website educational materials targeted to persons presently or previously incarcerated at the state or county level that includes information concerning testing, counseling, and case management. Including referrals and support services in conjunction with HIV or AIDS. It authorizes rather than requires the Department of Public Aid to seek federal approval to expand access to health care services for



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persons living with HIV/AIDS. It requires the Department of Corrections and county jails to offer HIV/AIDS testing upon the arrival and release of inmates and to provide counseling and treatment in case of positive results. It requires state and county jails to offer... to provide that is, visitors with appropriate written information provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health concerning HIV/AIDS. Requires the Department of Corrections to ensure that all information and materials be disseminated about HIV/AIDS. This information must be culturally sensitive and reflect cultural diversity. It deletes a provision relating to the distribution of condoms to prisoners. It also deletes a provision that extended medical assistance to convicted felons if they tested positive for HIV. I will await questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative, just for clarification for the Chair, you have Amendments 2 and 3 that are pending. Do you wish to adopt them both?"

Howard: "I would like to adopt them both."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, we..."

Howard: "Should I..."

Speaker Hannig: "...just want to be clear. The Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2, and on that question, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Parke: "Representative, with your Amendment 2, 1 and 2, does that remove the opposition of the Department of

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Corrections, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association and AFSCME?"

Howard: "That is my understanding. There was some discussion that once the Bill got to the Senate there might be some tweaking, but at this point they were... they felt comfortable in allowing it to be passed out."

Parke: "Do we have any idea how much additional cost there'll be to the Department of Corrections for this?"

Howard: "It's my understanding based on the notes that it would be less than \$100 thousand a year."

Parke: "So, and what happens when they test positive? What's the next step there? What'll your legislation do then?"

Howard: "When they test positive then the appropriate medical attention will be given to them."

Parke: "Please repeat that answer."

Howard: "If... if a person tests positively then the appropriate medical attention will be given to them."

Parke: "What is appropriate medical condition... treatment be and how much will it cost? What's this estimated cost for this additional follow-up?"

Howard: "I am not certain whether or not that was included in the fiscal note. But I do know that right around now we are probably spending about close to \$50 thousand per person for... per year for the drugs. But in the long run, this will help to make sure that the... the virus is not spread further."

Parke: "Will they be eligible for payment under Medicaid?"

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Howard: "Was your question something about Medicaid? Would you repeat that?"

Parke: "Yes. If they are diagnosis as AIDS positive, does the Department of Corrections have to pay for that for an extended period of time or do they go on Medicaid or do they go on some other state service to provide that \$50 thousand-a-year medication costs?"

Howard: "While the... while Medicaid does not cover individuals in institutions, the Department of Corrections has a responsibility to administer to the medical needs of persons who are confined."

Parke: "Well, to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Lady obviously has a Bill that is certainly a concern to all of us because passing on AIDS and HIV is a very serious concern to our constituency and citizens of this state. But if the Department of Corrections is to do this, then there ought to be a funding source to pay for it. Once these men and women are... diagnosis of having either HIV or AIDS it becomes very costly. I don't wanna see the Department of Corrections have a responsibility for it. I don't know who's going to pay for it. They go on our human service providers and our local area to pay for this kind of treatment. I don't know where the money's going to come from. They have to be treated and that's a fact and there's no gettin' around that. And so, we have a dilemma. If we're gonna put it on the budget of the Department of Corrections, they're under funded now, they have only certain amount of money allocated to them and now we want

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to put more pressure on their budgets and we're not hiring anymore guards. We're laying off guards, putting the current guards at risk. It's an ongoing cycle that just exacerbates it by a Bill like this. It's a worthwhile Bill, I won't deny the Lady. She makes sense. I think this is something that we ought to do. But at a time when we are... we are broke, we do not have any money and we continue to go deeper and deeper in debt, without a funding source I'm reluctant to support the Lady's legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "So, on the Amendment, Representative Parke has spoken in response. Representative Mulligan is recognized. In response or in support? Do you know, Representative?"

Mulligan: "Umm... in support."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Proceed."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Mulligan: "Representative Howard, what does the Department of Corrections currently do now if they diagnose someone with AIDS or do they just not bother to diagnose at all?"

Howard: "Right now, the process is a voluntary one so that everybody who wants to and who has \$2 can ask that the test be administered. If it is determined that the person does have AIDS, then the treatment is given to them."

Mulligan: "So the department currently does now treat inmates with AIDS if they seek medical diagnosis and help. Correct?"

Howard: "That is my understanding that that is done. We were able to get the department to understand that the \$2 that

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is the fee, might be a barrier, so that is no longer going to be the case. That's being done administratively."

Mulligan: "What did you say it's \$2, one, two..."

Howard: "Two dollars for each test."

Mulligan: "For each test."

Howard: "That's correct."

Mulligan: "The Department of Corrections purchases or has their drugs purchased for them under, I think by CMS, which negotiates a good price or the best price they can get is my understanding. So, currently, they are doing this for people who seek a diagnosis, so they are paying for some of them now. So the increase isn't going to be like a totally new increase, it would be addition of people that because the information is being disseminated, may decide to seek a test as opposed to a mandatory testing of any kind."

Howard: "I think you said it very well. That is exactly my feeling, that more people because they have information will seek the test and therefore, perhaps there will be more who will... it will be determined, or in fact, inflicted with the disease. But let me just say that it is essential that this be done, that the education and all of the other measures be taken, because we want to be certain that we are safeguarding the health of the other prisoners and also of the guards. And the fact of the matter is that it is possible that we are saving lives, we are making certain that this disease does not... it's not maximized and we're making certain that we are paying now so that we won't have to pay much, much more later. So that, while yes, there is

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an investment that is to be made, we hope that this investment is going to mean that we have fewer dollars to pay out for this purpose in the future."

Mulligan: "Was the Department of Corrections able to give you any idea of how many they're currently treating now so that you can subtract that money out to say, 'Well, we're already spending this much money, there's only going to be probably X more dollars, we're not sure until we do the testing?'"

Howard: "I was not able to get a specific amount, but I understand that it is... per person, it's about \$50 thousand a year so that... that is substantial. If we can figure out how to address this... this issue in some kind of real meaningful way, I think that more money can be available for other things that we need in our department rather than having to spend it on AIDS victims."

Mulligan: "If someone seeks the test voluntarily we are obligated to treat them now."

Howard: "Yes. That's right."

Mulligan: "To the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Amendment."

Mulligan: "You know, none of us are happy about spending extra money on things like this, but it is a problem and it is something that will cause a problem both while an inmate is in prison for the people that deal with them, particularly guards and other people that have to work with them, new inmates that come in and when they are released back into society. I think we are obligated to cover this and we're

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obligated to give out information. As much as we don't like what goes on in prisons, there's a lot of things that goes on in prisons that should be avoided, particularly by people that have AIDS. And since mandatory testing is not what most people agree to, the Lady has come forth with the most sensible Bill. It addresses a lot of issues. I'm sorry she dropped the panel out of there but I think what she's got there is a really good Bill that puts out information, warns people that are coming into prison what the consequences are and also allows them to seek treatment perhaps before they are in a crisis situation which we will be obligated to pay for anyway and I think we're already paying for some of this now. I would urge an 'aye' vote. It's something we need to do here in the State of Illinois for the long-term help of people that have HIV/AIDS."

Speaker Hannig: "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 Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Howard, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Rep... Representative Howard."

Howard: "Amendment #3 makes this whole issue subject to appropriations."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then all in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

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Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. However, notes have been requested on the Bill and not yet filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay, Representative, we'll have to hold this on Second until we get the notes."

Howard: "I am not aware of any additional notes. Which ones are those?"

Speaker Hannig: "There's been a request apparently just filed. So, you'll have to... the Clerk can provide you with that. Why don't you come to the well. Mr. Clerk, let's return to House Bill 1349 and read the Bill, please. House Bill 1349."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1349 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. Floor Amendment #3 was adopted by the House. All Motions have been filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Lyons in the Chair. Mr. Clerk, on page 22 of the Calendar, Representative Chavez has Bill 3819. Representative Chavez, ready to move the Bill? Mr. Clerk, status?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3819 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Jenisch, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Jenisch on Floor Amendment #1."

Jenisch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise and ask to request to adopt Amendment #1. This makes both agencies that would be



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involved in this Bill satisfied and make them proponents to the Bill at this point. So, the Department of Professional Regs and IDPH are satisfied with this Amendment."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there any discussion on Floor Amendment #1? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. The Chair recognizes Representative Reitz. Representative do you have a..."

Reitz: "I have an announcement, Mr. Chairman."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You have an announcement? Proceed Representative."

Reitz: "Yes, I'm sure everyone knows by now, April 2005, has been commemorated as Car Care Month by House Resolution 107. In keeping with the spirit of that Resolution and to tie this issue to yesterday's rain and my concern for the environment, my car care tip for today is about wiper blade inspection. I realize that all of the Legislators here believe we see things clearly but wiper blades that aren't doing their job are not just annoying but also could be unsafe. Inspect them every 6 months and if they're working poorly, fix them. And if you're just cleaning your blades do not use gasoline, kerosene, paint thinner, or other solvents. These tips and other simple inexpensive preventive checks will greatly extend the life of your wiper blades and the safety of you and your vehicle. And

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also an announcement, Representative Phelps has informed me that Representative Stephen's car is finished. He has new wiper blades and he can see clearly now. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative for that very important car care tip for the day. Appreciate it. So, Clerk, on page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Jenisch also has a House Bill 3463. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3463, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3463 provides that a governmental agency and a municipality or county may establish an automated traffic law enforcement system. Currently, the City of Chicago is the only governmental agency given the authority to operate traffic enforcement systems for intersections. An automated traffic enforcement program is an effective component of a broad-based traffic safety strategy, that includes engineering, education, and manned enforcement. In 2002, as many as 207 thousand crashes, a hundred and seventy-eight thousand injuries, 921 fatalities in the U.S. were contributed to red light running. Between 1992 and 2000 fatal motor crashes at traffic signals increased 19 percent, outpacing the rise of all other fatal crashes. In red light crashes more than half of the deaths are other motorists or pedestrians. Studies have shown that crashes resulting from red light running tend to be more severe

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because the vehicles usually hit at right angles and vehicles offer little protection from side impacts. This is a serious safety issue, for not only Chicago, but for all of our communities. Nationally, communities using automated enforcement, have reported violation reduction rates from 20 to 87 percent, with more than half of them reporting 40 to 62 percent reduction. I'd ask for your favorable vote on this important safety issue. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Chapin Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, I know how honorable my good friend Mr. Jenisch's intentions are here and I commend him for the thought he's put into this and I commend him particularly for the thought that this would be as a parking ticket or a municipal violation as opposed to an Illinois Vehicle Code violation. But I rise in strong opposition and I hate to do it because I have such great respect for the Sponsor. But Ladies and Gentlemen, how far is enough? Why don't ya just chip me? Why don't you just go ahead and put the chip in me? That way you know how fast and you can have a satellite calculate how fast I drove I-72 to Springfield today. Go ahead and throw the chip in me. Where does this 'big brother' stuff end? We should all, every single one of us in this chamber ought to read a copy of George Orwell's 1984. Well this is not 1984, it's 2005 and here

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it is, let's... let's videotape everybody. Chip me, go ahead, please. I would urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Froehlich."

Froehlich: "To the Bill. Red light camera's been working well in the City of Chicago now for a couple of years. It's proven that it reduces violations and prevents accidents and saves lives. It does it in a way where you have photographic evidence. It's not like those parking tickets that Bill Black's constituents used to get. This... you have photographic evidence of which vehicle was involved. It's cost effective, it reduces... it makes for safer roads and we're just gonna allow other municipalities, if they choose, to use this life-saving technology. I hope everybody'll support it, except Chapin."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Grundy, Representative Gordon."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Indicates he will."

Gordon: "Representative Jenisch, I just have one question based on what's in my analysis. It says that the citation would include a warning stating that failure to pay the fine or contest the violation is an admission of liability that could result in the suspension of driving privileges of the vehicle's owner. So, if I want to plead not guilty then that's an admission of liability. Is that right?"

Jenisch: "You know, I believe we took that language from what the City of Chicago used when they passed it in this

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chamber to allow for it, but let me have staff look at that real quick for you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Excuse me, Representative, was there a question here?"

Gordon: "Is it the failure to contest the violation is an admission of liability? Would..."

Jenisch: "Well, I think rather, you have a parking ticket or any ticket in the State of Illinois, if you ignore it, you admit that..."

Gordon: "I understand that, but a parking violation and a moving violation are two different things is all."

Jenisch: "What I'm saying, is any ticket you get, rather it be a parking ticket, a speeding ticket, a ticket because of an accident, if you fail to pay attention to that ticket and either pay the fine or contest it, you are admitting your guilt on it, and it's that way for all the tickets, I believe, in Illinois."

Gordon: "What? I'd be careful with the phrase of 'admitting your guilt'. I would just say there'd be a judgment entered, is that right in the same way that there would be if you would go to court?"

Jenisch: "Yes."

Gordon: "Okay. But it's not... contesting the ticket is not admitting your liability?"

Jenisch: "No."

Gordon: "No."

Jenisch: "It's not."

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Gordon: "Okay, thank you. I'm sorry, I was confused. Thank you very much."

Jenisch: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Bob Molaro."

Molaro: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chapin Rose I see is over there. In my first 10 years in the Senate... 10 years, I always against this Bill. Every time they brought it up, I killed it a bunch of times and finally they got to me and I decided to be for it. But two things have to happen and I wanna make sure are in this Bill. 'Cause the City of Chicago doesn't like to really understand the parts of law they don't like. Okay. One part is, in the law, it states they take a picture of your car going through a red light, okay? You get a notice in the mail that says, 'So and so you owe, you went through here, you owe 90 bucks.' Okay? It gives you a way to contest it. Go to a hearing, go to some city hall, whatever it may be. The law states that if you walk in there and they can't see your face and you say, 'That's my car but I was not driving', then you are not liable for the ticket. And you do not have to say who it was. We argued that and the city took it out. Remember that tattletale law? So, if we'd seen the Bill and I see you have staff around you, I assume you didn't change that. That you go in there and say, 'it wasn't me', you're gonna be found not liable. Is that correct?"

Jenisch: "I believe that the Bill is treated as a parking ticket and goes with the vehicle. We're not photographing

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individual's faces. We're strictly photographing license plates."

Molaro: "Correct, correct. So, I wanna make this point, maybe I didn't say it clear..."

Jenisch: "And it's not a moving violation."

Molaro: "We got that. You go to this hearing and they got a picture of your plate. Of course, they don't have a picture of you. You go in there, that's my car... you and Representative Froehlich wanna... ya done? Okay. If they have a picture of your license plate, that's all they have. You walk into the hearing officer and you say, 'Yes, that's my car but here's my per diem, I was in Springfield.' That you automatically have to... automatically have to be found not liable. Is that true?"

Jenisch: "There is nothing specifically stated in this Bill that said they can go to court or some other remedy and say, 'It was not me in that vehicle.' The ticket follows the vehicle. So..."

Molaro: "Does that then..."

Jenisch: "...if they own the vehicle they would be responsible to pay the Bill."

Molaro: "Well, okay, but in the Chicago version, and I'll try to find that I don't have it now. Not gonna stop the Bill when it goes. In the Chicago... well, let's put that in. You got to consider that. Because the problem is, there is no way I should pay 90 bucks if that kid of mine and I tell him a thousand times, don't go through red lights. There's no reason that I should be stuck for the \$90 or if I give

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it to my sister or I give it to Representative Bradley and he goes through the red light, I shouldn't have to pay that. Now, let's go to... you understand what I'm talking about?"

Jenisch: "I understand what you saying, yes."

Molaro: "Okay. Now let me tell you what Chicago did that really fries me and if Representative Black was here, I'd get him out of his chair. Here's what they did. They put 'em at these 50 intersections and they say, 'Okay, here's what we're gonna do. We wanna stop people going through red lights.' We all know those are the worst accidents. They got me to even sponsor the Bill 'cause I wanna stop them. Big brother or no big brother, it's worth havin' them up there. I don't want these kids gettin' hurt. You know what they wound up doing, Representative? They stuck a 'no turn on red' up on the pole. Yeah, Frank's lookin' at me. That's true. 'No turn on red' on the pole. You know what 90 percent of the tickets are that they photographed? They're at 2 or 3:00 in the morning, people stop and are makin' a right-hand turn on the red. Nothing to do with the red light. Just hope that your towns, if they adopt this, don't do the same thing because that's sort of disingenuous. Thank you."

Jenisch: "Right. And it certainly is and I agree with you 100 percent. I appreciate your comments. This is about stopping people from running through the lead... red lights, creating accidents and hitting pedestrians. Thank you."



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Speaker Lyons, J.: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Jenisch to close."

Jenisch: "I would just say this. A 2002 Harris Poll found 78 percent of the public wants more attention paid to intersection safety. Eighty-three percent of those people surveyed would support red light cameras. I ask you today to support it for our neighborhoods, for our seniors, for our children. Let's make these intersections safer and save some lives. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 3463 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 Bill, there's 84 voting 'yes', 32 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "State your point."

Rose: "Just want to thank Representative Beiser who did indeed 'chip' me with a bag of Lay's. So, thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk, on page 21 of the Calendar, Representative McAuliffe has House Bill 3694. What's the status of that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3694 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1,

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offered by Representative McAuliffe, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Michael McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3694 would apply to only non-Home Rule municipalities and I ask adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 3694."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there any discussion on Floor Amendment #1? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 23 of the Calendar, Representative Bill Mitchell has House Bill 121. What's the status of the Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 121, a Bill for an Act in relation to sex offenders. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Macon, Representative Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 121, it provides as a condition of probation, conditional discharge parole, a sex offender cannot participate in holiday events where children are present... present. Excuse me. This situation happened in Decatur, Illinois, where a... where registered sex offenders were participating in Halloween. The local

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television station did kind of an exposé on that, and as a result is this legislation. So, I would take any questions.

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Further presentation of House Bill 121, is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 121 pass?' 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 Froehlich. Representative Moffitt. Mathias. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Jerry Mitchell has House Bill 2946. Not here. Out of the record. On page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Sacia has House Bill 3621. Is Representative Sacia on the floor? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3621, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The genesis of this Bill is a country board member from Stephenson County, Illinois who was activated to military service. He was newly elected to the county board and a replacement was appointed in his stead to serve while he is gone. The purpose here is to simply guarantee them their position when they return from

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active military service, assuming it's in the same election cycle. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 3621? Seeing none... the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, forgive me, I didn't have time before the vote to come back... to come down and just talk to you personally. I certainly have no problem with the Bill. Let he ask you a procedural question. Are we amending the right section of the statute by this. Don't we have to get in and amend the Election Code as well as the general statute?"

Sacia: "Representative Black, I... I do not know the answer to that. If you'd like, I'll be glad to..."

Black: "No, I think the Bill is well-intentioned, I intend to vote for it. It's something you may wanna check with the Senate because we may run afoul of Election Law. They come back... even though we pass this law, they come back to claim their seat and I think the Election Law, as I recall when I was chairman, he comes back to claim the seat and the State Board of Elections may very well rule, 'Well you can't, you left, the seat was declared vacant. We... the necessary authorities appointed a replacement. You can't just come back and take your seat, you'll have to run for election at the next available election.' It's just something I think maybe the Senate Sponsor could check on."

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Sacia: "Representative Black, I appreciate that. I know that the election officials took no position on... on the Bill, but I certainly will verify that before it goes over to the Senate."

Black: "And I appreciate that. And the reason I bring it up, Representative, when I was county board chairman, we had a member who was quite ill and asked to be replaced. And because of medical technology and her strong personal faith, she recovered and then about 8 months later came back and wondered if she could get her seat back and the election authorities said 'No', they had no statutory authority to allow her to take that seat back. So, it's just something you may wanna look into in the Senate. Thank you very much for your time."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Black."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Representative Sacia to close."

Sacia: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3621 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Rose. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 28 of the Calendar, Representative Bob Brady has House Bill 561. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 561 is on the Order of Consideration Postponed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Out of the record. On page 25 of the Calendar, Representative Scully has House Bill 1656. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1656, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Scully."

Scully: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is House Bill 1656. We discussed this Amendment on the floor yesterday. I... this would give the Supreme Court and the Appellate Courts the ability to do purchasing for telecommunications equipment without going through CMS. The State... State Appellate Court and Supreme Court currently have this power with regard to furniture and equipment. We are simply expanding that power to include telecommunications equipment. And it mirrors comparable to the powers that's currently enjoyed by the Executive Office and the Illinois General Assembly. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You've heard the presentation on the Bill. Is there any discussion from the floor? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 1656 pass?' 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 Bellock. Representative Fritchey. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 116 voting 'yes', 0 noes', 0 'presents'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Schock has House Bill 2418. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2418, a Bill for an Act concerning child support. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Peoria, with tie, Representative Schock."

Schock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2418 requires the Department of Public Aid to refrain from using Social Security numbers on all public documents. It does not however, and it still allows for Pubic Aid to use Social Security numbers for internal purposes only, but limits the use of individual Social Security numbers on documents such as the actual child support checks and/or correspondence, such as letters that would go along with those. I would urge an 'aye' vote and be happy to answer any questions that Members might have."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 2418? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 2418 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those oppose vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Flider. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 17 of the Calendar, Representative Stephens has House Bill 2940. Was Representative Stephens on the floor? Not at

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the moment. Out of the record. On page 17 of the Calendar, Representative Tryon has House Bill 2853. Is Representative Tryon on the floor? Out of the record. On page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Brent Hassert has House Bill 3158. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3158, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will County, Leader Hassert."

Hassert: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. All this Bill does is extend the sunset for Illinois geologists. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 3158? Seeing none, the question is 'Should House Bill 3158 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes; all 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 Bill, there are 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 20 of the Calendar, Representative Soto has House Bill 3471. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3471 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 was adopted by the House. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Soto, has been approved for consideration."



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Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Cynthia Soto."

Soto: "Thank you, Speaker. Let me just look for the Amendment, thank you. House Bill 3471 has an Amendment that makes many changes in the statutes regarding day and temporary labor. The Amendment was an agreement that was worked out between the large staffing group and the proponents. IMA was involved and is currently neutral. The Bill provides legislation findings, notification to employees, recordkeeping, wage, food, and transportation provisions. Company registration and penalties in specific. This Bill requires a number of things and I urge your support."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "This is on Floor Amendment #2. Any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "She indicates she will."

Parke: "Representative, we're only concerned about the Amendment that you put on the Bill. And where it's our understanding Amendment 2 becomes the Bill and we need to know if the language that is being deleted in Amendment 2 and replaced with language described above as follows: No motor vehicle may be used if it is occupied by more passengers than recommended by the manufacturer of the vehicle, if it is a passenger vehicle. If it is not a passenger vehicle, then it may not accommodate more passengers than provided for by the manufacturers than the

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passenger vehicle of like styling or rating. Is that the language that was deleted? Replaced?"

Soto: "Yes, that was the language that was replaced and it was replaced for the reason..."

Parke: "And... and that's the only change?"

Soto: "Yes."

Parke: "Then we have no problem with your Amendment."

Soto: "Thank you."

Parke: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Floor Amendment #2 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #2 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 13 of the Calendar, Representative Soto has House Bill 2260. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2260 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Soto, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Soto. Floor Amendment #1."

Soto: "I'm get... waiting for the file. Thank you, Speaker, and Members of the House. Amendment #1 amends the Civil Administration Code of Illinois, makes a technical change

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in the Section creating civil administrative agencies.  
Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You heard the explanation of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2260. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Floor Amendment #1 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed vote... say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you. We have an inquiry. We have an inquiry... it's our understanding on the previous Bill that that was not a technical Amendment."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative, is that on 2260, the Bill we just heard the explanation of the Amendment?"

Parke: "2260, Amendment #1."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Parke, well..."

Parke: "Yes, it gives collective bargaining rights to court reporters and that's pretty heavy duty. It's not just a technical Amendment. The Lady needs to explain in more depth what that... you can't just say it's a technical Amendment when it has... when actually affects collective bargaining, that's pretty... that's not a technical Amendment."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative. We'll ask Representative Soto..."

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Parke: "Our feeling is that she may have not understood the Amendment and got it confused with another Amendment."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative Parke. Representative Soto."

Soto: "I'm sorry, I had the wrong file, Representative. I had 2250."

Parke: "That's... that's what we thought."

Soto: "Thank you. Sorry."

Parke: "So, if you could just take it back and let her explain her... the Lady can explain the Amendment."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Okay, Representative Soto... on Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2260. We hav..."

Soto: "Sorry."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Soto, go ahead and explain Floor Amendment #1..."

Soto: "We're gonna take it out of the record."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "...and the parliamentarian..."

Soto: "Take it out of the record, please."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Amendment has been adopted by voice vote. We'll take it out of the record. Thank you, Representative."

Soto: "For a few minutes. Thank you. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk, on page 17 of the Calendar, Representative Tryon has House Bill 2853. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2853 has been read second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1,

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offered by Representative Tryon, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Tryon."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an Amendment that will provide a change to the process in how we bill on cellular phones. If a third party is billing for a ring tones or any other type of extra bill, it will be identified on the cellular bill along with the number that you can call and cancel. It's a very simple Bill and I would like to move this Bill forward."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You heard explanation on Floor Amendment #1 from Representative Tryon. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Floor Amendment #1 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. Mr. Speaker... Mr. Clerk, on page 24 of the Calendar, Representative Rich Bradley has House Bill 876. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 876, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Representative Saviano had negotiated this Bill. House

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Bill 876 changes licensure requirements for advanced practice nurses to clarify that APNs seeking to practice in multiple specialties do not need to obtain multiple graduate degrees. They just need to receive certificates of preparation in each additional specialty. It's an agreed Bill by all parties. No opposition."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Further presentation of House Bill 876. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 876 pass?' 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 Lindner, Representative Turner, would like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, 115 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 23 of the Calendar, Representative McAuliffe has House Bill 298. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 298, a Bill for an Act concerning regulations. Sec... Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Michael McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 298 would amend the sunset for the athletic trainers to January 1, 2016. And I ask for the passage of House Bill 298 and be happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 298? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 298 pass?' 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 May. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 25 of the Calendar, Representative McAuliffe also has House Bill 1177. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1177, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1177 amends the Regulatory Sunset Act for a collection agency to January 1, 2016. And I'd be happy to answer any questions and ask for the passage of House Bill 1177."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 1177? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 1177 pass?' 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 Cultra, do you want to be recorded on this? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Clerk... this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared

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passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 25 of the Calendar, Representative Holbrook has House Bill 2250. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2250, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 2250 is an agreed Bill with the Illinois Emergency Management group, the State Fire Marshal and many of the local responders for the HAZMAT criteria we're setting up under Homeland Security. I know of no opposition to the Bill and it allows counties as permissive to set these groups up. Be glad to take any questions."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "There any questions on House Bill 2250? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 2250 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this, 116 Members voted 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Sullivan has House Bill 3498. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3498, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an inti... House Bill 3498 is an initiative of the Illinois Speech, Language,



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Hearing Association. Amends the Illinois Speech, Language, Pathology and Audio Practice Act by making some definitional changes. This is an agreed Bill and I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 3498? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 3498 pass?' 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 Bill, there are 116 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, also on page 26, Representative Sullivan has House Bill 3499. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3499, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Gentleman from Lake, Representative Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. House Bill 3499 is a rewrite of the Illinois Physical Therapy Act. It's basically extending the sunset from next year to 2016. This is also an agreed Bill and there is no opposition. I would urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You've heard the explanation on House Bill 3499? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 3499 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Representative Bailey. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 115 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 28 of the Calendar, Representative Rita has House Bill 561. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 561 is on the Order of Consideration Postponed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Bob Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 561 amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to repeal the Illinois Roofers Industry Licensing Act. Happy to answer any questions on this measure."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Heard the presentation on House Bill 561. Is there any discussion? House Bill 561. Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 561 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all 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 Bill, there are 61 voting 'yes', 55 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 10 of the Calendar, Representative Annazette Collins has House Bill 1397. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1397 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Collins, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Floor recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Collins."

Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like... are we adopting Amendment #2?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Correct."

Collins: "Amendment #2, all it does is... it changes the way that the department... the department and I have an agreement that now what they do is when the children come in, now they do an assessment of the children. So now what we're going to do is an assessment of the older kids to make sure that the Department of Children and Family Services, that the probation department, the school department, all the departments involved in those kids lives are working together sitting at the table so that they can come up with a plan for those kids."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You've heard explanation on Floor Amendment #2 by Representative Collins, the House Bill 1397. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Floor Amendment #2 be adopted to House Bill 1397?' All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Floor Amendment #2 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Fritchey has House Bill 3485. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3485, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk, take that Bill out of the record on the request of the Sponsor. Mr. Clerk, on page 11 of the Calendar, Representative Fritchey has House Bill 1633. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1633 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Fritchey, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The floor will recognize Representative Fritchey for Floor Amendment #2."

Fritchey: "Speaker, I request to table Floor Amendment 2 and Floor Amendment 3 and proceed with Floor Amendment 4."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Motion is to withdraw... withdraw or table? Withdraw?"

Fritchey: "Doesn't matter."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Withdraw Floor Amendment #2."

Fritchey: "And three as well, please."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "And Amendment 3. Mr. Clerk, withdraw Floor Amendment #2."

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Fritchey, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Fritchey, it's your intention to withdraw Floor Amendment #3 also, correct?"

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Fritchey: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Withdraw Floor Amendment #3, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Fritchey, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Fritchey, on Floor Amendment #4."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment 4 will become the Bill which we can debate at the appropriate time. I simply request an 'aye' vote on the Amendment."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Motion to adopt Floor Amendment #4 from Representative Fritchey. The Chair recognizes Representative Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Amendment. Just wanna make it clear to Members of the House as you look at our analysis here on this side and I assume on the other side as well. This was supported in committee with the understanding that it'd be held on Second by the Sponsor. It was. There's been considerable work done on this, but I do want people to know that it's certainly not agreed to. Amendment #4 does not take away the opposition of the bankers, or I think there's a couple other organizations out there that are still very concerned about the language. They definitely support the idea of this and it's my understanding that the Sponsor intends for this to continue to be worked on over in the Senate. But I do want people to know that this is certainly not agreed to. It was our understanding that we were going to have an opportunity in committee to discuss this. That didn't happen. But again,

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you know, the Amendment obviously will go ahead, but when this does come up for Third Reading, I want my colleagues to know that there are some people out there that are still concerned about this. This is certainly a work in progress. I think the Sponsor would say that as well. So, wanna make that very clear to my colleagues."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Any further discussion? Representative Fritchey."

Fritchey: "I concur with the speaker's comments and we can debate the merits of the Bill at the appropriate time. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Should Floor Amendment #4 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #4 is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 17 of the Bill... of the Calendar, Representative Stephens has House Bill 2941. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2941 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Stephens, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Bond, Representative Ron Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2941 amends the Fire (sic-Firearm) Owner ID card

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statute to require a FOI (sic-FOID) card to acquire or possess a stun gun or taser. Also, a person acquiring a stun gun or taser is required to have four hours of State Police approved construction and the... and we also... provisions for acquiring or possessing a gun do not apply to individuals that are limited in following ways: U.S. Marshals, members of the armed forces, residents currently licensed to own a firearm in the state, or federal officials engaged in their duties. This is basically the stun gun/taser legislation basic Bill and then we have a couple of Amendments coming to... to fine tune it. I move its adoption."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You've heard the explanation on Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2941. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Floor Amendment #1 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment # 1 is adopted. Any further Amendments Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Stephens, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Bond."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 adds to the Bill... adds a 24-hour waiting period and requires the delivery of a stun gun or taser may now occur before 24 hours has passed after the application for its purchase has been made. I urge its adoption."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "You heard the explanation of Floor Amendment #2. Are there any questions? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2941 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Floor Amendment #2 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Stephens, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Floor Amendment #3 removes some objections that... that were brought up... some... not objections, some flaws in the Bill that were brought up Democrat staff and for purposes of understanding Amendment. Now, only offenses that occur without a weapon but with a taser or stun gun will be subject to the penalty that is one group... one higher than the current offense without a weapon. I move its adoption."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You heard the explanation on Floor Amendment #... Amendment #3 to House Bill 2941. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Monique Davis."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "He indicates he will."

Davis, M.: "Okay. So Representative, you are stating that if a stun gun or a laser is used in a crime, then the penalty will be moved up to the next highest level."

Stephens: "Right."



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Davis, M.: "Are those instruments dangerous?"

Stephens: "Well, they certainly make it... dangerous? Yes. Yeah, they are... it's a very serious weapon. Life threatening, I don't know. But a taser, if I shot you with a taser right now, I promise you, you would be knocked to the floor and semiconscious and not able to move or act."

Davis, M.: "Have there been... have there been any deaths related to the taser?"

Stephens: "None... none that have been documented by medical personnel, no. There have been deaths in association with a taser used in wherein a taser was used and the documented medical cause of death was a heart attack. Whether it was caused by the taser, it's really hard to say."

Davis, M.: "My understanding is, there've been about 70 deaths related to the use of tasers because a person had a heart condition or perhaps had epilepsy. You're not familiar with that?"

Stephens: "The information that I have... I have seen and anecdotal information that... that agrees with what you just said. But I haven't seen any medical opinions that track that. No, I haven't, but for news purposes, yes, there have been deaths associated and it's been alluded to that they were caused by tasers. The fact that the matter remains, it is still, whether they cause death or just... or just temporary incapacitation, it's still a dangerous weapon and using it to commit a crime, we should send a message right now that we don't want you using them."

Davis, M.: "Do you think the police should use tasers?"

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Stephens: "Police and other professionals currently use tasers. These are not the tasers we're talking about in this Bill."

Davis, M.: "But do you think they should use them based upon the lack and limited amount of research that has been done in reference to the effects of the use of tasers?"

Stephens: "Well, my under... understanding is that there have been no deaths caused by the use of a taser directly by the taser. And in direct answer to your question, I would much rather see you... the police use a taser than a handgun. If the taser will rescue the situation, I would much rather see a dangerous situation put down without causing anyone's death or at least the very limited chances of death, that rather than using a handgun or a shot gun to deal with the situation, which indeed would cause great bodily injury or death."

Davis, M.: "But isn't there some other type of immobilizing weapon that police officials can use besides a stun gun or las... taser?"

Stephens: "Well, Representative, that's an issue for another day, I suppose, that's not what... my Bill doesn't address that or does not also... Go ahead."

Davis, M.: "To the Bill. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "To the Bill."

Davis, M.: "I believe that this legislation is perhaps extremely well intended. However, as we flagrantly increase penalties we're also increasing the cost of correction. Now, I'm not sure if a taser would be called a lethal weapon because if it is a lethal weapon then the

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police should certainly not use it. I do not support a criminal using any weapon, but I'm really very much concerned with our continued increase in penalties. In this case, we're increasing penalties on weapons that even this... this Representative admits he doesn't know of any death occurring because of it. He knows of no death that has occurred because of the use of a taser, however, let's increase the penalty if you commit a crime with a taser. I don't think he really means what he said and I think we would be increasing the cost of incarceration. And again, go into the taxpayer pocket and having not made our streets any safer. The taser weapon does need to have a large or greater amount of research before anyone continues to use it. However, a person should not be treated as if he's using a deathly weapon when the Sponsor admits he knows of no death that has occurred because of the use. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there any further discussion on Floor Amendment #3? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Floor Amendment 3 be adopted on House Bill 2941?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #3 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 25 of the Calendar, Representative Joyce has House Bill 2047. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2047, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Kevin Joyce."

Joyce: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2047 would create the Bed Coverings Posting Act requiring hotels, motels, and inns to create or let know the consumer how often they change their bed coverings, including linens and things. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Any discussion on House Bill 2047? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, I'm just fascinated by this Bill."

Joyce: "Thank you."

Black: "So, if I check into a hotel there has to be a little placard on my bed telling me... is it telling me the last time they changed the sheets or the last time they changed the bedspread?"

Joyce: "This would include the sheets and the bedspread."

Black: "And the bedspread. How about the mattress?"

Joyce: "Nope."

Black: "So, the mattress could be 50 years old and could've had a dead body on it, but as long as the sheets are

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changed, the bedspread's washed at least once a month, I'm in good shape, right?"

Joyce: "Well, I don't know if you're in good shape."

Black: "No, no, I'm not in good shape. Ya know... it's an interesting Bill. And so, ya know, I just assume, ya know, I'm an old man and I just assume when I go into a hotel or a motel that that bedspread probably gets washed every, I dunno, 2 months, 3 months, so I'm very careful with the bedspread. I do assume that unless I have been a guest there multiple nights, I do assume that the sheets have been changed, unless I put out a card that I'm participating in the green program and they don't have to change the sheets as long as I'm a guest there. But be that as it may, the... this is a business offense and it costs \$50, is that right?"

Joyce: "That's correct."

Black: "And where does that \$50 go?"

Joyce: "Hopefully, to the Department of Public Health but, Representative, let me address two of your concerns that you mentioned. First of all, we are not telling the industry to change the sheets or change the bed coverings on a certain time. We're not giving them a schedule. What we are asking is to let people access the information of when it was last changed. So we are not mandating that their blankets or comforters be changed every day or monthly or every yearly, we're just asking those folks to let the consumers, the people that are staying at their hotels, to find out when is the last time those things were

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cleaned. Secondly, as far as where the money goes and the schedule and I know that also the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke, addressed these concerns in committee what I have... and I have been working with the hotel industry on this Bill to possibly put an Amendment... definitely put an Amendment on in the Senate that would address the posting requirement, not necessarily the scheduling as Representative Tryon has suggested that we should have standard of care in the state... what the standard of care policy is for each individual hotel in the room, not necessarily on the door, not necessarily on bed, maybe right next to that to the green policy that they have. I don't think it's not going to be too much to ask of them and this Bill will definitely come back to the House again."

Black: "But there is nothing in the Bill that you're asking me to vote on that says where the \$50 goes."

Joyce: "That... that..."

Black: "It's entirely possible it could go to the hotel."

Joyce: "Nah. I would imagine..."

Black: "It doesn't say it couldn't."

Joyce: "No, it doesn't say it couldn't. It could go to you."

Black: "Okay."

Joyce: "I think we have to fix that. Thank you."

Black: "Well, then we're on to a pretty good Bill. You know, my middle name is Mr. Clean Sheets. I'll take the \$50 if you wanna put that in the Bill."

Joyce: "You can file that Amendment if you want."

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Black: "I... I... ya know, Representative, you're a very reasonable and intelligent young man. Ya know this Bill isn't drafted very well. It doesn't say where the fine goes."

Joyce: "Right."

Black: "It doesn't say who enforces it. Now, I didn't hear the Governor in his budget address talking about creating the clean sheet brigade. So, who's going to enforce the Act? If I go into a room, and here's the problem with the Bill, the room... the room has been vacant since Monday. I check in on Thursday. The little placard said the sheets were changed four days ago."

Joyce: "Right."

Black: "Now, I don't know that that room's been vacant."

Joyce: "Right, so that's... and that's why we have to, which I.. which I stated in committee, and I'm sure your staff has reports from that committee. And I'm sure that some of the people on your side are well aware that we would not have the schedule put in there on this Amendment that we have to put on this Bill to address that, but we would certainly have the policy being stated that after every stay that maybe... and maybe their policy is after every stay the sheets are changed. Maybe after every 2 months or every 3 months, as the industry leaders in committee indicated, that they would think that the average standard of care policy is a monthly changing of that comforter. So, if in fact, we could, ya know, if there was time to put another Amendment on it right here, right now, today or in the next two days, I would certainly be willing to do that."

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Black: "And... and I know you'd be a man of your word. Mr. Speaker, I won't belabor the point. To the Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "To the Bill."

Black: "This Bill that I'm asked to vote on could leave the House, maybe never be amended, who knows what the Senate has done. They just got back from Groundhog Day. You know they see their shadow every February and disappear for six weeks. So, God only knows what their schedule is like in the Senate. They may take a quick look at this Bill, pass it and put it on the Governor's desk, and we all know that the Governor spends hundreds of hours a month reading all of these Bills. He goes these Bills word by word by word. But he might miss one. He might miss this one and he might... he might sign it into law. The Bill has some serious flaws as it... as it leaves the House. It doesn't say who enforces it. It doesn't say who collects the \$50 fine. It doesn't say where the \$50 go. And... and there's one loophole big enough to drive a Simmons king-size mattress through and that is, there's absolutely nothing to say that the hotel just won't print up a thousand cards and put on there whatever they want. There are some bad operators out there. There isn't any question about that. But this Bill isn't gonna stop them, not the way it's drafted. It... I just... I have a built-in resistance after 20 years to voting for a Bill that leaves the House that has more holes in it than the mattress my wife and I have used for the last 45 years. It just... ya know, and I've been meaning to buy a new mattress but we haven't had a



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cost-of-living raise in here for the last 4 years, so I... yeah, maybe the \$50 could go to the mattress fund. But in all seriousness, this Bill has several built-in flaws. And if the Sponsor is serious about addressing a problem that he thinks is being done, then the Bill needs to be tightened up before he asks me to vote on it. And I'm not even sure what problem we're actually trying to solve. When I go into a motel or hotel room I look at everything and if I'm not happy with the room, I'm not staying in the room. That's my responsibility. So, when all is said and done, while I respect the Sponsor of the Bill and I... he might have a really good idea here or he might have had a personal experience, or one of his constituents had a personal experience, but this Bill just doesn't do everything that he thinks it does. That's... ya know, it just... they're literally and in all seriousness, too many blank spots in this Bill for me to vote 'aye'. Everybody will vote their own conscience I suppose, but I've always wondered in this process how anyone in good conscience could vote for a Bill that the Sponsor admits needs several changes. He's convinced that the Senate might make those changes. I've worked with the Senate for 20 years, I've never been sure that the Senate does anything we think it will do or want it to do. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... a point of interest here. The committee vote shows 13-0-0. I voted 'no' in committee

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on that. So if staff could correct that, it was 12-1, I voted 'no'... oh, that was the shell Bill. Oh, excuse me. Well, regardless, in committee when it was presented as Amendment 1, I voted 'no' on it. Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill. Again I... nobody's denying that the Sponsor's trying to solve a perceived problem. But you know, let's think about this. If you have a check-off and the Sponsor's agreed that maybe just a posting might be acceptable and I find that to be better than what he originally had, of just having it initialed every time somebody went in and cleaned it. But to say that how often a sheet is cleaned, how often a comforter is cleaned, how often the mattress cover's cleaned, I... it makes people wonder if you're posting it on there and saying, 'What did they do? Why did they have to do this? Is this a dirty hotel? Is this a dirty motel.' And on top of that Ladies and Gentlemen, what if a hotel for some reason finds that that's not cleaned in a proper manner and all of a sudden they get fined and that gets into the newspapers. And all of a sudden a very reputable hotel, especially downstate, all of a sudden finds out that they're listed in the newspaper as being fined on cleanliness. How many people are gonna wanna go to that hotel? For one infraction. This is micromanaging at its worst. To solve a problem. I think the Gentleman... it's certainly got their attention. I think there could be something worked out where we don't need this legislation. I will ask you to vote 'no'. We are at a point in time where the hotel/motel industry is

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just coming out of the 911 catastrophe that we had in this nation. Tourism is starting to come back. It's a huge part of our economy. We do not need a further nail into the... the growth of our hospitality industry. So I rise in objection and I ask the Body not to support this legislation until the Sponsor can work out something with the industry that meets his needs and meets the needs of the industry. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Suzi Bassi."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Indicates he will."

Bassi: "Okay, thank you. I would like to echo the concerns that Representative Parke is talking about. We are looking at the state of the hotel/motel industry which is a huge part of the tourism industry in the State of Illinois and that happens to be our number two industry. To put furs... to put a further dampening on this industry at this point in time, I have real concerns about. Representative, can I ask, what was the genesis of this Bill? I may not have heard it with all of the noise going on."

Joyce: "Consumer complaints."

Bassi: "Pardon me?"

Joyce: "Rep... consumer complaints. User complaints. User of hotel complaints."

Bassi: "Okay. Did somebody actually bring this information to you?"

Joyce: "Yes."

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Bassi: "Okay. I guess the reason is, ya know, as a homemaker I don't worry too much about changing the bedspread all the time. I wanna make sure the sheets are changed. I think most motel/hotels, my understanding is that they do that any time there are new people that come in with a with an air to taking a look at the environment as well. I just... I have to rise in strong opposition to this because I think it does additional damage to the hotel/motel industry which is finally coming back into its own. I wanna be sure that that industry continues to move forward. It is the number one entry level industry for women in the State of Illinois. To put this kind of a situation on top of them, I think is going to be detrimental to the industry and I'm... stand in strong opposition to the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Lou Jones. Representative Jones, did you wish to address the Bill?"

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "He indicates he will."

Jones: "I didn't hear the answer and I guess because there was a lot of talking going on. But I was wondering and I think they did ask the question, but I didn't hear your answer. Where does the \$50 go?"

Joyce: "Representative, the intention of the \$50 is to go to the Department of Public Health."

Jones: "It goes to who?"

Joyce: "The Department of Public Health."

Jones: "For what?"

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Joyce: "But... but we have to fix that in the Bill. As I stated before, this Bill has to be amended."

Jones: "So, you gonna hold it over here?"

Joyce: "No, I think we have a deadline coming up, I was trying to move it over and amend it in the Senate, Representative."

Jones: "One other question. Who assesses the \$50, the hotel? Who... I mean, who makes sure that the \$50 is paid?"

Joyce: "Well, based... based on complaints they would be filed with the local state's attorney's office."

Jones: "And I got one more question. Who asked you to do this Bill?"

Joyce: "A constituent."

Jones: "A constituent of yours?"

Joyce: "Yes, Ma'am."

Jones: "That lived in a dirty hotel?"

Joyce: "No, they stayed at a dirty hotel, Representative. Representative, the intent... the intention of the Bill... see, we're not asking them... we're not asking the hotel industry to go, ya know... everyone's talking about the hotel industry. I'm not trying to harm the hotel industry here. We're just asking the hotel industry to state what their policy is on how often they clean their sheets or clean their things, their bed coverings. I don't... I don't think that's overburdensome."

Jones: "Okay."

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Joyce: "And if... and if you believe that it is, if you wanna... if you want me to fix this up and pull it out and get a different Amendment on there, I can do that."

Jones: "In... in your Bill..."

Joyce: "But I don't wanna pull it out if... if... if we're going to come back and vote against this no matter what, when I stated what my intentions are."

Jones: "I... I just hate to see, ya know, it's okay if you let a Bill out of committee over here and to work on it on the House Floor, but I hate to see a Bill go out of here over into another House with some things that should be taken care of over here. That is... that's... that is my main concern."

Joyce: "Okay."

Jones: "The other... the other thing is that I'm not sure that they would take care of it in the other House. And I would like to know the biggest thing is, where the \$50 is going and what it's gonna be used for? Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Joyce to close. Mr. Clerk, on request of the Sponsor take the Bill out of the record. Mr. Clerk, on page 15 of the Calendar, Representative Mathias has House Bill 2461. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2461 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mathias, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Mathias."

Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 becomes the Bill. It is agreed upon language between the AARP, the Department of Aging, and the Department of Public Health. And it basically states that as part of the Department's routine training, the Department may include information on future family planning for persons who are 60 or older and who are caregivers of their adult children with developmental disabilities. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You've heard the discussion on Floor Amendment #1. Any questions from the Membership? The question is, 'Should Floor Amendment #1 be adopted to House Bill 2461?' All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 9 of the Calendar, Representative Graham has House Bill 1349. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1349 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 was adopted by the House. All note... all notes have been filed."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Graham. It's on Third Reading, Representative."

Graham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1349 provides that a dealer may not sell, offer for sell, rent, or transfer in the state a handgun unless the hand..."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative..."

Graham: "Yes."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Hold on for one second. The Clerk needs to read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1349, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Graham."

Graham: "Thank you again, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1349 provides that a dealer may not sell, offer for sell, rent, or transfer in the state, a handgun unless it... unless the handgun is sold or offered for sell, rented, or transferred with external safety locks. The Bill as it stands now has a gun roster review board and a Class IV felony attached to it. The NIA... NRA and myself have worked out an arrangement, a deal. The Bill is going to be amended in the Senate to remove the roster board and make the felony equal to what are the existing penalties are. So, now we have an agreement that the Bill will be amended in the Senate and will come back to the House. I'll take any questions."



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Speaker Lyons, J.: "You heard the Lady's explanation on House Bill 1349. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Randolph, Representative Dan Reitz."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "She indicates she will."

Reitz: "Why don't I just... I guess following up on your comments. You're... you're going to ask, is it Senator Harmon? Is that correct?"

Graham: "Yes."

Reitz: "To pick up... amend the Bill and we met yesterday with opponents, with the NRA and..."

Graham: "Yes."

Reitz: "...opponents of this Bill. The two Amendments will review... remove the review board and reduce the penalty, make the penalty consistent primary user. Is that correct?"

Graham: "Yes. That's correct."

Reitz: "Thank you, and I appreciate you working with the opponents of this Bill and plan on supporting it. Thank you."

Graham: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "She indicates she will."

Black: "Representative, let me ask you a point of clarification. On the date of January 1, 2006, a handgun

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cannot be sold, rented, or transferred in the state unless it has an integrated mechanical safety device. Does that prohibition apply only to a retail dealer?"

Graham: "Thank you for asking, Representative Black. That was removed in the first Amen... the first Amendment to this... to this Bill. Removed the integrated lock system because the technology currently has not been approved or it's not fully existing. They're still working on it. So we remov... we removed that in the first Amendment."

Black: "I think you removed it in Floor Amendment #2, correct?"

Graham: "Yes, yes, you're right. You're right, yes. So... yes, Floor Amendment... Committee Amendment #1 redefines how the board was set up. Yes, you're right. In the sec..."

Black: "All right now..."

Graham: "Yes."

Black: "All right, now in Floor Amendment #3 the language appears again. Only this time, rather than the integrated safety lock which technology may not be available for a couple... couple more years, the language then says, 'a external safety lock'."

Graham: "Yes."

Black: "Now, again, my question is, does this apply only to retailer dealers? What about someone like me who may wanna sell a handgun that I have had for, oh gosh, for 35 maybe 40 years, and I may want to sell that. I don't know if there's even a trigger lock on the market that would fit that... that handgun belonged to my grandfather at one time. So where does that put me if I wanna transfer it to my

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grandson, assuming that that's all right with his mother and father or I want to sell it to a neighbor. Do I... do I have to still find some kind of external locking mechanism before I can do that?"

Graham: "Thank you for asking, Representative Black. This only applies to the dealer."

Black: "Okay, so it only applies to a retail dealer at his or her point of business. It does not apply to a gun show dealer that may take place at an armory or a civic center?"

Graham: "State you question one more time."

Black: "All right. There a number of gun shows that are held around the state. In my district there's one up in northern Vermilion County held at a civic center and there's one in my hometown that is held at the Palmer Civic Arena. Now, you can buy, sell, or trade weapons at those shows. Now if I have a FOID card and I find a handgun that I'd like to purchase at that show, will I still be able to do so without that dealer having a external trigger lock on the weapon?"

Graham: "If... if... Representative Black, if I'm understanding you correctly, let me ask you a question..."

Black: "Okay."

Graham: "...and maybe we'll clarify where we're trying to go. Would a person selling a gun at a gun show, would he be considered a dealer?"

Black: "He has a Federal Firearms Dealers License..."

Graham: "Is he licensed..."

Black: "...generally..."

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Graham: "... to sell? I would believe if he's licensed to sell a gun, I believe he would... he would need to... but I'm not 100 percent sure."

Black: "Okay."

Graham: "But I think that if he's licensed at the federal level to sell guns, he would be required to sell his gun with an external lock on it, yes."

Black: "But a lot of those people, that is not they're primary occupation and that's what I was trying to get at. They may have a collection of guns they wanna dispose of. It isn't the same as somebody in an actual business. Four walls, warehouse, et cetera."

Graham: "Well, you know what, when you put it that way if that's not there... if selling a gun is not their life... their..."

Black: "Their primary occupation."

Graham: "Their primary occupation..."

Black: "Yeah, okay."

Graham: "Then... they... then that's somewhat of a gray area, I would think."

Black: "Okay."

Graham: "But I don't think they would necessarily include them but if they're licensed to sell guns 24 hours you know, whatever..."

Black: "Okay."

Graham: "...or occupation..."

Black: "Sure."

Graham: "...it would include them."

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Black: "I... I appreciate your forthright answers. Thank you."

Graham: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Thank you. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Indicates she will."

Froehlich: "Representative, do I understand now that the NRA is no longer opposed to your Bill as amended and given into negotiations?"

Graham: "Yes. They're going to be preparing their Amendment themselves, removing the roster board, and minimizing... lowering the penalties to equal another standard that they gave to me."

Froehlich: "Good. So they're no longer saying vote 'no'..."

Graham: "Yes."

Froehlich: "...they're neutral."

Graham: "Yes, they're no longer saying vote 'no'. They're not opposed to the Bill anymore. They're going to take care of the Amendment. They're okay, they're neutral at this point."

Froehlich: "I'd like to commend you for finding consensus on an issue that otherwise can be pretty divisive."

Graham: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Harry Osterman."

Osterman: "Just to kind of follow up on Representative Froehlich. Representative Reitz mentioned earlier asked

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you some questions, but the NRA has pulled their... pulled their opposition and they're working with you with you?"

Graham: "Yes, they are."

Osterman: "Okay, thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Graham to close. Representative... on moment, Representative Reitz, what purpose do you rise?"

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My name was used in debate and I'd just like to clarify for everyone. We met with the NRA and with the Amendments they are in the process of drafting the Amendments. Will be adopted in the Senate and they are no longer opposed to this Bill then. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Graham to close."

Graham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a very important piece of legislation for me. There were a number... at least two incidents that happened in my district where a young boy got a hold of his father's gun and killed himself and another incident where a kid killed his friend. So this is a very important piece of legislation and I urge and ask for the entire Body's support. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 1349 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting in open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Parke. Beaubien. Representative Colvin. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On

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this Bill, there are 83 Members... 84 Members voting 'yes', 32 Members voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Dunkin, for what reason do you rise? Representative Dunkin's switch is on. Okay. By accident. Mr. Clerk, on page 24 of the Calendar, Representative Hassert has House Bill 930. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 930, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will, Representative Brent Hassert. House Bill 930. Representative Hassert."

Hassert: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This amends the Illinois Plumbers' Law. This includes the licensing holder's signature and if the licensing holder is unincorporated or license holder's corporation... license holder's corporation seal. If the license holder is not incorporated, the letter must be notarized by a notary. I'd be happy to try answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You've heard explanation on House Bill 930. Is there any questions? Any discussion from the floor? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 930 pass?' 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 Bill, there are 115 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 person voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 27 of the Calendar, Representative Brosnahan has House Bill 4030. 4030. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4030, a Bill for an Act concerning sex offenders. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Jim Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 4030 amends the Sex Offender Registration Act to require more extensive reporting requirements for persons convicted of certain sex offenses. Today, when a sex offender is released from custody, they're required to sign a notification form stating that they will register with local law enforcement and abide by their conditions. Under House Bill 4030, we're gonna add the employer's contact information to this form, saving valuable time when verification is conducted. The legislation will also highlight any extensions in the offender's registration period and it will include the reasons for any extension. Some of the reasons would be... pick... the offender picking up a new offense or violating a previous registration requirement. The registration form's also gonna be changed to require a statement from the child sex offender that they will not live in areas excluded by the original Registration Act which would be including locations within 500 feet of a school, park, or a day care facility. House Bill 4030 also provides that a sex offender who changes his or her address, place of



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employment, or school that they attend must report in person rather than by mail to the local law enforcement agency where they are registered. And lastly, under the current law, offenders who commit acts as juveniles do not appear on the state's list and the state's website for registered sex offenders. Under this legislation when a sex offender who is adjudicated on a sex offense as a juvenile, when he turns 17 years old this person must now register within ten days of turning age 17 so he will be included on the website to let people in the community know that this person was convicted of a prior sex offense. I know of no opposition to this legislation and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we've heard explanation of House Bill 4030. Is there any discussion from the floor? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 4030 pass?' 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 Jakobsson, wanna be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 23 of the Calendar, Representative Churchill has House Bill 220. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 220, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "Recognizes the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Churchill."

Churchill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 220 does two things. First, what it says is that the Department of State Police shall publish a list of firearms which are prohibited under the junk guns portion of the statute. And second, what it says is that if a building is to be declared a public nuisance under that same Section that the person who is using the building has to be convicted of a violation of the statute first."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You've heard the explanation of House Bill 220. Is there any questions from the floor? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Osterman."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Indicates he will."

Osterman: "Representative Churchill, what's the reason we're doing this?"

Churchill: "The statute, as it currently reads, says that a person cannot manufacture, sell or deliver a handgun having a barrel, slide, frame, or receiver which is a die casting of a zinc, alloy, or some nonhomogeneous metal which will melt or deform at a temperature of less 800 degrees Fahrenheit. What that does is to eliminate junk guns. What it says is you can't sell or manufacture or deliver a junk gun, one of these guns that's put together that might be of plastic or some other material. And the problem is, is that some of the guns are so similar to other guns that

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you really can't tell unless you put it through this heat test. Well, somebody that is gonna... in a business of buying and selling guns isn't going to take a gun and run it up to 800 degrees Fahrenheit to find out whether or not it's gonna melt. So, the... what we're asking is, is that the State Police identify the junk guns and put out a list annually of what guns cannot be sold. It's... it creates a standard. Right now, there is no standard. It's like asking somebody to, ya know, make a determination on whether or not the gun is on the list, when there is no list. So, what we're just saying is, give us a list."

Osterman: "How would you envision them doing that?"

Churchill: "My guess is, is that the State Police have a pretty good idea of what guns it is that they would consider as junk guns, that they would be able to put that out in some format, be it electronically or on paper and perhaps put pictures with it, descriptions of it, any identifying marks that might be on it and say that these are the guns that melt at less than 800 degrees Fahrenheit. We consider them junk guns, don't be selling them, don't be manufacturing them, don't be distributing them."

Osterman: "As of now, the State Police is in opposition of the Bill. And I think they're in opposition because they feel, I think, that the federal license dealers know what those guns are, should know what those guns are at the present time. They're in opposition based on the ability for them to try to do that. What this Bill would require with them

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to probably test the firearms in the State of Illinois. Would that be your assessment?"

Churchill: "Well, I guess what you're saying is, is that the State Police don't wanna do it, one, because they don't wanna make the list, which is obvious. They don't want the extra requirement of it. And two, that we're asking them to make the determination on what a junk gun is and that makes my point. That makes the point of the Bill. Some manufacturer out in the business economy of the State of Illinois is required to make a determination on whether something is or is not a junk gun. He says, 'Hey, I don't know whether it's a junk gun or not let some higher authority make a determination on whether it's a junk gun.'"

Osterman: "Okay."

Churchill: "So, we say, 'State Police you make the determination.' Now the State Police come back and say, 'Well, we don't wanna have to make this determination.' But if somebody gets caught selling one and it's determined that it's a junk gun after the sale has already occurred, then the State Police can come in and arrest the person. So, that seems unfair. The State Police are saying, 'Okay, fine, you make the determination, if you're right okay, if you're wrong, we're gonna hold you subject to the law. But we're not willing to sit there and tell you what's good and what's bad and what's a good gun and what's a bad gun.'"

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Osterman: "I'm just telling you what they're saying is that they're gonna have to test every firearm in the State of Illinois, which is gonna be a huge fiscal impact. A couple of weeks back we were complaining and trying to pass legislation to move forward the ability of law enforce... legal people that are able to buy a firearm to get a FOID card quickly. And it's gonna put a big burden on that, but there's other parts of your Bill that I think the Body needs to really be clear about and that is the issue of 'abatement'. Currently, in the State of Illinois, municipalities can abate buildings if someone is in the building selling firearms to a drug offender, selling firearms to kids. What you are enacting in your legislation is the ability that not only can they have to do that, but for a municipality to abate a property they also have to be in violation of selling firearms that are not on the list. Is that correct?"

Churchill: "Well, I'm not sure exactly what it is saying, but what we're saying is, is look if you have a violation of this Section and a conviction then you can abate the building as a nuisance. But what the current law permits is the police to come into a building where there has been no conviction and abate the building and I'm not sure whether that just means taking it over publicly or demolishing it or destroying it or whatever they're gonna do with the building. But the fact is, there's been no conviction. You oughta have at least a conviction. I mean that's a basic premise of our law that somebody needs to be

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convicted before you can take their... their property and everything away from them. So, why not let them... why not let there be a conviction first?"

Osterman: "Well, let me... let me clarify that though. If someone is convicted today of selling firearms to a child and a municipality then wants to abate the property, it's my understanding that under your Bill they would not be able to do that they would still have to be in violation of the other part of the Bill which you're putting in, dealing with the junk guns."

Churchill: "That's correct."

Osterman: "Well, you wanna explain that to me? I don't get that, because if the local municipality... someone's convicted of selling guns to a kid or convicted of selling guns to a drug dealer or convicted of selling guns to a child and a drug dealer, a local municipality could not abate that building unless they also were selling junk guns."

Churchill: "I think that's what it reads."

Osterman: "You gotta give me a def... you got to explain that one to me because I mean there are a lot of Bills that I think we can differ on, but I don't really get why we would allow a building owner that is convicted of selling guns to a kid, convicted of selling guns to a drug dealer that we could not abate the building, unless they also happened to be selling junk guns or Saturday Night Specials."

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Churchill: "I think it goes to the conviction. The conviction for the violation of the Section. If they've convicted of a violation of that Section."

Osterman: "Right, but my... my point is..."

Churchill: "And..."

Osterman: "...that if someone..."

Churchill: "Yeah."

Osterman: "...if someone's convicted of those other violations, selling to a child, selling to a drug dealer, to me that should be enough for a local municipality to go after a building as a bad building. And to throw in that additional caveat, that unless they're also selling Saturday Night Specials, I don't really understand why we would wanna do that."

Churchill: "Not..."

Osterman: "If you wanna do a Bill that would basically say, ya know, they should additionally be able to go after abating buildings for selling Saturday Night Specials, I doubt you're gonna get any argument from Members of this Body. But to tie the hands of local government when in those situations where they're selling... convicted of selling guns to criminals and children, I don't know that we wanna take that off the books. I mean, to me, this looks like we're trying to help those people that are allowing that to happen in the... in buildings."

Churchill: "I'm sorry, Representative. I... I didn't understand what you are asking. But I think the answer to the question is, is that if a person has been convicted of

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violating Section 24-3, and that was a conviction for Section... paragraph (a) and the building was used in the commission of a crime for paragraph (h), then you would back to the abatement Section. I think this whole paragraph only relates to violations of paragraph (h), Section 24-3. You're reading it... you're reading it as..."

Osterman: "I'm looking at your Bill on page 7. Okay. And let me just read this."

Churchill: "Yeah, read..."

Osterman: "'Code may be abated as a public nuisance only if person using the building for the commission of offense can be convicted of a violation under Section 24-3.' Which is those Sections that I talked about earlier and a couple more, and the building was used in the commission of violation of paragraph (h), which is a new Section you've added of (a)... 24-3. So, to me that says that the only way you can abate a building is if you commit those other crimes additionally, they're selling Saturday Night Specials under the new Section you're adding. And maybe that wasn't your intention of the Bill and maybe you wanna amend it and pull it out of the record. But as I read it, that's what it says. And I don't know that we should be trying to do that."

Churchill: "Yeah, I don't think it's meant to... I don't think it's meant to cut out all of the other Sections. I think that the paragraph (h) is the only thing that this relates to, that the abatement must have a conviction when there's a violation of paragraph (h). I don't think it's in any of



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the other subparagraphs and I... I read it... I read it that the second half of the paragraph when it's the language in the first half of the paragraph. I think you're reading it that it does not limit it and that's where we have a problem."

Osterman: "But I'm..."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Osterman, your time is coming up, if you could conclude your remarks."

Osterman: "I'll conclude my remarks."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you."

Osterman: "Representative Churchill, I think that if the intention is to add abatement for buildings that are selling Saturday Night Specials, you're not gonna get any argument. But to take off the books the ability for municipalities to abate properties where they're selling guns to kids and drug dealers, I think is absolutely the wrong direction and I think you should look at the Bill before you try to move it forward. I'm gonna be voting 'no'."

Churchill: "Let me just say that I... it's not my intention to expand it beyond paragraph (h). I think that the paragraph may be subject to two different readings. You've read it one way, I've read it the other. And I'd like to pass the Bill today since this is deadline week and there aren't any other opportunities to amend it. And we'll get all the lawyers who track these Bills together and see if we can't find language that doesn't create this potential conflict."

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That is not my intention. My intention is to have this only... the abatement portion only be for Section 24-3..."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Cl... Mr. Churchill, you need another minute?"

Churchill: "And I just said, and paragraph (h). That has to be a part of the Section 24-3. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The argument on this Bill could probably go on for the next 30 minutes and that's fine, if that's what the Speaker and the Body wants to do. But if you look at the... if you look at the Sponsor's Bill very carefully, I think he's explained it very well. If you believe in due process, you oughta vote 'yes'. If you don't believe in due process then vote 'no'. How in the world could anybody say that upon accusation of a violation, government can come in and seize your business and perhaps even tear it down before you've had your day in court? Then what happens if the court finds you innocent? You come back to resume your living, whoops, the building's gone. And how can you be convicted of selling an illegal gun if the State Police won't publish a list of what is an 'illegal gun'. For crying out loud, either there's due process for everybody or there's due process for nobody. Vote 'aye'."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Churchill to close."

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Churchill: "Just ask for your 'positive' vote. I think Representative Black expressed it perfectly and I'd like to have a 'positive' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 220 pass?' 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 Mitchell, is there trouble with your buttons?"

Mitchell, J: "Speaker, it won't come on."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Mitchell signed himself in. We need to put on his switch. Are ya... are ya on, Jerry? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 62 voting 'yes', 54 voting 'no', 1 person voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McDonough, Representative Rich Myers. Representative Myers, what purpose do you rise?"

Myers: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Proceed, Representative."

Myers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the gallery with us today are 15 students and faculty members from Western Illinois University who are members of a class, general honors class, called Inside State Government. They are down here today learning about State Government. Have met with a number of agency officials and Legislators and their only unfortunate experience that they have is me as their instructor. I would like the General Assembly, the House

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of Representatives, to recognize these students and welcome them to Springfield."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Welcome to Springfield students. Glad to have ya. Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens. For what purpose do you rise, Representative?"

Stephens: "Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "State your inquiry, Representative."

Stephens: "Is it your understanding that Representative Myers explains to the next generation how government works?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "That's what was... that was my understanding of his statement also, too, Representative."

Stephens: "Crisis in college education."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there a danger there or should we be forewarned?"

Stephens: "I think at least some sort of amber..."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Amber alert?"

Stephens: "...red and white alert, I don't know what we need to do, but we need to do something. Inquiry of some sort."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative, we'll take that under serious consideration. Mr. Clerk, on page 25 of the Calendar, Representative Chapa LaVia has House Bill 1404. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1404, a Bill or an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Kane, Representative Chapa LaVia."

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Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly. 1404 adds teen dating and violence to the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Program. This will require instruction on teen dating and violence in grades 8 thru 12."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You heard the explanation of House Bill 1404. Is there any questions from the floor? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 1404 pass?' 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 Dunn. Representative Mitchell, Jerry Mitchell. Representative Brauer. Representative Brauer, wanna be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 100 voting 'yes', 17 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 14 of the Calendar, Representative Flowers has House Bill 2451. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Out of the record. Representative. Representative Flowers is not on the floor at this time. Mr. Clerk, on page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Molaro has House Bill... Representative Molaro on the floor? I don't see Representative Molaro. Mr. Clerk, on page 15 of the Calendar, Representative Granberg has House Bill 2526. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Out of the record. Brady. Mr. Clerk, on page 20 of the Calendar, Representative Brady has House Bill 3475. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3475 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, let's go back to page 15. Representative Granberg has House Bill 2526. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House... House Bill 2526 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Put that Bill on Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Molaro has House Bill 3478. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3478, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Bob Molaro."

Molaro: "Thank you. This is an initiative about meningitis and the problems that we're having. It used to be only for like college aged kids but now it's a national concern and the DPH is currently required to develop educational materials for Illinois citizens. And there's a list of 'em and this would just add 'meningitis' to the list."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 3478? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 3478 pass?' Those in favor vote '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 Bill, there are 117 Members voting

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'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 25 of the Calendar... is Representative Chapin Rose in the... on the floor? Representative Rose. Mr. Clerk, on page 14 of the Calendar, on Second Reading, Representative Molaro has House Bill 2369. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2369 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Molaro, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "Yes, this Amendment was heard in committee yesterday and we worked on this with the Principal Association, IEA, School Alliances, to mold language that everybody can agree to and all it does now is that on the mandatory reporters, if you see that there's some child abuse going on or neglect, all it is, is that if you are one of these reporters, when you get hired to be a teacher or doctor, school principal or that kind of thing, all you're now gonna do is sign a form saying that you read the law, you understand what a reporter is supposed to do. And this way it alerts all the teachers and principals and school administrators that they have, in fact, a duty to report. It's just a learning technique. It has nothing to do with penalties. It says up there 'penalty' but that's... all of that's been removed. And all it is now is a learning

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device for principals and school administrators. The Principals Association and the School Alliances, this is their language. They created it, they threw mine out because I didn't wanna fight 'em. They were right, I was wrong, and this is their language."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you Gentleman. You've heard the explanation on the House Floor for Amendment #1 to House Bill 2369. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the questions in, 'Should Floor Amendment #1 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further on House Bill 2369?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 14 of the Calendar, Representative Flowers, on the Order of Second Reading, has House Bill 2451. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2451 has been read time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Flowers, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Amendment #1 is the result of discussion between the Attorney General's Office and the Illinois Retail Merchant Association. Amendment would provide that



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upon request made in person or by telephone, a pharmacist must disclose the current retail price of any brand or generic prescription drug or medical device. And I'll be more than happy to answer any questions you may have in regards to Amendment #1 to House Bill 2451."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion on Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2451? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Floor Amendment #1 be adopted to House Bill 2451?' All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 23 of the Calendar, Representative Flowers has House Bill 20... 252. House Bill 252. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 252, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. Third Reading of this House..."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Mary Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 252 is dealing with... provides for the public release of information regarding physicians. And I'll be more than happy to answer any questions you have in regards to House Bill 252."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "House Bill 252, is there any questions? Is there any discussion on House Bill 252? The Chair

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recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Terry Parke."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "She indicates she will."

Parke: "Representative, it's my understanding that there is significant opposition to your legislation. Is the Illinois State Medical Society, the Illinois Hospital Association, the anesthesiologists, the Provinal... the Health Care Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, all still in opposition to your legislation?"

Flowers: "As far as I'm concerned, Representative, the Hospital Association and the Med Society, they still may be in opposition to the Bill. But the fact of the matter is, this is needed legislation and what we're asking for is information about health professionals to be on the Internet. We should have the right to know what type of person that we're going to in regards to our health, and as a result, the only way we can find out is by either going to a hundred and two counties or either have the Department of Professional Regulations to put it on the Internet, and this is a good piece of legislation and I hope that you can support it."

Parke: "All right, in essence, isn't this Bill physician profiling?"

Flowers: "Yes."

Parke: "Yes, so the Sponsor admits it pers... Now, is it that we're going to list what they're convicted of or what they're charged with?"

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Flowers: "I'm sorry, Representative, what did you say?"

Parke: "Well, it says that, ya know, today in medical costs that we have and on our hospitals and our doctors is staggering. The amount of money that this will cost our hospitals and our physicians will be millions of dollars. It'll cost the state another \$1.2 million and that's on the low side of the estimate. I have some real serious concerns of whether or not this is gonna do what the Sponsor wants."

Flowers: "Well..."

Parke: "And therefore, I will rise in opposition to the Lady's Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "State your inquiry, Representative."

Black: "We had filed, I believe it was Floor Amendment #3 to this Bill. Could you tell me what the status of that Amendment is?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, status on Amendments on House Bill 252."

Clerk Mahoney: "Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 was referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "All right, if I heard the Clerk correctly, Floor Amendment #3 has not been cleared by the Rules Committee?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Correct, Representative."

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Black: "All right. Mr. Speaker, I won't belabor the point. The Sponsor has explained her Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Floor Amendment #3 was offered by the House Republican Leader and it dealt with some medical malpractice issues. Now we had to file Floor Amendment #3 on this Bill simply because we had a stand-alone medical malpractice Bill that was cleared from the Rules Committee and was sent to the Executive Committee but wasn't posted. An absolute violation of the House Rules. Every Bill gets out of the... is supposed to get out of House Rules in the odd numbered Session. And then it gets assigned to a committee but never posted. Never allowed to be heard. You control the Executive Committee. If you want to defeat medical malpractice then do so in committee. But many of you are walking both sides of the street on this issue. You're for medical malpractice when you're back in your district, but when you get here, 'Oh, it isn't ready yet.' Or, 'I'm not on the Executive Committee. I can't be held responsible for that.' Well, who is responsible? Doctors are leaving the state. Access to medical care is being denied. And let me tell you something, I know Representative, you're gonna tell me I'm not speaking to the Bill. But I am speaking to the Bill. We cannot have any medical malpractice discussion, but we can vote on a Bill that profiles doctors and costs \$8 million. And your own administration is opposed to the Bill. The Department of Professional Regulation doesn't like the Bill. That's your administration, not mine. We can't profile on the

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base of race, we can't profile on the base of gender, we can't profile on any other basis, but by God we can profile doctors. Well, go ahead and profile 'em. Go ahead and profile all you want, because if you don't act on medical malpractice and you've given no indication that you're willing to do so, you aren't gonna have any doctors in Illinois left to profile. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Flowers to close."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I respect the Gentleman's remarks, but as he stated it was not pertaining to this particular Bill, nor this legislation. What House Bill 252 would do, would give us profiles of the doctors whom we're seeing. A lot of us, we've read in the newspaper recently about various backgrounds about doctors and how they were... how their license was suspended in other states and they're here in this state or either they may have had problems in one county and now they're in another county. So, what we're asking the Department of Professional Regulations to do something similar to what they're doing now. What they're doing now, they have a... the Department of Professional Regulations have a website where you could go and look up the doctor, but it's not a friendly website, number one. And number two, that the website that the AMA refer us to when they sent you out the letter dating in their opposition to the profiling, they also sent you a physician profile from the AMA. And I want you to know if you read

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the top of that particular profile, it says, 'Information contained in the AMA Physician Select Report does not meet the primary source equivalency requirement set forth by the JCAR.' So the information that is disseminated by the AMA does not meet JCAR's criteria. Our health care is too important to allow people whose license have been suspended or who have criminal backgrounds for them to continue to practice without our knowledge. And the only thing this Bill is asking the Department to do, is again, something similar to what they are doing now. And as far as the cost factor's concerned it would only cost 1 million not 6. Because they could do... add on to what they have already. And I'll be more than happy to answer any questions you have and I would appreciate an 'aye' in regards to House Bill 252."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 252 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; all 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 Bill, there are 30 people voting 'yes', 84 voting in opposition, 3 voting 'present'. This Bill, having failed to receive the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared lost. Mr. Clerk, on page 25 of the Calendar, Representative Chapin Rose has House Bill 1094. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1094, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose."

Rose: "Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen. House Bill 1094 has come to me as a sad circumstance out of three and now four school districts in and around the area that I represent, where teachers molested their students. Three of the four received probation. The fourth is under current investigations, currently pending. We've seen this happen statewide now and I guess my point is, if there should ever be a bright line rule in Illinois Law, it is that a teacher should keep their hands off a student, period. If the student is young or if it's a predatory criminal sexual assault, it's already nonprobationable. If the student... if the teacher penetrates that is nonprobationable. My question is, 'Why do we ever get to that point?' This should be the ultimate bright line rule in our state, and this Bill would deny probation to anyone who touches a student in a sexual way. The Amendment that was attached yesterday... or two days ago, excuse me, goes back to the old rule of anyone in position of trust and authority so that this wouldn't just apply to teachers but to camp counselors, clergy, et cetera. I would ask for its favorable adoption. I think that we need to send a clear message that this is not acceptable behavior and this will be the way to send that message. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Will, Representative Renee Kosel."

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

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "Indicates he will."

Kosel: "I had a situation in my district, Representative Rose, that a teacher did a plea bargain on a sexual offense that involved his own child and because he did the plea bargain and wasn't convicted, his license for teaching couldn't be suspended. Will this correct that problem?"

Rose: "No, this deals with the sentencing under a conviction for sexual... aggravated sexual abuse. That does not correct the problem of licensure. I've had a number of conversations in looking at maybe trying to do something along those lines next year. Because it's not necessarily just the situation that you've mentioned, but it could be any plea bargain to say a Class A battery."

Kosel: "But the problem was that the person was not convicted. Does your Bill say that they cannot be a plea bargain that eliminates the conviction... and I'm not a lawyer so..."

Rose: "No, here... there are three classes... three main classes of sexual abuse. There's predatory criminal sexual abuse, which is where the child is very young, that's nonprobationable. There's aggravated sexual assault, which is where there is penetration, that is nonprobationable. And then there's sexual abuse which is, ya know, touching and things leading up to aggravated sexual assault. This simply deals with the penalty provisions in the Criminal Code. The licensure is a separate issue. It would be addressed separately and in fact, that sort of come up in conversations with folks as outgrowth of this legislation,



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I'm now looking into that, but that doesn't address it directly, no."

Kosel: "Okay, thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Seeing no further questions, Representative Rose... the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Representative, I wanna make sure I'm perfectly clear on... on an issue involving certification that was brought up."

Rose: "Doesn't do any thing to certification."

Eddy: "If... if during the accusa... after the accusation and conviction of a teacher, if the teacher is convicted, your Bill denies them the opportunity to be placed on probation."

Rose: "Yes, this is the criminal sentencing component only. This wouldn't change any of the underlying assumptions regarding licensure. I... I..."

Eddy: "If... if someone is convicted they do lose their license, so..."

Rose: "Yes."

Eddy: "Okay."

Rose: "They..."

Eddy: "They already lose their license and this is the sentencing phase that denies them the right to have probation."

Rose: "Except, and I think what the last speaker's point was, if the plea that was taken by a prosecutor was to say a Class A battery and not a sexual assault, that does not

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come into qualification for licensure, but that's off topic. I'm dealing with the Criminal Code sentencing portion. I think, frankly, knowing what I know now having gone through this exercise and hearing your comment as well as the previous speaker's comment, we need to look at the licensure part as well, but that would be the civil... that would a separate Bill and a separate part of the statute."

Eddy: "Okay, thank you for clarifying that."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Recognize the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just saw Representative Parke return, but he's on the phone. I thought maybe he had laryngitis or something, so I'll take Representative Parke's place. How much is this gonna cost us in a time when the State of Illinois can't pay their Bills and blah, blah, blah?"

Rose: "Representative Molaro, I've talked with Michael Lane at the Department of Corrections and the first year... the first year estimate from the Department of Corrections is just over \$4 million. Now they're saying..."

Molaro: "Four million what?"

Rose: "They're saying..."

Molaro: "How much?"

Rose: "Four million dollars over..."

Molaro: "Wait... wait I can't hear..."

Rose: "...over the first year."

Molaro: "Did you say \$4 million this is gonna cost us?"

Rose: "In first year."

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Molaro: "Is that what you said?"

Rose: "Yeah, and let me say this, Representative."

Molaro: "Oh, my God."

Rose: "Let me say this. That is from the Department of Corrections. We're gonna save money from the Department of Human Services because we're not gonna have to send all these kids to counseling until they're 18."

Molaro: "How..."

Rose: "And I've asked the Department of Corrections to factor that into their argument and they 'Oh, we can't do that.' So, let me ask... I mean, for example, the one teacher we had in Champaign was... several students. How much do we spend to counsel those kids until they're 18?"

Molaro: "I don't answer questions, Sir, you are the Sponsor. I ask you questions, that's the way this works in the Illinois House. I don't have to answer any... I refuse to yield. Now, Sir, over 10 years... over 10 years, how much is this gonna cost us?"

Rose: "Their 10-year estimate is \$95 million, but that's over 10 years."

Molaro: "95 what?"

Rose: "The one year estimate..."

Molaro: "I didn't hear..."

Rose: "...is 4 million."

Molaro: "So, in this day and age I support what the Gentleman's trying to do, but I think it's... Ladies and Gentlemen, this is very difficult, the money it's gonna cost us when we're

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trying to get so many things to pass that the Gentleman...  
nah, I'm for the Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from  
Cook, Representative George Scully."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "He indicates he will."

Scully: "Representative, are you a teacher?"

Rose: "No."

Scully: "I thought you were a professor at Eastern Illinois  
University."

Rose: "Well, adjunct, yes."

Scully: "All right, so you are a teacher?"

Rose: "Well, yes, adjunct, yes."

Scully: "So, you are a teacher?"

Rose: "Yes."

Scully: "Yeah, so you were mistaken when... a few minutes... a  
minute ago when you said you weren't a teacher."

Rose: "Well, the issues... I was referring to the K-12, I'm not a  
certified teacher."

Scully: "Okay. So, how would this Bill apply to you as an  
adjunct professor?"

Rose: "Well, it would apply to anyone in a position of trust or  
authority who abuses that discretion. However, it's to the  
underlying criminal offense, substantive offense, which is  
minor children under the age of 18. So, it'd be a camp  
counselor, a teacher. Now, if there was a... if there was a  
student at say, a college who's under the age of 18, who

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got into a relationship with a professor, that would count as well, yes."

Scully: "Thank you, Mr. Representative."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Delgado."

Delgado: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Indicates he will."

Delgado: "Once again, Representative Rose, we discussed this in committee and I'm extremely concerned about the price tag on here. Once again, how many... home many pri... how many inmates would come into the systems over the 10 years? Do you have those numbers?"

Rose: "The 10-year figure would be 310 admissions for Class IIs and 16 admissions for Class IV."

Delgado: "So, 310 plus 16, is that correct?"

Rose: "Over 10... over 10 years, correct."

Delgado: "Over 10 years. And what is the fiscal impact on this Bill?"

Rose: "Over 10 years is 95 million, but in one year, it's just over 4 million and..."

Delgado: "Where you'd get those numbers from, Representative Rose?"

Rose: "From the Department of Corrections, Representative Delgado."

Delgado: "Um hmmn."

Rose: "And, I might note that that is only the Department of Corrections. That doesn't take into account two things.

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One, it doesn't take into account how many kids lives will never be molested because we got a bright line rule..."

Delgado: "Representative Rose..."

Rose: "And two..."

Delgado: "Representative Rose, if I... To the... to the Bill, Mr. Speaker. Representative Rose, I completely understand your piece of legislation, that's not the issue. That Bill will probably fly out of here because it's what it is. We all wanna protect against sex abuse and being a former parole and probation officer you know I have the same interests as you do. However, it's disingenuous to continue to talk about price tags when we have a 95 million and to you it's oblivious. It's oblivious. Yet, we have no money to pay for this, but we bring up we just want to create a policy council for nutrition on... for children which costs a hundred grand and the Department of Human Services goes under attack like they're the worst thing, ya know, since it's cancer. But all of a sudden, we have the other side of the aisle who's been playing defense on the budget, but now Mr. Speaker, we have a \$95 million Bill going over the next 10 years and I cannot sit here and as fair as I am a chairman to try to be able to bring up a consensus to this state and not go along with having this going back and forth. To you, you think it's like 95 million is nothing. Why don't we put it into prevention? Why don't we bring it into the schools? Why don't we work with these teachers? Why don't we create a better... a better teacher? A better student? Preventives in the community. Why put it in

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Corrections once again? We have prisons that are empty right now. You're gonna go ahead and create a \$95 million budget hole right now that we cannot afford and I'm surprised at the other side of the aisle. On the Leadership, they're saying that this Bill is okay. At this stage in time I find that all... all of the cooperation we have had between committees and as colleagues is going down the drain because it doesn't see to faze that this is a \$95 million hole and I need to let everyone know that for legislative intent, we need a bipartisan cooperation to be able to find a way to say, we cannot continue to enhance penalties and drive these costs up to a point that the taxpayers are going to foot it. So, Mr. Rose, I'm very concerned about your thinking on this. We can get... there's laws on the books now that would still incarcerate a teacher, any sex abuser, and put 'em in prison. I know that for a fact and you know that as a former prosecutor. So, I would ask that you consider this carefully, but of course, we're in a Catch-22 because we're gonna have to vote it out 'cause folks are gonna be worried about their campaign, the next campaign to come around. Well we... this is a time to lead. The time to lead is to be careful how we spend this money. Spend what money? It doesn't exist. So, I believe that when this Bill gets to the Governor's desk it will be vetoed and reshaped so that we can truly protect children and make sure that teachers are the kind of quality that we want in that classrooms without having such an exorbitant amount of money, especially coming from

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the other side who is watching every penny in the cash registrar. So, I'd like to hear it come from their own colleagues, as they blast us every day on our fiscal notes."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Terry Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, Gentlemen and Ladies, it's about time. It's about time that we start talking about the irresponsible approach to this General Assembly has had year after year in spending money we don't have. The chickens have come home to roost and I'm so pleased that those Legislators on the Democratic side are finally standing up for what is right. What is right, is we don't have money to pay for these Bills. We don't have money. And now, all of a sudden, they're trying to be cute, but I am so pleased that this issue is out in front of all of us. It's time to start talking about the fiscal problem this state has, 'cause when we're here in July and August we're gonna wonder, why are we here in July and August. I'll tell you why. Because of the irresponsible approach we've taken for the last 2 months, we'll take for the next two months. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are broke. I don't know what more we can tell you. You keep spending money we don't have. This is just one example. The previous speaker's right, we don't \$95 million for this Bill. Perhaps some day we might, but right now we don't. Ladies and Gentlemen, do you know what's gonna happen of the majority of these Bills? What has happened in the previous



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years. They're gonna go to the Senate Rules Committee and they're gonna die there. And you can send your press releases out and say what a wonderful Legislator I am that I put out these Bills. But it's the bad Senate. And the Senate, ya know what the Senate's gonna do with their Bills, they're gonna die in the House Rules Committee, and they're gonna say what bums the House is. And ultimately, if it does leave the Senate, it's gonna be vetoed by the Governor, 'cause we don't have any money. The Governor said there should be no legislation passed that increased the cost of state budget unless there's a funding source. There's no funding sources. There's nothin' that we're gonna do that's gonna bring in new money, that's gonna solve these problems. Any funding source that we do happen to come up with is gonna go for the big issues like education. But I am tellin' you right now, I've stood on this floor for 20 years and I've told people that the pension irresponsible approach that we have taken on pensions will come home to roost some day, and Ladies and Gentlemen, it's come home to roost. We don't have enough money to pay the pensions. But we have an obligation under the Constitution to do so. So, what's the answer, the Governor's not gonna fund 'em properly. Ladies and Gentlemen, that's irresponsible. It's time for us to suck it up and start making good decisions as the elected officials that we're supposed to be. Quit passing these Bills we don't have money for. Let's get the Leadership together and make some decisions on what we're gonna do as

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a Body. We're wasting our time here, Ladies and Gentlemen, and I am going to continue to vote 'no' on these Bills or vote 'present' when we don't have money to pay for 'em. Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm frustrated and I am disgusted."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Bond, Representative Ron Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, the longer you're around here the more you learn. Sometimes you... sometimes it takes longer. About 200 people, as I understand it, are going to wind up incarcerated because of the change in law that my seatmate has proposed. Those of you with social service backgrounds understand better than the rest of us, I'm sure, that of those 200 people who are going to be prosecuted under this bright line rule, probably a thousand victims of child sexual abuse remain. And of those thousand people that have been... those children that have been abused, a thousand sexual predations that occurred, I wonder what the cost to the State of Illinois is in counseling services, rehabilitative services, future criminal assaults, because the most likely person to be a purport... to perform a sexual abuse on a child had sexual abuse when they were sexually abused when they... were sexually abused when they were children. So, if you're gonna argue this on the basis of cost, let's talk about money and lives saved. And it's interesting to me to watch who stands up and says, 'You know what'... I've seen you stand up hundreds of times saying, 'What is a child's life worth?' What is the value of preventing the horrific abuse

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that these children have had... have succumb to? What is the value of preventing one ruined life? Well, we're gonna say, and by the way, you can throw that \$95 million figure out there, but that's not true. It's about \$4 million, first year. And the fact of the matter is, I believe, that with this bright line rule we're actually... I think we're going to stop some of the predators from seeking out these child victims. I think that maybe the law, if we're tough enough on it and we mean it, if you touch these kids you're going to jail. And shouldn't they... of all of the things that are wrong in society, isn't that the first thing that we should try to right? Stay away from the defenseless children, you're ruining their lives. And that has a value far beyond the millions. Ladies and Gentlemen, nothing should be more clear in society, if you prey on children we are going to get you, we're going to punish you. Why personally, I think we should go much further into punishment, but this Bill is a step in the right direction. It sends a message to those that we trust our children to, don't touch 'em."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Paul Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy that today this Body has stopped turning a blind eye to legislation that increases our cost by millions of dollars a year. And it's... you know, the problem comes from both sides of the aisle. We've had previous Bills, one Bill was lengthening prison terms for people who commit gun crimes. Another one

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was for people who hurt cops. Both of 'em gonna raise, you now, the DOC costs by tens of millions of dollars a year. Now we have Representative Rose's, but the solution's got to come from both sides of the aisle, too. Nobody's for be... sex offenders, nobody's for gun offenders, nobody's for people that hurt cops, but we don't have the money, Representative Parke is right, and it's... I'm glad we're no longer gonna pretend it doesn't count. Money we spend on DOC somehow doesn't count. What I urge is, that on all these Bills we start voting 'present' as a way to rein in the spending in DOC when the money is not there."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Rose to close. Wait a minute, Representative. Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. In all due respect to my colleagues, spare me, spare me the crying towel on the fiscal condition of our state. All of these people who have cried alligator tears in the last 10 minutes about the fiscal condition of our state, where is their call for a Committee of the Whole, to get agency directors in here and we all sit as a Appropriations Committee. Not one of them is asked to do that. Not one of them has gotten up and said, 'You know what, Third Reading deadline is Friday and we haven't acted on one Appropriation Bill. Oh, we'll do that later.' No, the four Leaders will do that later and then you'll vote on whatever they whatever they want you to vote on in June or July. Spare me those alligator

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tears until you start gettin' up and fighting like some of us have for years. Meet as a Committee of the Whole. Demand agency directors come in here and explain their budget. Demand that Appropriation Bills that are heard in House Appropriation Committees be brought to the floor and voted on one by one by one the way it used to be. And if you're not willing to fight that battle, spare me the alligator tears."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes Representative Rose to close."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. Why... I'd like to address the cost issue. The cost issue in one year is \$4 million. That's DOC's estimate. And I'd like to tell you why that's possibly flawed. The simple fact is, that if we do have a bright line rule that says 'hands off', there'll be less people coming through the system. Now, not everybody's gonna stop, there's predators out there, we all know that, but there'll be less people coming through the system. So that number will go down. But more importantly folks, the problem we have here is we look at one agency's budget. We look at, what's this gonna do to DOC? Okay and that's fair. But what's it gonna do to DHS? How many kids aren't we gonna have to pay for to counsel 'til they turn 18. They're estimating up to 200 people next year. Well, there's one kid for each one of those, there's probably two kids, there's probably more than that. How many of those kids are we gonna spend money out of DHS for? How many of those kids are we gonna spend money on

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counseling because they were abused by someone they trusted? That's not right. I'll tell you what one... I don't personally believe this estimate. Now, there might be some cost, but there's no doubt in my mind that we will save money in the DHS budget because we don't have to counsel those kids 'til they turn 18. When you get beyond the financial arguments folks, these are kids. These are teachers. These are people we trust. This should be the ultimate bright line rule. This should be a no-brainer. Hands off, don't touch. Please vote for this Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "We've heard the discussion on House Bill 1094. The question is, 'Should House Bill 1094 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Pihos. Representative Flider. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 6 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Phelps, for what purpose do you rise?"

Phelps: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Proceed, Representative."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd just like for you all to help me welcome three constituents from Johnson County, 118th District, Bret Neighbors, Mark Shumake and Les Ingle up in the balcony."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, on page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Fritchey has House Bill 3485. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3485, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Clerk (sic-Chair) recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative John Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the Body. House Bill 3485 is really a simple Bill and what it does... and that is, in Cook County and Cook County only, it would require hotel room attendants to be given in addition to a one 30-minute meal period, two 15-minute paid rest breaks when they work at least a seven-hour day. Ladies and Gentlemen, these hotel room attendants. These are the predominately women, predominately minorities, females, who take care of the rooms in the hotels that many of us stay in, in the hotels that visitors and working people in Chicago stay in and throughout... throughout our state. As competition is increasing in the hotel industry we've seen a lot of amenities come into these hotel rooms. We've seen they have nicer bedding, more amenities and there's more work for these women to do. All we're simply saying is, let these women have the privilege of a 30-minute meal period and two 15-minute breaks. Many people who have talked to me and have talked to many of you in opposition to this legislation and they said that this is simply an attempt to circumvent collective bargaining on this issue. Ladies and Gentlemen, the majority of hotels in Cook County are not

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union hotels. They don't have collective bargaining rights, they don't have those privileges. They don't have any redress other than the men and women in this General Assembly. They are coming to us to say, 'Let us have two 15-minute breaks, let us have a room that we can sit down and rest our feet in the middle of a work day.' Let us have clean drinking water so we can have some refreshment during our work day. That's what this Bill does and I request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Millner."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "He indicates he will."

Millner: "Representative, this... this would only be for Cook County, is that correct?"

Fritchey: "That is correct. The Bill as originally filed, would have applied statewide. And it was not my intention to unduly burden small little hotels, downstate hotels. And the impetus of this came from Chicago and Cook County and in response to concerns raised by you and other Legislators, we filed an Amendment which was adopted on the Bill yesterday that limits it to solely hotels within Cook County."

Millner: "Yeah, and I wanna thank you for adopting that Amendment to make a change to make it better for us. Another question would be, what if the worker made an agreement with the owner to get off earlier that day to forego a break, would that be okay?"



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Fritchey: "If there were an agreement that were to be reached, this wouldn't preclude this. And in a matter of fact, the Bill applies to a situation where the employee works at least 7 hours in that day. So, if the employee were going to work less than that, then they wouldn't be covered by this in any event. It's a very good point that you raised and I'm glad you did. Thank you."

Millner: "Yes, and also, what we're... all we're simply trying to do here is kind of keep in line with other businesses where they would have, for example, a half hour lunch, two 15-minute breaks and they could work out with their employer the way they want to work it out and if it were part-time it wouldn't matter."

Fritchey: "That... that is exactly right and what's ironic is, a number of these hotels said, 'We already give these women a 30-minute lunch and a 15-minute break.' So, really at that point they're telling me that they are objecting to giving an additional 15-minute break. You know, people characterize this as a union Bill, a labor Bill, it's a human decency Bill."

Millner: "Yes."

Fritchey: "These women work hard, on their feet, all day. We're saying give them two 15-minute breaks and give them a 30-minute meal period in which to just catch their breath, take a bathroom break, whatever the case may be."

Millner: "And then lastly, regarding collective bargaining, if for example, a hotel would enter into a collective bargaining arrangement with the employees which were

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different from this Bill, the collective bargaining agreement would overrule the particular legislation, correct?"

Fritchey: "And... and let me put the cards on the table. There is a collective bargaining agreement in place right now for union hotels in Cook County. Again, two points are relevant, though. One, the majority of hotels in Cook County are not union hotels. And two, that'll agreement will come up for negotiation again in August of 2006. So, some may say, 'Why not wait until then to take this issue up?' And I would submit that these women are struggling now. They shouldn't have to struggle for another 18 months. And again, there are more people in more hotels that don't have a collective bargaining agreement coming up. They have no other relief than the relief they are seeking from us here today."

Millner: "Yeah, yeah. And therefore, obviously, the majority are not union, but those that are union, collective bargaining would precedence at that time if they would enter into an agreement."

Fritchey: "Should there be a new collective bargaining agreement, that would be done in accordance with whatever state law is in effect at the time."

Millner: "And I wanna thank you again for your Amendment and taking the majority of the state off."

Fritchey: "It was sincerely not my intention to unduly burden other areas and so I heard your calls and I've said that I wanted to work on this and we've worked on this and I think

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we've got a situation that's hopefully amendable to everybody."

Millner: "Thank you and I commend you for doing that."

Fritchey: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I rise in support of the Gentleman's Bill. Some will say that this is part of a collective bargaining process, some will say they're in negotiations, some will say all kinds of things. But this is basic human dignity on the job site and I don't know why anyone would wanna vote against that. I understand that there are some lobbying groups here, some interest groups here in town. Some of them are my friends, some of them are your friends, but I just think they're simply a little strong on this issue, those that are opposed to this Bill. This is about simple rights for workers that most of us think are normal and adequate. Some of us that have had businesses or have had employees, give our employees breaks. All the Representative is asking for here is that we treat these people with respect, the respect that they deserve as workers that help our hospitality industry. And so, I would ask for your support on the Gentleman's Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "State your inquiry, Representative."

Black: "Could the Chair check with the Clerk and tell me by what vote did this Bill get our of committee? There were three different votes taken on this Bill. One was an illegal vote. Now, you can check the tapes and you can do whatever you want, I know the Rule of 60 precludes everything else. This Bill was not heard by the Third Reading deadline. You then extended the Third Reading deadline until March 17. The Bill was heard in the Labor Committee on March 17. A Roll Call was taken and one of your Members voted 'present'. The Bill failed. Your Member then said, 'Whoops, I think I'll change my vote', but unfortunately, your Chairperson had adjourned the committee. So then, the Chairperson said, 'Well, we'll... we'll stand in recess until the call of the Chair.' Announcing at no time when the Chai... when the committee would reconvene. The Republican Members left. After they left, the committee meeting was reconvened, I might add in violation of the House Rules and a vote was taken and all the Democrats who finally got the correct message voted 'yes'. So there's three votes on this Bill. Would you tell me which vote is the one that we're supposed to act on? Eleven to nothing, ten to six, or the vote by which on the 17th the Bill failed to get out of committee. You know, I've said this for years, if you just follow your own rules, this place would run rather smoothly. But you bend the rules, you change the rules, you cover up mistakes. Why didn't you just bring the Bill back? You run the

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place, you coulda had a committee hearing the next day and done it in accordance with the rules and brought it out with a valid vote. I ask the Chair to rule that this Bill should not be on the floor, it did not pass committee, in violation of the House Rules. If you want to have a committee meeting, you've go the votes, waive the posting requirements, hear it tomorrow, bring it back, you got the votes to pass it, but why don't you do it in accordance with the rules?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Black. The parliamentarian and the Clerk chief... the chief of staff are taking this all into consideration, we'll get back to you momentarily. To continue on debate, Representative Dunkin is recognized, the Gentleman from Cook. Floor debate will continue as we look into Representative Black's inquiries. Representative Dunkin to the Bill."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just trying to get some clarification. Is he pulling it out of the record now until we get some clarification or what?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No, the parliamentarian and chief of staff are looking into Mr. Black's inquiries on the procedure and how the Bill got here. So until then, I've been advised to just keep the debate going on the Bill."

Dunkin: "Okay. Can I wait until I hear the run... run... ruling?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No, we'll proceed with debate. There's you and several other people that wanna speak to the issue. We will continue debate."

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Dunkin: "Is it... what's the issue with the being able to wait for the rulings from the parliamentarian?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "We have people that wanna speak to the Bill, Representative."

Dunkin: "I wanna speak to the Bill, as well."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Well, that's fine. You've been recognized to do so."

Dunkin: "Okay, all right. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Proceed."

Dunkin: "Thank you. You know, you know, House Bill 3485, this Bill, you know, it amazes me because I've talked with the Sponsor of this Bill. I've spoken with the person who asked him to sponsor this Bill and it's really not what it appears to be. Here you have a union that has had an agreement for about 3 years now, that came up with all type of wonderful benefits for its... for its union members. We're talking eye... eye glasses to other sophisticated health care to training programs. A number, a number of positive benefits for its employees. I mean they fought tooth and nail to have. Most of them have a paid lunch a paid break, already. And in Chicago, in Chicago alone, the average employee makes about \$14 an hour, full-time, plus the benefits that they get. They also have the flexibility to come in about... at about 8:00, 8:30 and leave about 1:30, 2:00 as long as they finish their rooms. And that flexibility that they have with their employer or the manager of the hotel is not unheard of. There is no sense of urgency. There is no inhumane treatment for any

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housekeeper, mostly in the State of Illinois. The reason that this Bill became focused on Cook County instead of the state is because they knew that they couldn't pass the Bill. 'Cause they knew... this is very unfair and it's even more unfair to try to use this as a social injustice issue or paint it as, you have all these Latino and all these black women who are being taken advantage of. I resent that. This Bill... or this issue here of an additional break should be a part of the collective bargaining agreement that they came up with 2 or 3 years ago, which they're going to argue and debate next year. So why in the hell are we here today trying to usurp and undermine what the unions already agreed on successfully several years ago. You know why we're here doing this? It's because they're trying to get an upmanship for next year's union negotiation and debate with the hotels. Most of the hotels don't have an issue with this. The issue that they have is them, the union, trying to come down here and usurp and try to undermine, try to undercut this process of collective bargaining in this state that most of us, Democrat or Republican, tends to respect. And so they're using housekeepers, women, black, Hispanic, Polish as a front to try to undermine that very process. I'm urging every single Member in here to listen up and wise up and to not fall for the okey-doke of trying undermine the unions. What's right is right and what's wrong is wrong. This Bill, Ladies and Gentlemen, is as wrong as the day is long. I would strongly encourage a 'no' vote. Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Terry Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Some of the previous speakers talked about what's morally right. Some of the other speakers tried to point out that this is an injustice. Well, ya know, if you believe in collective bargaining and I happen to believe in it, I think it's a good way to negotiate things. It's a good way to get two sides together to work out something and end up with an agreement that all sides agree to and then you sign the contract and we move forward. This is a basis of how we operate in the State of Illinois. Collective bargaining. If you allow this Bill to pass, you are circumventing a tenents that is used in this state. This is wrong. This is just outright wrong to try to force this. And ya know what, the contract's up next year, the contract is up next year. Let's not... let's defeat this Bill. Let's just simply say is that we can wait one more year and this will be part of the collective bargaining. For 3 years they've lived with it. All of a sudden they don't want a collective bargaining they simply want to come down here and have you and I circumvent the collective bargaining arena. Ladies and Gentlemen, what is right is right and this Bill is not right. I would ask that we defeat it, send a message to all of us on both sides that there is a... an acceptable mode of developing contracts and union work rules and that is called 'collective bargaining'. Let's



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not circumvent it, let us use that as a basis of how we operate in this state."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Suzie Bassi."

Bassi: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "He indicates he will."

Bassi: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I rise in strong opposition to this Bill. Again, I would remind you that the tourism industry is the number two industry in the State of Illinois. It is the number one entry level position for women and minorities in the State of Illinois. It provides them their best opportunity to move up the ranks. This legislation would have the effect of reducing the number of full-time room attendants in the hotels because they will drop to part-time positions in order to take care of it. Most of these room attendants are not interested in the additional break time. On top of which, they... if they're working in one of the larger hotels downtown, you're not talking about just 15 minutes. If they're on the 17th floor and they have to go to a break room in some of the larger hotels, they have to come down from the break room and then get back up. So, you're talking additional time. They would prefer to get, in the morning, get their rooms cleaned and get out. They want the time flexibility that has been allotted, let the collective bargaining agreement move forward. Let's vote 'no' on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Dave Winters."

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Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One other Representative had already brought up the issue of union representation in a collective bargaining and I want to expound a little bit more on that. What we have here is a union that has failed to achieve this goal in their negotiations. What they're trying to do is to come to Springfield and have us mandate that they don't have to bargain over this. If that's the case, if workers that feel that they don't... if they can't gain or add negotiations is to come to Springfield, what's the purpose of being a member of a union? If they can simply not bargain but come down to Springfield and pass legislation that makes it mandatory that the employers offer these benefits, I would say, ask for your union dues back. Get out of the union, because they aren't doing you any good at all. What you're doing is... is Representatives in this General Assembly are doing the work that the unions can't do themselves. It's a lousy idea. Let the... let the workers negotiate with their employers. In fact, what you're doing is tying the hands of people that are doing a job that they feel that they can do in a certain amount of time. If they want to leave at the end of the day, they can leave a half an hour earlier if they don't have the mandated breaks. You've... you've simply restricted their rights to negotiate with their employers by mandating. This may not be what they want. And particularly if the workers don't want it, their union thinks it's a good idea but they can get it passed in negotiations then they come

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to Springfield. It's a lousy idea and I encourage this...  
this House to vote this Bill down. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook,  
Representative Will Davis."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Indicates he will."

Davis, W.: "Representative, is this a piece of legislation that  
impacts both union and nonunion workers?"

Fritchey: "It absolutely is. What befuddles me about the  
previous speakers, they can rant and rave about collective  
bargaining all they want. Maybe they didn't hear me, maybe  
I didn't speak loud enough. The majority of hotels in Cook  
County are not union hotels. Those workers have no  
collective bargaining rights. They have no union  
protections, they have no recourse. In August of '06, '07,  
'08 they have no other recourse. They are not  
circumventing anything. They are coming to their one  
outlet for relief which is this Body and this chamber.  
These workers, primarily, and I take offense to the  
previous speaker's offense that I'm playing a race card  
inadvertently. The fact of the matter is, the overwhelming  
majority, the overwhelming majority of these hotel room  
attendants are females and the overwhelming majority of  
these hotel room attendants are minorities. And the  
majority of these people do not have union representation,  
do not have collective bargaining, there is no  
circumvention. This is where they come to protest us.  
This is where we gave worker's rights originally, this is

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where these movements started originally. This is a two-page Bill that has the audacity to say that a woman that does hard, manual labor for seven hours a day gets a 30-minute lunch break and they also have two 15-minute breaks during the day. A room that she can sit down in and free drinking water. That's what this Bill says."

Davis, W.: "Okay, Representative."

Fritchey: "Thank you."

Davis, W.: "That was... that was the basis of my question. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Seeing no... seeing no further speakers, the parliamentarian will address Representative Black's inquiry."

Parliamentarian Uhe: "Representative Black, on behalf of the Speaker and in response to your inquiry. House Bill 3485 was heard in committee and received 2 votes. According to the records of the Clerk's Office, which I've reviewed and in consulting with the Clerk's Office, it appears to me that the first vote failed. It did not receive a majority of the committee. A second vote was taken, receiving 11 votes majority and that is the vote by which the Bill passed out of committee."

Black: "All right. Thank you very much, Mr. Parliamentarian. I can honestly say I'm not truly shocked and appalled by the ruling. But I do appreciate your basic honesty. This Bill did fail in committee. The committee was recessed or not that... that's open to debate after listening to the tape. The committee was reconvened in about 10 minutes.

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No Republicans were notified, no Republicans were present. Okay. It passed. I don't think it passed in full accordance with... I don't think it passed with full accordance of all rules of the House but I learned a long time ago, the Rule of 60 is the only rule that counts. But I do appreciate your response. I think everybody oughta realize that this Bill had a hearing, it failed, it was ginned up, came back, passed the second time. Don't we all wish we had that opportunity?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we've heard the debate on House Bill 3485. The question is, 'Should House Bill 3485 pass?' 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 Bill, there are 63 Members voting 'yes', 51 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page... Mr. Clerk... Representative Franks, for what reason do you wish to be acknowledged?"

Franks: "If I may, Mr. Speaker, for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Proceed, Representative."

Franks: "I just want to wish a very warm happy birthday to Mike Thompson, the man behind the throne, the man who makes it happen here on the House Democratic side. Happy birthday, Mike."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "Happy birthday, Michael Thompson. Mr. Clerk, Rules Committee Report."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or joint action Motions were referred, action taken on April 13, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'approved for floor considerations' Amendment #2 to House Bill 756, Amendment #1 to 875, Amendment #3 to 1463, Amendment #2 to 2414, Amendment #1 to 2453, Amendment #3 to 2521. Amendment #1 to House Bill 3468, Amendment #3 to House Bill 3532, Amendment #1 to House Bill 3555, Amendment #2 House Bill 3581, Amendment #2 and 3 to House Bill 3628, and Amendment 2 to House Bill 3587... Amendment #2 to House Bill 3687."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk, on page... Representative McCarthy, for reason do you wish to be recognized? Representative McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. A point of clarification. Would you ask the Clerk if he meant to say Amendment #1 to House Bill 3488? I believe he said 3468 and maybe I'm misinformed but I thought 3488 was the correct number."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk, for point of clarification, Representative McCarthy has an inquiry."

Clerk Mahoney: "Amendment #1 to House Bill 3488, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk, thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, on page 26 of the Calendar,

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Representative Saviano has House Bill 2525. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2525, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Skip Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 2525 as amended, becomes an agreed Bill. This amends the Physical Fitness Services Act. What it basically does, is under new trends in health clubs across the state, they were previously capped for overall services at \$25 hundred. This would allow an individual who goes to a health club to incur additional expenses as that client may see fit for personal trainers and other services that club may provide outside the traditional... the traditional services that were provided in the past. It's simply trying to keep up with the new trends of physical fitness throughout the state and I would ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You heard the explanation on House Bill 2525. Is there any questions or any discussion from the floor? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 2525 pass?' 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? Monique Davis. Representative Dunn. Representative Younge. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 60 voting 'yes', 54 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Saviano also has House Bill 3749. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3749, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 3749 as amended was brought to me by a family who incurred a situation where under current law if there's say five plots at a cemetery owned at-large with all the heirs, that all the heirs would have to sign off on it, one of the other heirs being buried in that plot. Well, the situations where heirs to the those plots may live out of the country or cannot be contacted at the point in time when someone passes on and this would simply allow it to take place with only two-thirds of the current living heirs that approve. And it's simply a commonsense measure to streamline these most difficult times and I would ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You heard explanation on House Bill 3749. Is there any discussion from the floor? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 3759 pass?' 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 Younge, wanna be recorded? Wyvetter. Representative Mulligan. Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this



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Bill, there are 116 Members voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 24 of the Calendar, Representative Yarbrough has House Bill 672. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 672, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I have for your consideration today House Bill 672. The first thing I wanna say about this Bill, it doesn't cost the state any money. This Bill doesn't ban anything or require municipalities to do anything. It removes preemption from the Illinois Clean Indoor (sic-Air) Act. It allows the Illinois Clean Indoor (sic-Air) Act, intact, exactly as it is with both of its provisions and its exceptions. It changes 'shall not' to 'may' and that's pretty important stuff around here. 'Shall not' comin' out of Springfield is never popular. Those back home like to make up their own minds and not to... to be told what they shall and shall not do. House Bill 672 gets rid of 'shall not' and replaces it with 'may'. It's a 'may' Bill. It allows municipalities to act. They may act, if they wish. There's no mandate, no mandate to do anything. Because the Clean Indoor (sic-Air) Act remains intact, it becomes a floor. It will still be the law and that means there'll be something on the books for clean air and those

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municipalities for whatever reason solely on their discretion decide not to act. So, because the... the Act remains the law local action, if taken, has to be no less restrictive than the Clean Indoor (sic-Air) Act to keep from undermining the current statute. It's a 'who' Bill rather than a 'where' Bill. Where the Clean Indoor (sic-Air) Act applies today is where it'll apply in the future under this legislation. It has exemptions and it will continue to have exemptions in the future under this legislation. Currently, only 21 communities grandfathered in under the Clean Indoor (sic-Air) Act can do something. The rest of the state is currently stymied. So, House Bill 672 will free up those stymied, free up the whole rest of the state. And as the Peoria Star Journal said in its editorial on Saturday, April 6, 'For once, state lawmakers are considering giving local governments a choice, not a mandate. That's almost reason enough to endorse the legislation without knowing what it says.' I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Carolyn Krause."

Krause: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To the Bill. I rise in strong support of House Bill 672. I think that the Sponsor has laid out a very strong case on why the time has come for this House to support this legislation. I don't think there is any doubt that this Bill addresses a health issue and a health concern in our state. And in addition, not

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only does it address the... the health problems of smoking, but in addition, the issues of secondhand smoke. But this legislation, in addition, finally recognizes the contribution of our local municipalities and it provides under this section that a Home Rule unit 'may', now, 'may' regulate smoking in public places. They are not obligated to do so. And there well could be some Home Rule municipalities that may choose not to. But very clearly, it is at the local level that our Home Rule units should address this issue, have the hearings that would be important, bring in their public health department, bring in those that are in supportive and that... those that are in opposition and have the hearings at that level. Because it would be through those hearings that our local Home Rule municipalities could determine if they wish to proceed to regulate smoking in public areas. There is a basis and is a need for this legislation. And as I said, the time has come truly to lift the preemption that was placed on our Home Rule units and to let them finally proceed. Where do we know better than our local communities to determine the issues of public health. And who better than our mayors, our trustees, our aldermen to have the hearings and to be permitted to look at this issue. There is a strong merit in this Bill. It has been here before. And I truly hope that we would recognize that to provide for our local communities the right and the power to look at this issue because, as I said, the legislation merely says now that they 'may' look at this issue. That is very important and

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that is key. Indeed, the time has come. We should grant this right where it has always truthfully belonged. I would stand with the Sponsor and urge a strong support and urge a 'yes' on House Bill 672. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will, Representative McGuire."

McGuire: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As many of you know who have been around here for a few years, I've had this Bill several times, was not able to pass it. Representative Krause had the Bill a year or two ago got closer to passing it. Representative Yarbrough has the Bill this year and I'm sure she will pass it. I think it's been very well debated and discussed. This is a health Bill, Clean Indoor Air Act. It does nothing but allow cities to get into the program. It does not mandate it. It does not demand anything, but it does provide clean air. I would certainly suggest a strong 'aye' vote on this Bill and thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Terry Parke."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Indicates he will... she will."

Parke: "Representative, is the Illinois Retail Merchants opposed to your Bill?"

Yarbrough: "Yes, they are."

Parke: "Is the Illinois Restaurant Association opposed to your Bill?"

Yarbrough: "Yes, they are."

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Parke: "Is the Illinois Licensed Beverage Association opposed to your Bill?"

Yarbrough: "Yes, they are."

Parke: "Is the Illinois Association of Tobacco and Candy Distributors opposed to your Bill?"

Yarbrough: "Well, I didn't they were, but if you say so. Yes, they are."

Parke: "The Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association, the Illinois Association of Convenience Stores. Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "To the Bill."

Parke: "Again, a Bill that has merit. But the crux of the argument here is that it oughta be a decision. If I decide that I do not wanna eat steak and I go to a restaurant and I choose to not have steak, I oughta have the option of saying, 'No, I don't want it.' And if I go to a restaurant that only serves steak then I oughta have the right not to go to that store or restaurant. I should just simply say, 'You don't have on the menu what I want.' The same thing goes with smoking. If they don't have a section in the restaurant and many restaurants have, not many, but some have gone to smoke free and this bothers me. I have two daughters that have asthma. I don't go to establishments where there's a lot of smoke. I make the conscious choice of not doing that. And if there is a... if there's a section of the restaurant wherever we go, I always ask for the nonsmoking section. I've never smoked a cigarette in my life. This is a choice that I consciously make. If

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somebody doesn't want it, don't patronize it. Go tell the owner of that restaurant, of that bar, of that bowling alley that you don't wanna take part in patronizing that establishment because they allow smoking. Eventually, these establishments will get the picture and not allow it at all. That's their decision. It ought not to be a decision foisted upon them. You know, 25 percent of the American people still smoke. I don't understand it myself. But that's their conscious decision to make it. They're 25 percent of your constituency still smokes. And to tell everybody that this is the only way they're gonna keep clean air, I beg to differ. So, I re... respectfully rise in opposition to the Lady's legislation."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Hamos."

Hamos: "Thank you. Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "She indicates she'll yield."

Hamos: "You know, Representative Yarbrough, the previous speaker asked you about all these special interest groups and what their attitude was. I'd like to ask you a different question. Does the public support this Bill?"

Yarbrough: "Yes, they do."

Hamos: "Exactly, right. This is for the public not for the lobbyists who hang around the rail, Ladies and Gentlemen. What this Bill provides is that, we all know this, that local communities may regulate indo... Clean Indoor Air Act. I have two communities in my own district, two of them that are among the original group that did have an opportunity

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to take this up just recently. One of them rejected it, that's their right. That's what a Home Rule community oughta be able to do. And the other one and this is the important part, Ladies and Gentlemen, decided to accept it but with certain modifications. What this allows a Home Rule community to do is to actually regulate what components of an establishment might make it safe and healthy for everyone who uses that establishment. It's not even an either/or kind of proposition. It is whatever... what a local community can consider for itself to make it safe and healthy for everyone. There are other states, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and even Kentucky who have local control on smoking regulations. That's all this would do. I think you know the safety benefits. I think you know the health benefits. I think you know that the public supports this. I think you realize that this is really all... all about local control. And I urge a strong 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black. Representative Black."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "She indicates she will."

Black: "Representative, you're aware that the Senate Bill passed... the Senate passed a Bill over to the House."

Yarbrough: "Yeah... Yes, Representative..."

Black: "It... it's the same Bill, right?"

Yarbrough: "...by 40... by 41 votes."

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Black: "Same Bill?"

Yarbrough: "Yes."

Black: "All right, so, but... but we have to... we have to jump through the hoops twice, right?"

Yarbrough: "I'm sorry. I can't hear you."

Black: "Well... you want us to jump through the same hoop..."

Yarbrough: "Ye... yes, I do."

Black: "All right. Okay. Let me ask you a question about this Bill. This Bill failed in committee the first time, did it not?"

Yarbrough: "Yes."

Black: "Okay. And then you... your persuasive powers convinced that person to change. And so, on the second time, it passed committee, right?"

Yarbrough: "Yes."

Black: "Okay."

Yarbrough: "They saw the error of their way."

Black: "There's a lot of that education that takes place around here. Does this Bill mandate that any city pass a nonsmoking ordinance?"

Yarbrough: "Absolutely not. It does not mandate anything."

Black: "The local unit of government will then decide what they wanna do."

Yarbrough: "That's correct."

Black: "Is there anything in this Bill that would stop Legislators from smoking in the bathroom, it reminds me of high school, smoking in their office? Is there any place in this Capitol where you... where it's legal to smoke?"



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Yarbrough: "I don't think so."

Black: "I don't either but it happens, doesn't it? All the time."

Yarbrough: "It..."

Black: "Up until about 4 months ago, it happened on the Senate Floor on a regular basis. If you wanna... if you want to see what secondhand smoke can do, Representative, I'll announce you with the proper clearance. Come back in the men's restroom someday. You... you..."

Yarbrough: "No, thank you, Representative."

Black: "...you won't wanna stand in there very long. But there's no mandate in here, right?"

Yarbrough: "No, Sir, there is not."

Black: "So, we're giving local governments the ability to decide what they wanna do."

Yarbrough: "That's correct."

Black: "Well, I'll be darned. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "To the Bill."

Black: "You know, I've changed my mind on this Bill over the years. And I... I have some of the concerns that were articulated by Representative Parke. All I wanna say is to the local units of government, when you consider these bans, would you please consider the investment, the rights, if you will, of private property owners? All of you in this chamber stop and think what you would be like if you had invested your life savings in a restaurant and a pub. And you had a smoking area and you put in a separate air filtration, you put in a commercial unit called a smoke

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eater and those people that wanted to go in the nonsmoking area do, as... as Representative Parke said, those people who wanna smoke go in the smoking area. All I would urge those local units of government to do is to be very careful how you balance the rights of someone who has invested their life savings in a business. Particularly, a bar or a bowling alley or something like that. Don't just rush to pass a blanket ban that may very well put somebody out of business. The reason I've changed my vote is for years I got calls from people at home telling me they... they were tired of smoke in restaurants. And then the local officials would call me and say, 'Hey', they'd blame me. They'd say, 'Well, don't... don't come to the city council meeting, Bill Black won't let us pass a Bill.' Well, you know, you only do that to me once. And so, to my mayors, to my aldermen and my city councils, you blamed me and said that I was the one preventing you from making that decision. Well, guess what? I turned that puppy over. Now, it's up to you, Mr. Mayor. It's up to you, Mr. and Mrs. Alderman, you make the decision. You're not gonna put it on me anymore. I just hope you make a reasonable, rational decision. But you know what? You aren't gonna be able to blame the state anymore. You can't hide anymore. You're gonna have to make a decision. Make it rational. Make it reasonable. And I hope that they will see the justice of doing that very carefully. I intend to vote 'aye'."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Yarbrough to close."

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Yarbrough: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you to all of you who have stood up on behalf of this Bill. To the previous speaker, I think that this debate does belong at the local level. Local officials aren't stupid. They know what their community feels and I hardly think that they would do something that would hurt their own community. So, this debate, those meetings and those times where they come together and sit down and talk about what they want and what they need for their communities, I think that it rests there. So, I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 672 pass?' All those in favor vote '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 Bill, there are 62 Members voting 'yes', 48 voting 'no', 6 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Washington has House Bill 2449. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2449, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Washington."

Washington: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is a human rights Bill. This is a simple Bill and I'm glad to be able to represent this Bill because I've been a victim of what we're trying to correct and address today. House

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Bill 2449, it deals with the conduct of railroad employees in regards to the administration of emergency medical treatment. The Bill states that a railroad shall make a 'good faith effort' which all of us should be able to expect in a emergency situation if we're hurt. We wanna feel that if we fall out on this floor, like some of us have, unfortunately, that prompt medical attention is gonna be given to the injured without delay or without interference and we're not gonna be denied any human rights of access to being administered medically for any incident that occur. Well, some might say that this is already in place, but I'm here to tell you that this is one of those unfortunate incidents where some people don't practice what they preach. And as a result, I'm asking my colleagues who can see themselves in the place of getting injured at any job, whether it's the railroad, whether it's here on the floor, that surely they don't want anybody to have the power to override the human right expectancy of being able to be given prompt medical treatment without delay or denial or interference. And if so, that someone was to do that that there should be some consequences to make a strong point that this is a human rights issue, that everyone has a right to medical treatment when they need it and that discipline or threaten to discipline people and intimidate them is just unacceptable. And that's something that goes along and happens more too often and I have documents upon documents of cases where this happened on

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the railroad, myself being one of them and I'm open for any questions."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I rise in support of the Gentleman's Bill. This is apparently a real problem on our railroads. Apparently, there are file folders filled with complaints from railroad workers about delay in treatment for injuries and lack of management dealing with these problems in an appropriate way. I think if any of us were injured on this job or any other job we have, we'd wanna to make sure that we got attended to immediately. Some of have strangely raised the point of collective bargaining here, but I don't know why someone should have to collective bargain for their right to have their injuries addressed when they're injured on the job. This is a problem that the railroads have been denying, but you can't deny the facts and the facts are there are claim after claim after claim of injured workers in railroads... on railroads that have not had their injuries attended to in a way we would want our injuries attended to or our family members' injuries attended to if we were injured on the job. So the Gentleman's got a point with his Bill. He's trying to send a message that... a simple message. The simple message is that when you're injured on the job and your employer knows about it your employer shouldn't stand in the way of having your injuries treated. That's all this Bill is about. The Gentleman deserves an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Terry Parke."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "He indicates he will."

Parke: "Yeah, I'm confused. Representative, you said this is... is a human rights Act. Isn't this... didn't this go before the Transportation Committee?"

Washington: "I'm sorry, Representative, I didn't catch that last question."

Parke: "I said you opened your statement by saying this is a human rights Bill. But didn't this Bill go before the Transportation Committee?"

Washington: "Well, when I said that, Representative, I thought it was clear that being that I'm a human and the people we're talkin' about are human and that all of us have equal right to medical treatment."

Parke: "Oh, so you're... you're talkin'..."

Washington: "Without interference or delay or being denied."

Parke: "...you're talkin' philosophically, you're not talkin' about..."

Washington: "I'm talking... I'm talking..."

Parke: "...that the Bill really... doesn't it amend the Transportation Act?"

Washington: "Well, now which question you want me to answer first, Representative?"

Parke: "Or does it create a new Act?"

Washington: "You asked two questions there."

Parke: "Yes."

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Washington: "Let me start with your first then go to your second."

Parke: "Thank you."

Washington: "Thank you. The first one, it is a human rights Bill. It's a human right because all of us, none of us in this room should be denied or interfered with when trying to have medical treatment on a emergency situation. That's number one. Number two, it went through the committee that it went through hoping that it could get a fair audience is not dealing with federal regulation. Because the Federal Railroad Administration do not directly prohibit the interference of medical treatment but once again, this is a Bill that people are not practicing what they're preachin' and even though it's reported to the Federal Administration as to accidents, they have no reporting process procedure as to what happened once that accident occur."

Parke: "Okay. Well, so this actually has to do with railroads and transportation and that's what we're talking about. We're creating a new Act with this. Now, isn't this... isn't this really a collective bargaining issue? Isn't this... I mean the crux of this is a collective bargaining issue, isn't it? 'Cause I mean we all want an injured worker to be treated properly and with care and that that injury is treated in a timely manner. I mean, we would all say that. But isn't this really, basically a collective bargaining issue?"

Washington: "Representative, this is just about fundamental rights and if you wanna say it's new, then let's put it

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this way. Let's say it's new and improved. But we need to practice what we preach and make sure that no citizen in the State of Illinois, whether they're a railroad worker or just workers, that no one... if you fall out today no one should interfere with the medical treatment that a doctor has designated that you need for recovery."

Parke: "Well, ya know, when someone's injured, and any of us are injured, and we think that the care that should be provided for us is not proper, don't we have the courts to go to? I mean, can't we go to... I mean, couldn't they take this to court?"

Washington: "Yeah, you know in your case Rep, you probably could because you have got the latitude of movement that most people in a job situation are intimidated. They wanna keep their job so at the same time a lot of things of abuse from the administrative level happens to intimidate those employees where a lot time certain things don't come about."

Parke: "Well, I... I happen to know the men and women that are in the union leadership, but I have a lot of confidence in them. And I think you probably do too or you wouldn't be carrying this. I think they're capable of taking this to court on behalf of their membership, and..."

Washington: "And well, you know what?"

Parke: "And... and..."

Washington: "Representative..."

Parke: "And I think that they would do a good job, but let me ask you another question."



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Washington: "Okay."

Parke: "What is the definition of 'deny, delay, or interfere with the access to medical care'? Is there a real and actual definition of what all that means?"

Washington: "Well, yes, Sir, I'm gonna give it to you and I thank you for raising the question. But first, let me go back to thank you when you say you know union people that you have confidence in. Because I, too, am part of a union that I have the total confidence in and I can speak with this Bill as a direct victim of the administration in a accident that happened to me. But let me just share a few things with you, if I may."

Parke: "Well, I'm about to run out of time so I really don..."

Washington: "That's all right, well, Representative, okay but..."

Parke: "...I really appreciate that."

Washington: "Yes, Sir."

Parke: "Does this Bill apply to Metra and Amtrak?"

Washington: "I'm sorry, Sir."

Parke: "Does this Bill apply to Metra and Amtrak?"

Washington: "Well believe it or not, Metra is supportive of this Bill, Representative."

Parke: "That's not my question. Does it apply to them?"

Washington: "My... my... but my answer is Metra is supportive of this Bill."

Parke: "Answer my question, Sir."

Washington: "This is dealing with..."

Parke: "Does it apply to Metra?"

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Washington: "My answer to you, Representative, dealing with railroad workers."

Parke: "So it does."

Washington: "It's dealing with railroad workers."

Parke: "So, you can't answer the question, can you?"

Washington: "I answered it the best that I could."

Parke: "No, you didn't."

Washington: "Yes, I did, Rep, best I could."

Parke: "It's very clear, it's your legislation, Sir. Either you know what's in here or you don't. I asked you a question I expect a straight answer because you want me to vote on this and you want all these Members to vote on it. So, I asked you a straight question, I want a straight answer."

Washington: "Well, Rep, you know, I got children I want a straight answer, I don't always get it."

Parke: "So you're not a child, Sir, you're an adult, you're a Rep."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Parke, your time has expired. If you could conclude your remarks we'd appreciate it. Anything further, Representative Parke? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Miller."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Indicates he will."

Miller: "Representative Washington, when Amendment was adopted in addition to some of the comments I just heard in regards to federal reg... regulation, can you just briefly describe

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maybe the relationship between federal regulation of something like this and local and why this is needed here in Illinois?"

Washington: "Representative, if I understand your question, the Federal Railroad Administration, it mainly addresses the reporting of accidents as I stated earlier. But not the actions following the injury and that's where we have a problem with so many people here in the state that have worked for the railroad and have found themselves in those predicament."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could quiet the chamber down slightly, it's getting rather noisy in here, we'd appreciate it. Shhhhhhhh. Thank you."

Washington: "And it's also primarily civil. This creates a criminal penalty."

Miller: "So, as far as in a time frame, 'cause I... if I do remember the comments that were made, what do you think or do why do you not think we travel... or would think federal intervention versus here in the state?"

Washington: "Representative, I apologize, but I heard part of what you said but not the total..."

Miller: "I'm trying to get... ya know, some of the comments that I heard are criticisms, was in regards to why not... why not implement this on a federal level, the Federal Laws have to deal with this, don't they deal with this, and I'm just trying to make sure the Body here is clarified there's a difference between what you're trying to do on a state

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level and a federal level and versus a time frame in which this is gonna happen or..."

Washington: "Representative, actually a vast, vast difference between the federal and what we're trying to do here. This really gives some strength and teeth and make people practice what they preach. This is an initiative by the UTU which represent railroad employees and it's simply attempts to address the problem of railroad managers who delay or interfere with medical treatment of employees so that the railroad does not have to report employee injuries to the Federal Government and the argument is simple. That railroads do not..."

Miller: "Excuse me, Representative, I don't mean to cut you off."

Washington: "...have the right..."

Miller: "Let me get... let me get to the point. You don't feel that federal regulations... address this problem."

Washington: "We know that they don't. They only deal with the accident reporting but not the aftermath what takes place with the employee and administration of those people who they're under in terms of the job."

Miller: "So, for instance, if I get in... I'm walking along a plank, I fall, all of a sudden my... I get bodily harm, my leg gets chopped off. All the railroads have to do currently right now is report that my leg got chopped off versus that all of us, ya know, that the supervisor was able to call the hospital right away to be able to, ya

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know, do whatever they needed to do to apply first-aid. Is that what I'm hearing here?"

Washington: "That's correct."

Miller: "To the Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "To the Bill."

Miller: "I think this legislation only makes sense. It's been far too long in committee. Individuals were brought to our committee who had bodily harm do to them in all kinds of different ways. We can provide testimony after testimony after testimony how these individuals were hurt. But however, what is not reported and was not known is how quickly they've been able to receive medical care, that is needed medical care, and possibly lifesaving or injuries. This only makes sense that the individuals who do have... who do get hurt on the worksite, just gets the proper medical care in a timely fashion. As a health care provider, I understand that. Many times we aren't able to go through litigation when something is hurting us. We need medical treatment right away and I think individuals, regardless of their work, particularly in high-risk areas where there is substantial bodily harm that can occur to them, seek and get medical treatment. I would ask the Body for a favorable vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Tryon."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "He indicates he will."

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Tryon: "Thank you. I have a few questions, but first I'd like to say that I respect the Sponsor and where he's coming from on this. I think he's lived this, he knows that he's seen it firsthand, but I do have some problems with the Bill, as I stated when it came up in committee. And one of the problems that I have and I think I can ask this question is, the railroad falls under a set of federal regulations, not state workers' comp regulations, is that correct?"

Washington: "I'm sorry, what did you say now?"

Tryon: "The railroad workers fall under federal regulations instead of workers' comp regulations, like the rest of the workforce in our state does?"

Washington: "Yes, Sir, that's correct."

Tryon: "That's correct, okay. When somebody denies medical treatment and it's a management decision to deny that and the person files a complaint not... he doesn't file it with the Federal Government under your Bill, he files it with the state's attorney in the county that it occurred, is that correct?"

Washington: "I'm sorry, Representative, would you repeat that?"

Tryon: "All right, if somebody who works for the railroad is denied access to care and they wanna file a complaint about it, it gets turned over to the county state's attorney for investigation, is that correct?"

Washington: "Yes, Sir."

Tryon: "Okay."

Washington: "That's correct."

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Tryon: "And who pays for that investigation?"

Washington: "They only investigate those things that are considered meritorious. And of course, the taxpayers take care of that the same as we do for any other citizen in the State of Illinois."

Tryon: "Right. Okay, so we're not providing any funding to local government to actually handle these complaints and they are complaints and they may have merit from an employee's standpoint or from this Bill's standpoint but we're not providing any money in order to fund that, correct?"

Washington: "A state mandate was filed and this has been proven that it is no impact at all on local government."

Tryon: "Well, now how could that be?"

Washington: "I don't know, but that's the fact. We can show it to you if you like."

Tryon: "Okay. All right. Here's the problem that I have with the Bill. I believe that the examples... can I speak to the Bill?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "To the Bill."

Tryon: "Okay. The problem I have with the Bill is the examples that were given by the Railroad Employees' Union I think were extreme and good examples of bad management decisions. But I don't think bad management decisions equates to having to file a complaint in the State's Attorneys Office of each county providing an investigation in criminalizing bad management decisions. I believe that every employee in any workforce, whether it's the railroad, whether it's the

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state or whether it's any other private sector workforce, has access to the civil courts. If some of these management decisions to deny access to care were in fact true, and I believe they were, I believe that those employees had the right to file a lawsuit in court in our state and in some cases in federal court. And I think that's the proper venue to adjudicate these types of complaints, not in the criminal system, not in the county. I think our state's attorneys are committed to investigations of criminals and... and... and prosecuting criminals. I don't believe this exists in the state's attorneys of our counties. I believe this has... is an unfunded mandate. I don't think our counties are experienced to do this. I don't believe our counties have the revenue to do this and nor do I think it warrants this type of complaint. I support giving the railroad unions the authority to adjudicate this in civil court for damages. So, I will be voting against the Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Soto."

Soto: "Thank you, Speaker. I... I rise in strong support of House Bill 2449. I had one of my constituents stop at a restaurant 'cause he saw me drinking coffee and he comes up to me and tells me that he had a complaint about the railroad. What he told me was that he was holding a stake and when the person that hit that stake... hit that stake, busted his finger. The pictures he came into this restaurant to show me were gory, gory pictures. I'm



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telling you, if you saw them, I'm telling you wouldn't wanna see 'em. The meat was sticking out, I mean it was gru... I mean, it was... I've never seen anything like this. This gentleman, this constituent of mine that I've known for many years told me that he had to beg the railroad to please, please take him to the hospital and they kept telling him, 'No, we can't take you right now because our railroad doctor is not available.' So he told me that he begged and begged that please take him to the emergency room. And finally, when he started crying is when they... he had to cry. This is a grown man crying, begging to please take him to the emergency room and finally they did that. So I urge an 'aye' vote on this... on this Bill and I'm very... and I stand in strong support of this Bill because this really angers me. We're here representing the people of Illinois and some of us here are gonna vote 'no' on a Bill that's to protect employees. I mean, come on, we're... we're here to represent the people of Illinois and then we have opposition to this Bill. It's... I just don't understand it, but I stand in strong support of this Bill and I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognize the Gentleman from DuPage, Randy Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "To the Bill."

Hultgren: "Once again, we find ourselves doing the work that our law has set up for others to be responsible for. We are taking the place of collective bargaining as we vote on

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this today. This is an issue that absolutely belongs to be bargained, especially, so clearly that the Federal Government has been involved in this process. We absolutely should not step in and vote for this. I encourage all of my colleagues to vote against this. I'm very concerned the way that this language, the Amendment that was passed, was put on this. I'm very concerned because what it does is it gives absolute carte blanche to the physician of the employee with absolutely no rights to the employer. And unfortunately, we have no guarantee that that physician is not a good friend who's doing a favor to an employee and given a few days off to go do what they wanna do. The employer has no way to go back and check that and I just... I really think this is the wrong thing for us to be getting involved in. The Federal Government has already stepped up and addressed this issue and I would encourage all of you to vote 'no' on this Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Patterson."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "He indicates he will."

Patterson: "Representative, if the Federal Government has rules and regulations to cover this, how is it then that a manager, i.e., a boss, can deny a worker the opportunity to seek emergency help or assistance prior to forcing that worker to go back to show how the accident occurred?"

Washington: "That's a good question with an answer. Let me... let me just say in a more calmer way and only reason I'm

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speaking to passion and I hope my zeal for the passion is not interpreted as cockiness, because that's not in my spirit at all. But I just want you to know that until you walk in somebody else's shoes, you don't know what they have to go through and the concern of the language that was spoken of on this side of the aisle is secondary to the practice that is done as it relates to an unwritten policy or practice that continually goes on. Let me answer you like this, Representative, let me give you an example. A supervisor canceled a call to a 911 for an employee that had fallen through a wooden bridge and was unable to get out. The employee's fall was stopped when the remaining board it caught his pelvis and his right leg. All though the employee's coworkers had requested emergency medical service, the supervisor took upon himself to cancel the 911 call and drive out to the site and personally got that worker out. Now what resulted from that was a coworker were requested by that same supervisor to assist in helping that employee get out. Although the coworker questioned the wisdom of the supervisor in an action that clearly is supposed to be governed under law to not mess with the employee, what happened after that person went to the hospital, instead of taking him to a direct hospital emergency room the supervisor instructed, 'Now I'm gonna have to take him to a different hospital' of the supervisor's choosing which was further away. He suffered a chipped pelvic bone, fluid in his testes, a bruised leg, knee tissue injury. He was administered a tetanus shot,

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given pain pills, an injection of Demerol. The railroad superintendent attempted to interfere with the medical treatment by stating that if he took prescription drug, now listen to this, it would make the case reportable to the Federal Railroad Administration. And the injured employee was then admitted to a hospital for observation and received a prescription of Vicodin and a crutches and was released from the hospital. This is just one of many incident that the federal thing does not go far enough but it gives us the leeway on that state to correct the problem and that we can practice what we preach, since all that is being done is accident reported, but nothing is followed up to what happened to that person afterward. I ask for support of this vote. The goal here is to ensure that medical treatment is available for injured workers and that the doctor's treatment plan is not interfered with. As has been documented in the case that I just read to you."

Patterson: "So, Representative..."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Patterson, further question?"

Patterson: "So, Representative, I think the dichotomy here is... it appears to me or sounds to me that the manager has a duty to the company rather than a duty to the worker to seek out emergency medical attention for that worker. Now, what would happen to a worker in your professional opinion based upon your experience within this industry, if the worker did not return to the location of the accident to

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reenact the accident for the manager? Could that worker be summarily discharged for... for disciplinary action?"

Washington: "Yes, Sir. Yes, that worker could be for insubordination. Yes, Sir. The intimidation is greater for people to let live under the fear that if they get hurt that they're gonna be denied the basic human rights of not being interfered, denied, or treatment being delayed."

Patterson: "So, if in fact, there are federal guidelines that prohibit this type of activity by a manager, then it seems to me, under Federal Law, these managers should have been indicted by now."

Washington: "Well, as I stated, the way the federal guidelines are structured that the reporting has to be done, but at the same time it is not anything there that says what has to be done once that person is injured. Once the accident happened, that is reported."

Patterson: "So..."

Washington: "But what happens from the time that the injury happened and the process in between is not governed nor regulated and totally abused."

Patterson: "So, without your Bill being enacted, it would mean that the... the managers for these companies can shape the statistical reports to show fewer accidents than actually occurred at the risk of the health and well-being of the workers that's under their charge."

Washington: "Yes, Sir, and they're just crying out for changes..."

Patterson: "To the Bill."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Patterson, your time has run out, you can conclude your remarks, give you one more minute."

Patterson: "Yeah, I urge a 'aye' vote for this Bill. I think it goes toward a humanistic feeling toward the workers and it is sorely needed in this particular industry and unless someone has been injured on a job and have been denied emergency help which I have been denied emergency assistance because of the type of work I've done in the past, I urge a 'yes' vote on this particular measure."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Washington to close."

Washington: "Mr. Speaker, thank you and thank both sides of the aisle for helping me grow in understanding that there's always two ways of lookin' at a thing. But here is something clearly that we have got more in common than we differ. I don't think any one of us would stand in a lie detector test and say that if we're hurt in any capacity that we would appreciate that medical attention being denied, delayed, or interfered with and based on the premise of where we got more in common than we differ I ask for support of a 'aye' vote for this particular legislation. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "We've had a thorough discussion on House Bill 2449. The question is, 'Should House Bill 2944 pass?' All those in favor for '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? Chapa LaVia. Representative... Representative Bost.

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Chapa LaVia. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 72 voting 'yes', 41 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional requirement, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Miller. For what reason do you rise, Representative?"

Miller: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Please proceed."

Miller: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today we're joined by University of Illinois College of Dentistry, dental students up in the gallery. Can you please stand up and wave. They're gonna be future dentists, and they'll be legal to do tongue splitting procedures when they finally get their license. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Glad to hear that. Welcome to Springfield, students, glad to have you. Page 20 of the Calendar, Representative Brady has House Bill 3517. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3517, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3517 seeks to provide that the office of the State Appellate Prosecutor shall conduct educational seminars for prosecutors throughout the State of Illinois on how to prosecute cases in drug courts with specific emphasis on cases involving illegal possession of methamphetamine in this state. This legislation is a

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product out of the House Republican Task Force hearings throughout the State of Illinois on methamphetamine use and production in this state and some of the unique challenges and problems that prosecutors, as well as judges will face in this state as we try an attempt a move towards some type of resolution and involvement with drug courts in this state. This would allow... subject to appropriation, this particular agency to help educate our prosecutors in this unique problem. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You've heard the explanation of House Bill 3517, are there any questions from the Members? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 3517 pass?' All those in favor vote '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 Washington, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 116 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 5, Representative Brady has House Bill 914. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 914 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. On page 20 of the Calendar, Representative Brady has House Bill 3475. Can you read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."



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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3475, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3475 is attempt at some cleanup language in the statute dealing with removing the clause of having a municipal clerk training institute committee at Illinois State University. This simply amends the Act, therefore, not having to have a clerk appointed to a particular committee of which none has attended any of these hearings over the course of many, many years. And it's simply an initiative to try and cleanup the language and be a respective of the fact that it's simply outdated. And I'd be happy to answer any questions from any Members of the House."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "House Bill 3475 having been discussed, are there any questions from the Members? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 3475 pass?' 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 Sacia. Representative Dave Winters, wanna be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Turner in the Chair. Let's cleanup. On page 5 of the Calendar, Second Readings, we

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have House Bill 834, Representative Ryg. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 834 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Ryg, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Lake, Representative Ryg, on Amendment #2."

Ryg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 addresses concerns that were raised by the Illinois Trial Attorneys and the Retail Merchants. And so this includes language that both of them have proposed in terms of addressing liability issues for the users of nonpublic restrooms. Be happy to answer..."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 834?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 16 in the Calendar, Second Reading, we have House Bill 2578, Representative Connie Howard. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2578, has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments #2 and 3 were adopted by the House. All notes have been filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 28 in the Calendar, Third Readings, we have House Bill 3802, Representative Monique Davis. Out of the record. On page 8 of the Calendar, Second Readings, we have House Bill 1178, Representative Saviano. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1178 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 16 in the Calendar, Second Readings, we have House Bill 2577, Representative Saviano. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2577 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 21 of the Calendar, Second Readings, we have House Bill 3696, Representative Saviano. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3696, a Bill... has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 22 of the Calendar, Second Readings, we have House Bill 3816, Representative Pihos. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3816 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 22 of the Calendar, Second Readings, we have House Bill 3851, Joe Lyons. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3851 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Joe Lyons, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lyons on Amendment #2."

Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #2 is a Amendment offered by unions who are affected by the underlying Bill which is a community care program advisory committee. And it adds the sentence, 'At least two representatives of statewide trade or labor unions that respond... represent in-home direct care service and staff,' will be placed in about four different places in the Bill where it's appropriate. There's no known opposition to this, it's a friendly Amendment. We'd appreciate your support on this and the underlying Bill when we call it tomorrow."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3851?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Hoffman, for reason do you rise?"

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Hoffman: "Yes, for the purpose of an announcement."

Speaker Turner: "State your purpose."

Hoffman: "Yes, the Transportation Committee has been scheduled for right after Session, that will be canceled. The Transportation Committee will be canceled so Members of the Transportation Committee, you do not have to go to Room 114."

Speaker Turner: "That's a blessing. On page 11 of the Calendar, Second Readings, we have House Bill 1592, Representative Bradley. Out of the record. On page 6 of the Calendar, we have... Second Readings, we have House Bill 962, Representative Yvetter Younge. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 962 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 20 of the Calendar, Second Readings, we have Representative Brosnahan on House Bill 3596. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3596 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 10 in the Calendar, Second Readings, we have House Bill 1463, Representative Flider. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1463 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 was approved by the House. Floor Amendment #3, offered by

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Representative Winters, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters on Amendment #3."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 3 basically adds a provision that when a school district certifies that students are truant that they would then forward to the regional office their list. They would, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, then rescind the graduated driving permit... driving license or learners permit. It's a attempt to keep kids in school when they really wanna... they... it's an incentive to keep 'em in school. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall Amendment #3 be adopted to 1463?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Bill... the Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Flowers on House Bill 255, page 23 of the Calendar, Third Readings. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 255, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Flowers, on..."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the committee, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 255 create the HIV/AIDS Prevention

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Program for the Department of Corrections. According to the crime magazine the average person doesn't give much thought to the thought of AIDS among prison inmates. But as the number of American convicts have grown, so has the problem with AIDS in prisons. During the 1990s, approximately one thousand inmates died from AIDS. Even more alarming is the fact that a number of females have also tested positive for AIDS. According to the Bureau of Justice, statistics for the same period of the overall rate of confirmed AIDS among the nation prison population has increased more than six time the rate of the U.S. population. House Bill 255 would authorize the Department of Corrections and the Department of Public Health to jointly develop and implement an HIV/AIDS education prevention program targeted to the offenders and their significant others and family members. House Bill 255 require the Department of Corrections printed information on the transmission and the prevention of HIV, hepatitis C, and other sexually transmitted disease. And also have HIV and AIDS informational video produced by the National Organization of AIDS which is already... which is already there. And also, have written information on the transmission and the prevention of HIVs and other sexually transmitted disease. And it would allow for a physical examination of each inmate of each inmate upon entry into the correctional center of HIV tests and a physical examination of each inmate prior to release. I'll be more

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than happy to answer any questions you have in regards to House Bill 255."

Speaker Turner: "This Bill is on Short Debate. There are a number of lights on and so we are going to implement the Short Debate rule. To that end, we will hear from the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke, for what reason do you rise?"

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Have you taken it and put it on Standard Debate, Sir?"

Speaker Turner: "No, I haven't."

Parke: "I will be joined by enough people to do that, if I can see hands that would join with me to move it on Standard Debate."

Speaker Turner: "I only see three. Oh, oh..."

Parke: "There we have 'em. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Okay. All right."

Parke: "Thank you, Sir. Representative... Will the Representative yield for some questions?"

Speaker Turner: "She indicates she will. I wanna remind the Members that the timer will be on."

Parke: "That's fine. Thank you. Representative, your other Amendments have been removed or not approved. Are we still dealing with only Amendment #1 and it... does it become the Bill?"

Flowers: "Yes."

Parke: "Okay. With Amendment #1, the Department of Corrections is still opposed because of the cost. Is that correct?"

Flowers: "Yes."



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Parke: "And their estimate it's at \$233 million over a 10-year period. Is the AIDS Foundation's still opposed?"

Flowers: "The AIDS Foundation's still opposed."

Parke: "Is the Black Health Alert opposed?"

Flowers: "I was not aware of... I've never even heard of that organization but..."

Parke: "I haven't either but it's... it's here. The Department of Corrections, the AIDS Foundation, and ACLU have all filed objections to your Bill as amended, number one. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a very complex issue, a very difficult issue. The Lady is trying to do something that will help men and women that are in prison and I certainly commend her for that, but this Bill has a cost. And it's mandatory testing, ya know, it's... those inmates have no choice, they have to be tested. Like previous one where even the Department of Corrections, even the ACLU and the AIDS Foundation... the AIDS Foundation is opposed to this legislation. Ladies and Gentlemen, I must rise in opposition because of the cost... because of the Bill still has problems. And would ask the Body to reject this and perhaps deal with this next year."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Feigenholtz, for what reason do you rise?"

Feigenholtz: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "She indicates she will."

Feigenholtz: "Representative Flowers, I have some questions for you. Can you tell me right now, does the Department of

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Corrections offer voluntary testing for inmates? And if... and how many do they do every month?"

Flowers: "I am not aware of any voluntary testing that the Department of Correction does in regards to HIV testing."

Feigenholtz: "So, the Department of Corrections doesn't do any testing, any voluntary testing. Is that true?"

Flowers: "Once again..."

Feigenholtz: "I don't think that's correct."

Flowers: "I... I don't know. So, I can't... they did not give me that information. Do you have that information?"

Feigenholtz: "Do you know the cost of each HIV test, Representative?"

Flowers: "Well, it depends on which test you're talking about, Representative, because there's a new test that's out and the State of Michigan is using it. It's less than \$8 per person. So, either way it would be a cost saving. When you think of what HIV and the death that occurs because of lack of treatment. And as the result of lack of treatment, it could cost this state much more if they did not provide for mandatory testing for AIDS."

Feigenholtz: "Representative Flowers, I think I understand what you're trying to do here. You and I disagree... often want the same goal, but disagree on how to get there."

Flowers: "Absolutely."

Feigenholtz: "And honestly, I... I don't know how you've come to the conclusion that \$233 million is going to provide an effective intervention program. Is there any data that proves that mandatory testing saves lives?"

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Flowers: "I'm glad you asked that question, Representative, because in the State of Michigan and in the State of Missouri, if I may read to you that Michigan currently tests all inmates entering the Correction as part of their medical examination. The cost per test is \$8. They have 48 thousand inmates. The rate of infection has gone down to single digits. In regards to the State of Missouri, the director of the health care service for Missouri Department of Correction confirmed that they have mandatory testing for all inmates entering their system. It started back from 1985 and 1986 and from 1988 to the present. It has done what you call a universal testing and their data have shown that of the 415 thousand inmates tested in 1985 only 1,160 have been found to be HIV positive and as a result of their testing, they to date only have 200 positive inmates out of 30 thousand. And you know, Representative, if I may share with you this information, in this state we already have mandatory testing. We have mandatory testing, if you would refer to section... if you would refer to Section 5 of the Unified Code of Correction, it says in (g), 'whenever a defendant is convicted of an offense under these section, the defendant shall undergo medical testing to... to determine whether the defendant has any sexually transmitted disease, including HIV.' That's one section of the law where we have mandatory testing. The other section of the law, Representative, where we have mandatory testing is in Section 5 of the Unified Code of Correction. Also, dealing with whenever a defendant is convicted of an

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offense under Section 1 or 2 of the Hypodermic Syringe and Needle Act, 'the defendant shall undergo medical testing to determine whether or not the defendant has been exposed to HIV.' So what I'm doing, Representative, is nothing new. We already have mandatory testing in this state for a certain category of people and I think if it's getting enough for these two categories that the entire population should be tested. When you think about the average person does not die from the HIV, they die from the complication that it brings on their immune system. Tuberculosis is a airborne disease. Pneumonia is a airborne disease. Hepatitis B is a airborne disease. People can die from these types of disease. These people were not..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Feigenholtz, bring your remarks to a close."

Feigenholtz: "Mr. Speaker, I didn't see the clock on and I have..."

Speaker Turner: "It was on."

Feigenholtz: "I have not seen it on."

Speaker Turner: "Well, young Lady it was on and the time is automatically dispensed. So, you got 30 seconds."

Feigenholtz: "Okay. Well, I... I apologize. I have a few more questions. Representative Flowers, I... I think there was a little confusion, you and Representative Howard had competing Bills. We just voted on Representative Howard's Bill which included counseling and education and voluntary testing, which I think is a protocol that many of us would support. And I believe that the original Bill that you had

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when you worked with the AIDS Foundation last year had voluntary testing in it. Now you're doing a mandatory testing Bill, a Bill that's gonna cost this state \$233 million over 10 years and you have no data to prove to us why... how this is effective. We know that in prison that people contract AIDS because they're raped, unprotected sex, and IV drug use. That's correct, right?"

Flowers: "Representative, there's all kinds of ways that people can contract AIDS. There's a doctor that works at Cook County, she says, 'I don't know how...'"

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for questions?"

Speaker Turner: "She indicates she will."

Froehlich: "Representative Flowers, aren't prisoners a high-risk population for HIV?"

Flowers: "Yes, Representative, prisoners are a high-risk population for HIV and other types of diseases."

Froehlich: "The number I saw was that inmates are... have 350 percent higher rate of AIDS than the general population."

Flowers: "That's correct."

Froehlich: "Now, are all inmates currently given a complete physical, including a blood test as they come into the system?"

Flowers: "I'm glad you asked that question, because every inmate according to the Department of Correction, State of Illinois, every inmate is given a complete physical. They

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collect the DNA of everyone that come... I'm sorry, they collect the DNA of the sex offenders, but each and every last one is given a complete health care and dental examination is given to each inmate when they come into the prison."

Froehlich: "Along with a complete blood workup?"

Flowers: "Yes."

Froehlich: "Are any inmates already given mandatory tests for HIV?"

Flowers: "Yes. The inmates that have been charged with criminal sexual offense, those inmates are given mandatory testing and the inmates that also that's been charged with violating the needles Act, those inmates are given mandatory testing. So this Bill is nothing new."

Froehlich: "How many states... how many other states already do mandatory testing for HIV?"

Flowers: "Eighteen other states, including Illinois, does mandatory testing."

Froehlich: "Now, you... you mentioned there's minor cost to using the existing blood test that they already get to also screen for AIDS. What benefits would there be to informing the inmates that they are infected? Many of whom don't know they're infected."

Flowers: "It will be a cost-savings to the state, Representative, if these inmates who are infected know because there's tests now that if you find out that you're HIV positive within 72 hours, you can live with the disease as opposed to dying from it. And also, if you don't find

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out within the 72 hours, you don't have to live because of your ignorance of your health status. And if you know that you have this disease, again, you can live with it. There was a time when you had HIV that it was a death sentence, but it's no longer a death sentence if you're given the proper treatment and take your medication, again, you can live and the disease does not have to spread."

Froehlich: "So it's better to be treated earlier in... in an earlier stage, rather than a later stage."

Flowers: "Your..."

Froehlich: "Now, is it true that women inmates have a much higher rate of HIV than male... men inmates... male inmates?"

Flowers: "Yes, because of prostitution, because they've been raped, and other things. And as a result, the women who have HIV who become impregnated because they don't know their status, it passes on to their babies. But more importantly, you know Representative, I'm glad you brought that up, because in the African-American women it says, 'poverty is worsening under HIV among black women because a lot of them are unemployed, underemployed, have no insurance.' And a lot of the men and women who would be tested but because they don't have any insurance cannot be tested because they don't have a job. And because they are in a population that is controlled, this will be the closest thing that they would come to a doctor and give... and given some type of medical help and treatment."

Froehlich: "Now, the... the AIDS Foundation argues against mandatory testing in general. And, ya know, I think their

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arguments make sense outside of the prison walls. What is there about prison that makes it different environment where, you know, education and volunteerism may not work quite as well inside prison as it does outside?"

Flowers: "I don't understand the reason why the AIDS Foundation is against this, because each and every last one of them that's affiliated with the AIDS Foundation that may have AIDS, is living and they are living proof that treatment does work. And so, once again, and I want to say to you that Mr. Pickett, who is a lobbyist for the AIDS Foundation, he too know the importance of treatment and he encourage everyone to get tested often. And so as a result, why is it that the men that's incar... men and women that's incarcerated, why should they not be tested? Why should they not have the same opportunity that he had to be tested and given the treatment? And treatment is what's very important."

Froehlich: "I... I noticed the Centers for Disease Control recommends HIV testing become a routine part of medical care."

Flowers: "Well, because once again, Repres..."

Speaker Turner: "Bring your remarks to a close, Representative Froehlich."

Froehlich: "I'm done."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Flowers, go ahead."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr... The reason why the Center for Disease Control think it's important that everyone gets tested because we don't know how this disease or how we may come



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in contact with a person with HIV. So, it's better that everyone get tested and get the treatment if you can by knowing early."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Howard, for what reason do you rise? Your 5 minutes is started."

Howard: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Representative Flowers, I truly believe that you're serious about addressing the problem of HIV in prisons which, of course, is very serious. However, I think this Bill is poorly conceived because it will do little to address the problem of HIV in prisons. Did you know that the majority of states do not provide for mandatory testing in correctional facilities?"

Flowers: "That's part of the problem, Representative. And if they did provide testing there would be fewer people that's dying in prison. Remember, these men were not sentenced to death. They were... in this society we have people who have been incarcerated longer than the history of this country because of the legislation of which we pass. And as a result of them being incarcerated longer, they've been there, they've gotten sick and have contacted or come in contact with someone with the AIDS. And so as a result, they're coming out and it's impacting our community in a very negative way and women are impacted negatively and so are the children. And so what better way to cut this ver... this deadly disease, which people can live with if treated, if we get it where it's being..."

Howard: "Thank you, Representative Flowers."

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Flowers: "...incubated in the prison system."

Howard: "As you know, I am against mandatory testing and I'm just not certain that there is some kind of correlation. We can certainly suspect that. But did you know that the Bill that I am sponsoring will require that there be a study made that would, in fact, make it certain that there may or may not be a correlation in the population in prisons..."

Flowers: "Representative, I'm glad you..."

Howard: "...and persons who leave the prisons and those who live outside the prisons?"

Flowers: "...studies have been done already on the very thing that you're talking about. And so I think Chicago State could use that monies to do something else. But there has already been a study and I will bring to your attention..."

Howard: "Representative Flowers, you're sorta..."

Flowers: "...powers and the population that..."

Howard: "Please, Mr..."

Flowers: "...make the corrections with the community..."

Howard: "...can you..."

Flowers: "...and that Reverend Jesse Jackson..."

Howard: "...can you make your... your remarks... Representative Flowers?"

Flowers: "...endorses mandatory testing."

Speaker Turner: "We can sing together but we can't talk together. Please, one at a time, let's answer the questions..."

Howard: "Representative Flowers..."

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Speaker Turner: "...and make 'em short."

Howard: "...if an inmate test positive, will your Bill provide the tools to help them change risk behaviors, such as sharing needles or engage in unprotected sex?"

Flowers: "Representative, the Bill requires testing and treatment, so... and as well as education, yes, it does. Education is a very important part of staying clean and free, as well as, staying alive. Just..."

Howard: "And you will provide in your Bill some kind of assistance that will allow them to stay negative?"

Flowers: "Representative, you know what, if a person had cancer, there's no guarantee that they too can stay negative. So, anything can happen. You could walk down the street tomorrow and get stuck with a needle and you'd be HIV positive. So, there's no guarantees in law... in this life. But the fact of the matter is treatments is important not only for the people that's incarcerated but also for when they come out because of the impact they would have on the community."

Howard: "Thank you very much."

Flowers: "It's my pleasure, Representative."

Howard: "The next question that I ask is, at what point, Representative, you were convinced, by whoever, that testing ought to be voluntary. You had an Amendment to that affect. What in the world made you have a change of heart?"

Flowers: "Oh, Representative, you know what, I think somebody has given you some inform... misinformation. I just wanna

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share with you that 4 years ago, I started off with mandatory testing but because the AIDS Foundation said to me and they came and says, 'Representative, would you please take this Bill out of the record and would you let... would you let us work with you and let's get mandatory education in the prison?' Well, I've allowed that to happen. And as a result, Representative, as a result, it has gotten worse. And I want you to say, Representative, that you sent me the letter that said that you once agreed... you thought that..."

Howard: "And I did change my mind."

Flowers: "...you agreed with mandatory testing."

Howard: "Thank you for your answer to that one."

Flowers: "You sent me the letter saying that you agreed to mandatory testing..."

Howard: "Representative Flowers, you are trying to eat up my time. I don't appreciate it."

Flowers: "...and that you were convinced otherwise, not me, Representative..."

Howard: "Why does this Bill ignore the opinions of the Chicago Department of Public Health, the Illinois Department of Public Health, the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, the Black Health Alert Network, Rainbow Push, and doctors, nurses and advocates from throughout our state and in our community, all of whom support voluntary testing where people are involved in their health care, not forced treatment."

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Flowers: "I just want to read to you a letter... a letter here from this magazine..."

Howard: "And you're gonna answer the questions..."

Flowers: "...Civil Rights Leader Jackson endorses HIV..."

Howard: "...before my time is up?"

Flowers: "...when the President... when the former President was in town, he and Reverend Jackson endorsed mandatory testing to HIV. But the mo... the most important thing..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Howard bring your remarks to a close. The Gentleman from Lee, Representative Jerry Mitchell, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "She indicates she will."

Mitchell, J.: "Representative Flowers, you and I have disagreed on many Bills, but I think this is one time that we certainly agree. I've hear a lot of talk and concern about the cost, the price of this. But quite frankly, by not knowing, I think the cost is going to be significantly higher. I think the pain and the suffering is going to be significantly higher. And I agree with you, it's not just HIV, it's not just AIDS, but airborne disease is a real common problem. Anybody that's... that's simply caught the flu from a handshake realizes how sick you can get. And the cost to prevent these kind of diseases is much less than the cost of trying to cure these same diseases. Representative, I... I think that you're leading with your heart but you've had your head involved as well. I think

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you've crafted something that in the long run will save the State of Illinois money and I applaud you for it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Bailey, for what reason do you rise?"

Bailey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like yield my uninterrupted 5 minutes to Sara Feigenholtz. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Feigenholtz with Bailey's uninterrupted 5 minutes."

Feigenholtz: "That would be nice, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I've been working on HIV/AIDS issues since I got here 11 years ago. And as I said earlier, I think that ultimately, Representative Flowers and I have the same goals, it's how we get there. We just passed a Bill that Representative Howard sponsored that's on its way to the Senate and I believe it had a tremendous amount of support that's going to do exactly what we want it to do. Third Reading... I'm sorry, it's on Third Reading, that's going to educate inmates about... about testing, counseling, and treatment so that they're prepared that when they do get tested to know what their status is and how to deal with it. I see nothing in Representative Flowers' Bill that is going to prepare an employee from the Department of Corrections to be able to deal with the volume and magnitude and impact of what a positive HIV test is all about. The National Commission on Correctional Health Care recommends that we as states employ the same

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kind of public policy for people toward health care who are not in prison as we do in prison. There's nothing, Representative Flowers, with mandatory testing that is going to prevent bad actors who are in prison, whether they're... they're... they go in positive, or come out positive, go in negative or come out positive, to not go to the women in their community and still wanna have relationships with them and contract the disease. There is nothing in your Bill that does that. There is no data from one state to the next that says that it's worth taking away the dignity and civil rights of people who are incarcerated and not attempting to educate them so that they will voluntarily test. That is how it works when we wanna do this right, that's how we should be doing it. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an ill-conceived Bill, it is going to cost the state an enormous amount of money. It will not give us the results we want. I strongly, strongly encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "She indicates she will."

Black: "Could you inform me as to the status of Floor Amendment #2 and Floor Amendment #3?"

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status of Floor Amendment 2 and 3 to this Bill?"

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Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #2 was withdrawn. Floor Amendment #3 lost in committee."

Black: "So there... the Floor Amendments are not on the Bill, correct?"

Speaker Turner: "That's correct."

Black: "There's just... one Committee Amendment, right, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Turner: "That's correct."

Black: "Okay, fine. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To... to the Bill. Now I'm gonna try and stay very calm, I'm... my goodness, I'm shock and appalled at the way this debate has degenerated."

Speaker Turner: "We appreciate it, Representative."

Black: "All right. I do the best I can. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this General Assembly in its infinite wisdom, I don't know, maybe 15, 16 years ago decided because of the AIDS confidentiality provisions, we abolished blood tests for those people who are going to get a marriage license. Now, I'm... I'm old enough that when I went to apply for my marriage license, before I could get it, I had to have a blood test and so did my spouse. And those blood tests were made available, so we both knew what we were. But we abolished that some 15 or 16 years ago, maybe longer than that. You know, in the Department of Corrections and I have a facility in my district, any inmate who wants to get tested for HIV/AIDS can request that test and it will be done. The problem with this Bill and I won't go into the costs or any of the other factors, others ha... have taken



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that. You're going to have to change the AIDS confidentiality law if you're gonna test inmates on a mandated basis. It's an insidious illness, an insidious disease. It is infecting and killing thousands... tens of thousands of people worldwide. But mandating every inmate who comes with it... comes into the Department of Corrections to be tested for this, then you have a problem what do you do with the results. The AIDS Confidentiality Act trumps what the Sponsor is trying to do. And it... and it may have merit. And there are other provisions of the Bill, like the GED, that would have to be paid for upon the inmate's release, I have... I have some serious concerns about that. But when all is said and done, unless you change existing law, I don't think the Bill can be implemented and I'm sure... well, I'm not an attorney. It appears to me that the Bill would have some constitutionality problems because of the AIDS confidentiality law that's already on the books. If we really wanna get serious about testing people and letting people know, perhaps we should revisit what used to be mandated and that was a blood test before two people could get married. That information was shared with those two people. I don't know exactly why we did away with that when we did. I've tried to bring it back a couple of times, got beat up so badly on committee. I think it was the only Bill I ever had that I got a 'do not pass' Motion. So I know... I know from experience it can be an emotional issue. I commend the Sponsor for dealing with a very difficult subject and an illness that is, quite frankly,

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killing tens of thousands of people. But trying to attack the problem of AIDS by mandating testing for every inmate that enters the Department of Corrections, I don't think it's feasible. I think it violates the AIDS Confidentiality Act and when all is said and done and I hate to put a price tag on anything, the state couldn't afford to do it if every one of us in this chamber thought it was best idea and the way to go. I... I've listened to the debate as best I can, I've read the Bill. I think under the circumstances I have to vote 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Flowers, to close."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Someone had mentioned about the ACLU and how it was talking about how this would violate people's rights. And I wanna bring to your attention that on March 16, in the Southtown newspaper the headline was, 'County Acquires Power to Quarantine'. And it says, 'If you're sick with a dangerous and infectious disease and not willing to keep yourself away from the rest of society, the Cook County Public Health official now have the power to quarantine you.' And this was supported by Colleen Connell, the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union. That's number one. Number two, I wanna bring to your attention that in 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court further acknowledged that a California law that regulated narcotics drug trafficking including a compulsory rehabilita..."

Speaker Turner: "Bring your remarks to a close."

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Flowers: "...including a rehabilitation program that the power was... the... the state was in its power to promote the general welfare for the health of its inhabitants. I wanna say to you that we have a health crisis in this state. And if you think that HIV is being pertained or contained in the prison population, you're sadly mistaken. I wanna bring to your attention another magazine, it's called, Government Health. And here it says, 'Next to AIDS, tuberculosis is consider the world's leading global health threat. Unfortunately the two diseases are intertwined.' No one should have to die because of the ignorance of their health status. If you know you have the disease..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Flowers..."

Flowers: "...you can get treatment. That's what this legislation is all about. The people that are in prison are entitled to live with dignity, health care, and treatment. It is already the law in this state that we have mandatory testing."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill..."

Flowers: "This is merely expanding it to everyone."

Speaker Turner: "Turn the mike off. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 255 pass?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 90 voting 'aye'... I mean 17 voting 'aye', 90 voting 'no', and 9 voting 'present'. This Bill, not having received the Constitutional Majority, does

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not pass. On page 26 of the Calendar, on Third Reading, we have House Bill 2946. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2946, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Mr... Mr. Clerk, the Sponsor asks leave to bring the Bill back to Second Reading. Leave is granted. On page 4 of the Calendar, Second Readings, we have House Bill 756. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 756 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Lindner, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page... I'm sorry. The Lady from Kane, Representative Lindner, on Amendment #2."

Lindner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #2 deletes that this commission will get any compensation at all. They will all serve with no compensation and also pursuant to the Speaker asking us to delete the names of veterans' organizations, but just saying there should be three representatives from the different veterans' service organizations for this veterans' memorial commission."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Davis, for what reason do you rise?"

Davis, W.: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "She indicates she will."

Davis, W.: "Representative, does this also include or affect preservation at cemeteries?"

Lindner: "No, veterans' memorials only."

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Davis, W.: "It does not?"

Lindner: "No. And these are basically changes that were requested when we went before the committee."

Davis, W.: "I'm... I'm having a little trouble..."

Lindner: "No, it doesn't affect cemeteries."

Davis, W.: "Does not, why, if I can ask, if you're talking about memorial preservation. Correct me if I'm wrong as I... as I read this."

Lindner: "Well, I mean, it wouldn't affect... if there is a veterans' memorial at, you know, but I didn't... but I don't think a veterans' memorial would be at a cemetery, it would in another location, a public park or something. But if it was a veterans' memorial that was preserved in a cemetery then they would look at this. They're just looking at it. It's a commission to look at it, you know, to make sure that it's being preserved and properly treated."

Davis, W.: "Well, that's what I mean, though. I mean, if they're looking at memorials preservation, why or I'm asking, is cemeteries... and you said they're not included. I'm asking why aren't they?"

Lindner: "Well, I thought you meant, you know, like the veterans' graves or something in cemeteries. No, that's not included, but if there was, you know, a memorial to say the veterans who fought in such and such a war in such and such a year, yes, they would look at that."

Davis, W.: "Right. I mean, I understand what you mean as in certain monuments, you know, like ones we have even around the Capitol area. But if you're talking about the

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preservation of memorials to veterans and others, sometimes there are memorials to veterans, civil rights, whatever... not civil rights, but civil war, whatever the case may be at cemeteries."

Lindner: "Right."

Davis, W.: "And I'm just asking about the inclusion of those types of memorials in this preservation that you're speaking of."

Lindner: "Well, it doesn't really specify anything other than veterans' memorials, so if it was a veterans' memorial then I think they would be looking at it."

Davis, W.: "Then it may be included. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Macon, Representative Flider, for what reason do you rise?"

Flider: "To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "To the Bill... or to the Amendment."

Flider: "To the Amendment. I just wanna rise in support of the Amendment. I believe that we here in Illinois have a number of different monuments, tribute to our veterans that we need to be insure that we are preserving. Many of them are dilapidated over the years and we just need to do everything we can to remember those veterans who have served in our foreign wars. Many of these monuments are beyond repair and we need to do everything we can to restore them through private donations or whatever means possible. And I just stand in strong support of the Amendment."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall Amendment #2 to House Bill 756 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 passes. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Coulson on House Bill 2453. That's page 15 of the Calendar, Mr. Clerk. 2453. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2453 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Coulson, has been approved for consideration."

Coulson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 is... makes a few technical changes to the underlying Bill and I would appreciate your support."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2453 be adopted?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Cultra on House Bill 2521. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk, page 15 of the Calendar."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2521 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3,

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offered by Representative Cultra, has been approved for consideration."

Cultra: "Thank you, Speaker. Amendment 3 to this House Bill just simply brings the DNR onboard. It involves the landowner must provide a notarized affidavit signed by the landowner and the lineal descendent and the deer take will be antlerless only. And I would move for this adoption."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 2521 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #3 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Moffitt on House Bill 3532, page 20 of the Calendar. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3532 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Moffitt, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Knox, Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 3 which we'd like to adopt adds the Department of Public Health to the... along with EPA and the State Police. They will develop protocol on when a dwelling or site is safe for people to return to. This would just develop that protocol. Initially, we just had EPA and State Police, but if it's inside a dwelling,



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it's Department of Public Health. If it's outside, it'd be EPA. So we got all agencies involved that we believe we need. So, I would move for the adoption of Amendment 3."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 3532?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #3 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Mathias on House Bill 3555, page 20 of the Calendar. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3555 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3 (sic-#1), offered by Representative Mathias, has been approved for consideration."

Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3555, Floor Amendment #1 adds to the Bill. It basically requires a minimum of 880 student contact hours for the purpose calculating general state aid. So, it... it basically attempts to clarify the intent of the Bill. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3555 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

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Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 14 in the Calendar, Representative Acevedo on House Bill 2414. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, bring the Bill back, House Bill 2414."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2414 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 was approved by the House. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Acevedo, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Acevedo, on Amendment #2."

Acevedo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Amendment... I ask for the adoption of Amendment #2 would be added to House Bill 2414. Due to some concerns of my colleagues, language was added that 'Events sanctioned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources taking place at the Sparta Shooting Complex and transportation to and from such events if the weapons are broken down.' This is just to secure that if DNR sanctions events at the sports complex downstate that they would be eligible to bring these weapons to and from the event if they are broken down. The other part, there were two parts of the languages that were removed. One was to 'remove the police officers while in performance of their duties'. In another part there was concerns that a weapon that is used at the sporting event, it's a rifle with a small pistol grip, that was taken out of the legislation, as well."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2414?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. However, notes have been requested, not yet received."

Speaker Turner: "That Bill should remain on Second Reading. Representative Bradley on House Bill 805, page 5 of the Calendar. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Out of the record. Oh, I'm sorry, wrong Bradley. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 805 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 was approved by the House. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Richard Bradley, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook..."

Bradley, R.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Amendment #2 makes changes to the Copper Purchase Registry as agreed to by the State Police, utility companies, and metal dealers."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To the Amendment. I just want to thank John Bradley. I know I should call you 'Representative' but John, I just wanna thank you for restoring my belief that there is bipartisanship. There

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can and there often is civility on this floor. Your willingness to look into a Amendment that I raised with you because of some of the recycling dealers, some of the concerns they had. That goes above and beyond the call and I want you to know how much I appreciate it and how much faith you've restored in me that we can work together and there can be civility. I can't thank you enough, I urge an 'aye' vote on the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 805...' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 8 of the Calendar, Representative John Bradley, we have House Bill 1080. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1080 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Out of the record. John Bradley, we have House Bill 1592, page 11 of the Calendar. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1592 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative John Bradley, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Williamson, Representative Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This is a Bill which we've done a lot of work on with several of the juvenile justice groups. To my understanding and knowledge at this time, we have eliminated all opposition to the Bill. And I would ask that it... the Motion... Amendment be adopted and receive a favorable vote on Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1592 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Smith, on page 21 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 3687. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3687 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Smith, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Fulton, Representative Smith, on Amendment #2."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an Amendment that I promised we'd do in committee. It tightens up the definition of 'technical rescue team' and it also addresses

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the specific issue of the reimbursement for those teams. And this was something that we promised along with the Fire Chiefs' Association in the State Government Administration Committee. And I believe this would address those concerns. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3687 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 26 of the Calendar, Representative Jerry Mitchell on House Bill 2946. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2946 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment number... A Motion to Table Floor Amendment #3 has been offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Floor Amendment #3 and adopt Floor Amendment #4. Floor Amendment #3 had a technical flaw, that's been corrected with Floor Amendment #4."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman asks leave to table Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Amendment #3 is tabled. Further Amendments?"

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Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman from Lee, Representative Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "I'd just like to put that Amendment on there. That takes away a 30-pound weight limit on the Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall House Amendment #4 to House Bill 2946 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'... be adopted... All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #4 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative McCarthy on House Bill 3488. Read the Bill... page 20 of the Calendar. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3488 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative McCarthy, has been approved for consideration."

McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Amendment #1 to House Bill 3488 basically takes the Health Services Education Grants Act and says that we'll take 10 percent of the money and allow the Board of Higher Ed, after they determine the medical needs of our state, to kind of direct that funding in to service areas that are determined to be more needy, such as nursing or cardiology or whatever. Currently, there's just a set formula for it, 90 percent of the money will stay in that

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formula and with this Amendment, it's basically an agreed Bill and there are no known opponents. It actually was a pretty good Bill, it passed 9 to 2 out of committee as is, but I'm very proud that the Board of Higher Ed and the Federation for Independent Colleges and Universities got together and worked it out, came up with this 10 percent solution. I think it's a great solution and I would ask you to adopt the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Amendment #1 to 3488?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Rose on House Bill 3528, page 2 of the Calendar. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3528 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Feigenholtz on House Bill 3628, page 21 of the Calendar. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3628 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 was approved by the House. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, has been approved for consideration."



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Speaker Turner: "Representative Feigenholtz, on Amendment #2."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3628 includes cleanup language provided by Chicago Bar Association, some suggestions from the Child Care Association. And I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall House adopt Amendment #2 to House Bill 3628?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Feigenholtz, on Amendment #3."

Feigenholtz: "Same for Amendment #3, another cleanup Amendment that eliminates something that we felt might be unconstitutional."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 3628 be adopted?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #3 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 20 of the Calendar, Representative Bill Mitchell on House Bill 3523. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3523, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Schock on House Bill 3867. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. It's on page 22 of the Calendar."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3867 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of... page 28, on the Order of Third Reading, we have Representative Monique Davis on House Bill 3802. Representative Davis, 3802. This is on the Order of Consideration Postponed. Are you ready to call that today or do you wanna wait?"

Davis, M.: "I'll wait."

Speaker Turner: "Take the Bill out of the record. Representative Saviano on House Bill 875. That's page 5 of the Calendar, Mr. Clerk. Read the Bill, Mr... Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 875 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Saviano, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Yes, thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 875 is the Amendment which will make this an agreed Bill. I agreed to hold it on Second until we had gotten it straightened out and now with this Amendment, it satisfies all the parties. I ask it to be adopted."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 875?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 33 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 1441, Representative Beaubien. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Representative... Representative Beaubien moves to table House Bill 1441. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the Motion to Table, the 'ayes' have it. And the Mo... the Bill will be tabled. On page 33 of the Calendar, we have 1573, Representative Flider. Representative Flider moves to table House Bill 1573. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And House Bill 1573 is tabled. Mr. Clerk is we have House Bill 1599... 1999, Representative Jefferson. Representative Jefferson moves to table House Bill 1999. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Bill 1999 is tabled. We have House Bill 2018, Representative Jefferson. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Representative Jefferson moves to... to table House Bill 2018. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And... House Bill 2018 is tabled. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 2403, Representative Beaubien.

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Representative Beaubien moves to table House Bill 2403. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Represent... House Bill 2403 is tabled. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 2465, Representative Howard. Representative Howard moves to table House Bill 2465. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Bill 2465 is tabled. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 2466, Representative Howard. Representative Howard moves to table House Bill 2466. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Bill 2466 is tabled. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 2494, Representative Beaubien. Representative Beaubien moves to table House Bill 2494. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amend... and the Bill will be tabled. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 2552, Representative May. Representative May moves that we table House Bill 2552. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Bill 2552 is tabled. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 3877, Representative Mautino. Representative Mautino moves that the House table House Bill 3877. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Bill 3877 is tabled. Mr. Clerk, we have House Resolution 265 by Representative Dunn. Representative Dunn

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moves that we table this Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 265 is, in fact, tabled. Mr. Clerk, could you read the Committees Re..."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee announcements. Immediately following Session, the Human Service Committee will meet in Room 122-B, Computer Technology in Room 115, Consumer Protection in Room C-1, Executive in Room 118, Developmental Disabilities & Mental Illness in Room D-1. A half hour following Session, Environment & Energy will meet in Room C-1, Revenue in Room 115, and the Labor Committee in Room 118, and Registration & Regulation in Room 114. The following two committees have been canceled. The Transportation Committee meeting has been canceled. The Judiciary-Criminal Law Committee has also been canceled."

Speaker Turner: "And now, allowing for perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Lang moves that the House stands adjourned until Thursday, April 14, at the hour of 12 noon. The House will stand adjourned until Thursday, April 14, at the hour of 12:00. And now, the House is adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and Reading of Senate Bills-First Reading. Senate Bill 1792, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 1799, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 1827, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning energy

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conservation. Senate Bill 1876, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 9... 1879, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 1955, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning judicial elections. Senate Bill 50... 1959, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 1962, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. Senate Bill 1969, offered by Representative Munson, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1888, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act to review the law for combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. Senate Bill 1889, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act making revisory changes relating to the renaming of the Bureau of the Budget and the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. Senate Bill 1892, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 1897, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1971, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation, which may be referred to as the Paul Simon Rural Transportation Initiative. Senate Bill 1483, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 1497, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act concerning education. And Senate Bill 1738, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an

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Act in relation to vehicles. House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Following Resolutions are referred to the House Committee on Rules. House Joint Resolution 41, offered by Representative Pihos. House Joint Resolution 42, offered by Representative Flider. And House Joint Resolution 43, offered by Representative Nekritz. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."