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Speaker Hannig: "The hour of 12:00 having arrived, the Members will please be in their seats. 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 Frank Jefferson with the Greater Calvary Baptist Church in Rockford. Pastor Jefferson is the guest and brother of Representative Jefferson."

Pastor Jefferson: "Let us pray. Father, God, we come at this time thanking You for the blessed privilege of just being present here in this Assembly. We come asking, Oh Heavenly Father, to bless this Assembly, all that are represented here, each family, loved ones and friends. We pray, Oh Heavenly Father, for guidance today as You preside over the business of this government. Be with them, Lord, as they make the decisions that are needful to be made for the benefit of Your people. We thank You, Lord, for so many blessings that You've already shown us. And we just ask, Oh Lord, if You would just continue to keep us in Your care, protecting and providing for us always. And we'd be so grateful to give You the praise in Jesus' name, amen."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative D'Amico, will you lead us in the Pledge."

D'Amico - 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."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Feigenholtz, Jones, Patterson, and Phelps are excused today."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that all Republicans are present and ready to do the work of the people."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 114 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. Representative Parke, for what reason do you rise?"

Parke: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Jefferson. Representative Jefferson. Right here. Rep... Right here, right here. Now, if that's the good brother, what does that make you? The better-looking, I see. The better-looking brother. Okay. Very good. Thank you."

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

May: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't normally introduce Pages, but we have... I have the privilege of having a very unusual Page today. It's Andreas Kopp from Germany, right... right outside Berlin. So, if you'd like to... and notice the accent, I said Berlin like he did, not Berlin like we all say... so, if you'd like to say 'guten Tag', please introduce yourself to Andreas Kopp. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, read the Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Mautino, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following

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recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 2917. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 2277. Representative John Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 2295. Representative Molaro, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary II-Criminal Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 2954; 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 998. Representative McKeon, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is House Resolution 1040 and House Resolution 1067. Representative Delgado, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 1183; 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2204 and House Resolution 864, House Resolution 995, House Resolution 1050, House

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Resolution 1053 and House Resolution 1055. Representative Reitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 2709; 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1732. Representative Osterman, Chairperson from the Committee on Local Government, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 2477. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation & Motor Vehicles, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4727. 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 03, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'approved for floor consideration' on the Order of Concurrence is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 4 and 5 to House Bill 1299; a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4193; a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to House Bill 4222; a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4238; a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4449; a Motion to Concur

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with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4853; a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4987; a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 5506; and a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 5555. 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 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'approved for floor consideration' on the Order of Concurrence is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 2067. Referred to the House Committee on Rules are House Resolution 1134, offered by Representative Osterman and House Joint Resolution 116, offered by Representative Black."

Speaker Hannig: "So, Mr. Clerk, we have House Resolution 1126. Would you read the Resolution. Excuse me. The House Resolution 1118. Would you read the Resolution. Excuse me. Representative McCarthy, for what reason do you rise?"

McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before the Clerk reads the Resolution, I would ask for the Body to please pay attention to the Resolution. And I'd also ask for the state champion wrestlers and their coaches from Carl Sandburg High School to stand while we read the Resolution. They're up in the Speaker's Gallery today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Resolution 1118, offered by Representative McCarthy."

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WHEREAS, The wrestling team of Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park recently became the IHSA Class AA state champions; and

WHEREAS, They finished the season with a perfect record of 33 wins and no losses and have a 51 match winning streak; this is the first time a public school in Illinois has been a repeat state champion in the dual meet format; and

WHEREAS, The team was number one in several tournaments throughout the year, including the Wheeling Invitational, the Dvorak Invitational, and the Clash National Duals, and they were Conference, Regional, and Sectional champions as well; and

WHEREAS, The team is led by head coach Mike Polz and assistant coaches Eric Siebert, John Polz, Mike Klutcharch, Tony Siebert, Dan Polz, Tony Pretto, and Paul Campos; the school's principal is Debbie Boniface; and

WHEREAS, The members of the team are Jon Morrison, Mike McAuliffe, Matt Schmeski, Jake Holler, Kevin White, Billy Crowley, Brandon Precin, Tyler Le Pretre, Conrad Polz, Derek Sallas, Matt Cusick, John Doyle, Sepehr Nikpouri, Eric Pretto, Ben Friedl, Clinton Polz, Jeff Richards, Glenn Hurt, Cameron Miller, Eric Rettke, and Craig Olson; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the members of the Carl Sandburg High School wrestling team on their astounding success; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Carl Sandburg High School and each of the members and coaches of the Carl Sandburg High School wrestling team."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Kosel."

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

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

McCarthy: "Yes..."

Kosel: "Thank you. I... I would also like to add my congratulations as many of these very high achieving young men are part of my district also. And would request the Sponsor add my name to the Resolution. Congratulations for your victory. It's wonderful to have you represent the State of Illinois."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I think if you check on the status, I'm proud to be joined in this Resolution by Representative Joyce, Representative Kosel, Representative Rita, and actually, Representative Mike McAuliffe. The first four of us, if you look on the status, are all Representatives who represent the area that is served by Carl Sandburg High School. But it's a great honor to present these Resolutions this morning. The state champion wrestlers from Carl Sandburg High School are an outstanding group of young people who set a lofty goal and worked tirelessly to achieve it. The Carl Sandburg wrestlers went to every match knowing it was the most important meet of the year for their opponents and they were able to defeat every challenger. The Resolution listed the top-notch

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invitationals they chose to compete in and they were successful in every single one. Every championship was full of highlights, but I especially wanna spotlight the regional champions where, in the 14 weight classes, Sandburg had 12 first place finishers and 2 second place finishers. Obviously, the schools that are assigned to that regional are not looking forward to next year. As mentioned in the Resolution, the team had a 33 and 0 dual match record this year and going back to last season, has a 51-match winning streak. In the individual state tournament before the team contest, Sandburg had three individual state champions: Brandon Precin, Conrad Polz and Matt Cusick. They also had two second place winners: Ben Friedl and Mike McAuliffe and I wish Mike would wave so that Mike McAuliffe, the Representative, can see who he is over there. Mike McAuliffe, the Representative, is over here. Other state winners were: Eric Pretto, who won a fourth place in state and Eric Rettke, who secured a sixth place finish. As stipulated in the Resolution, Carl Sandburg is the first public school to repeat as a Class AA wrestling team and the work ethic of the team makes a three-peat certainly within reach. Congratulations, Coach Polz and all the assistant coaches and wrestlers, you're definitely deserving of this special recognition. I would ask the Chair to call on Representative Joyce. We're gonna waive the reading of House Resolution 1126, but he'd like to make a couple mentions about Coach's Polz recent designation as the National Wrestling Coach of the Year, a



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very, very high honor. So, if you'd please let Representative Joyce make some comments."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Joyce."

Joyce: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, actually the physical building of Carl Sandburg High School is in my district and I'm honored to... to be on the sponsorship with Representative McCarthy. But the sport of... the sport of wrestling is a very demanding sport, physically, mentally and quite often the only person that can understand the individual wrestler is his coach. And I'd like to tell ya about the man in the gallery, Coach Mike Polz, the head wrestling coach of Sandburg High School. I first came across Mike Polz as a sophomore in high school when he was an assistant at Providence Catholic High School when my high school, Marist, was wrestling in the state semifinals against them. We were successful that year and went on to win a state championship, but 2 years later as the head coach of Providence Catholic High School Coach Mike Polz led the Providence Catholic Celtics to their first state championship in that time period in wrestling and actually defeated us by a score of 30 to 30 in the state semifinals. They won by criteria. But just 2 years later, he left Providence High School for Sandburg High School and became the head coach there and has now won back-to-back state titles and has coached numerous of successful individuals, some that have gone on to wrestle for our University of Illinois and many who have now become great coaches in the sport itself. Guys like Sean Bormet who run their own national camps. People come from across

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the country to wrestle with the likes of the former students of... of Mike Polz. Some of the great members of that 1989 team: Mike McClarence, Sean Bormet, the late great Ken Gerdes. Those are all great individuals that have great impacts on chil... impact on children today in the sport of youth wrestling, in the sport of high school wrestling. And I think when people talk about high school wrestling in the future and for years to come in the State of Illinois the names of Bill Weick, Mark Gervais and Mike Polz will all be in the same sentence. I'd like to thank him for his great service to many individuals throughout this state. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you. A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. Representative Kevin Joyce, you, I understand, was a wrestler, right? Representative McCarthy, you're a former wrestler, as well? How about if you two will be so kind to just give us a demonstration this afternoon? How about it? Can we vote on that? Right here in the middle of the floor. Yeah. Like the Greek Olympics."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Joyce."

Joyce: "... you, Mr... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Dunkin, if you'd like to step up to the center, I'd be glad to give a demonstration to everybody here."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Thank you. I would ignore the Motion by the Representative and I'd ask for the adoption of the two Resolutions."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1118 and 1126. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Representative McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like the Assembly to recognize the team up here with a round of applause for this outstanding achievement."

Speaker Hannig: "Congratulations. Representative Flider, I understand you have an announcement on House Resolution 1120, is that correct?"

Flider: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to call your attention to the gallery behind me and I'd ask the students to stand. If I could have your attention. I have with me today the eighth grade class of St. Patrick's School. And yesterday the House of Representatives passed House Resolution 1120. And I have with me, in addition to the students, a student advisor Ms. Sue Papa and her husband, Larry with whom I used to work in a previous life. But last year the students participated in a community food drive and this food drive... Mr. Speaker, if I could have your attention. And this is an annual food drive that's very important in Decatur, Illinois. And these students won the food drive and I wanted to recognize them for their efforts. The students at St. Patrick's School competed with many schools including larger schools in the Decatur area, in fact, there were 51 schools which were competing for this... for this... to win this prize. And this school collected 25 thousand pounds of food in the WSOY community food drive."

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Now, they did have a goal of 10 thousand so they far exceeded that goal. Again, as I mentioned, they placed first out of 51 schools. Now, this food is donated to the Salvation Army and Catholic Charities. And I would like to ask you to give this group of students from St. Patrick's School in Decatur a round of applause for all their efforts to feed the needy in our community."

Speaker Hannig: "Congratulations and welcome to Springfield. We're going to proceed to page 2 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Third Reading. Representative Molaro, you have Senate Bill 702. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 702, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "Thank you. This is a long, drawn-out process that was completed last week. Basically, in villages up north, that would be Glenview, North Chicago and Highland Park, they have the naval base up there and the... some of the housing for the Navy personnel was falling apart. So, the Navy decided to do a joint venture with a private contractor where the Navy owns the land, the private contractor has a 50 or 75-year leasehold. This is for the first time allows us that when these Navy personnel who live there, who go to schools in that area, we are now taxing from the property taxes of the leasehold. There was agreement, a cap rate of 7.75 percent and they would use the income-to-expense ratio. All of the school districts, park districts, taxing bodies, the mayors and the... and the town presidents are very happy with this arrangement. The Navy, believe it or

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not, we got letters from them. They're happy. The developer happy. And it turns out to be a win-win situation for the entire area around the U.S. naval air base and also... naval base... and also gives us a platform if we ever wanna do it down south by the air base down there. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer 'em."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 702. And on that question, the... the Lady from Lake, Representative Karen May."

May: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in strong support of Hou... Senate Bill 702 for the beneficial impact it will have on the local taxing bodies, primarily schools in four communities. Some of you will remember my first Bill that I fought more than 5 years ago to try to get more impact aid for the military bases, for the students that come from those schools. Over the past 11 years, when records were kept, my local school district has subsidized the education of children from military personnel in the amount of 23.5 million or 3.3 million a year. Senate Bill 702 will help bring certainty... will help bring certainty and some additional tax dollars from the developer to the local schools. There is a sunset so that all parties can evaluate how this formula's working after a few years. With this Bill's passage, there should be no authority to tax for the construction and local assessors could use whatever means they determine to tax or not to tax. This is an agreed Bill, agreed by all parties: the Navy, the developer of the public/private venture, and the four communities: Glenview, Highland Park, Highwood and North

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Chicago. Yes, communities in the school districts would've liked more. The Bill that came out of the Senate asked for more and the developer and the Navy fought it vehemently. This compromise is one that all parties can live with. To vote against it would hurt local school and taxing bodies and also to disregard the agreed Bill process. Technically, it stipulates income capitalization and the income expense cap of 42 percent, but aside from that, underlying is a memorandum of understanding that spells out many details that will benefit the taxing bodies and the schools. The land is prime lakefront land in my communities. It still remains tax-exempt and the leasehold tax is not market rate, just merely a tiny fraction of that, the small portion based on the base allowance for housing. I'm so proud of the local communities that provide good education to the children of the men and women who are serving in the Navy. They welcome the students and families into the community and with this Bill to be passed, they'll get slightly more dollars, lessen the impact for the additional new housing in the communities. This gives certainty to the local taxing bodies and forestalls protracted litigation that would jeopardize new housing for military families. And I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Hannig: "State your inquiry."

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Black: "Yes. Who is the prime Sponsor of this Bill? Is it Representative Molaro or Representative May?"

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Molaro."

Black: "Molaro. Did Representative May just close or what was that soliloquy?"

Speaker Hannig: "I think she was closing."

Black: "Oh. Well, what would the Sponsor..."

Speaker Hannig: "We hope."

Black: "Will the Sponsor, Molaro, yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "The Sponsor will yield."

Black: "Yes. Representative, would you portray this as a completely agreed Bill, all parties are just happy as a little bug in a rug with this Bill, or might that be a slight exaggeration?"

Molaro: "Well, I think most parties have agreed."

Black: "All right."

Molaro: "Are you askin' me if they're happy? I haven't been happy since I was 17 years old, to be quite honest with ya. But, not really. Unless we win the softball game tonight or the Cubs win the pennant..."

Black: "In that I agree."

Molaro: "...then maybe I'll be happy. Right."

Black: "Yeah. As happy as a Cub fan after yesterday's game."

Molaro: "Right."

Black: "But there's some interesting concepts in this Bill that I don't intend to go into now. You and I have talked about it. A lot of people have worked very, very hard on this Bill, but when you get into the taxation of a lien or ya know, a... a leasehold rather than actual property and income

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capitalization, it's a very complicated Bill. Many, many issues to the Bill. But Representative Molaro, you've done a fine job of presenting the Bill and working out most of the difficulties and I commend you for that."

Molaro: "Thank you."

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? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 64 voting 'yes' and 49 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Biggins, you have Senate Bill 838. Do you wish us to read this Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 838, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Biggins."

Biggins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 838 extends the life of a TIF in the Village of Lombard in my district. And the ordinance originally adopted would have ended the TIF in 23 years, this extends the life to 33 years. It has no fiscal impact upon the state. It will have a fiscal impact on other local taxing districts which have signed on and agreed to continue and extend this TIF. There is no known opposition to this extension. Be glad to answer any questions any Members may have."



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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of the Senate Bill 838. Is there any 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 Scully, do you wish to be recorded? Representative Jerry Mitchell, do you wish to be recorded? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes' and 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read Senate Bill 841."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 841, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 841 amends the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act. It allows the increase from 10 thousand to 25 thousand dollars that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County can expend without advertising for bid. This... this dollar amount has not been raised in... in over 20 years and most of us know with inflation or... inflation factors taken in that \$10 thousand is probably 20, 25 thousand dollars in today's dollars. So, legislation was passed 2 years ago, back in February or March of '04, that did the same thing for the downstate forest preserve district. So, I'm asking your support on this initiative on behalf of the Cook County Forest

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Preserve District. And would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 841. Is there any 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? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 64 voting 'yes' and 50 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Scully on Senate Bill 1705. Out of the record. Representative Lang on Senate Bill 2159. Representative Lang, do you wish us to read this? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2159, a Bill for an Act concerning procurement. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This Bill came over from the Senate as an attempt by Senator Sandoval to create more public disclosure, openness, and transparency in state contracting. I know of no opposition with the Amendment. I would ask for your support."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of the Senate Bill 2159. Is there any 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 Scully, do you wish to be recorded?"

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Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2197, Representative Kelly. Out of the record. Representative Burke, you have Senate Bill 2255. Out of the record. Representative Winters, you have Senate Bill 2272. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2272, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill, basically, would allow counties that already have a drug court to put a \$5 additional charge on convictions or court supervisions to be used for support of those drug courts. There's about 20 counties in the state that have them. It is permissive for the local counties to use this fee. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2272. Is there any 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 111 voting 'yes' and 3 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Hamos, you have Senate Bill 2290. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2290, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Hamos: "Thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This is a Bill that we have seen before in a version that I passed unanimously in this House. This is a Bill that will require the state to create a comprehensive housing plan using all of the resources of the... that are available to the state. It will especially require the state to... to have interdepartmental coord... coordination, something that we really welcome around here. And I... we passed it before. I... we... it... it went to... We have a very small Amendment on it that was introduced by the Illinois Municipal League that actually limits one component of this. There's... as far as I know, there is no opposition to this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2290. Is there any 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 Scully, do you wish to be recorded? Representative Tenhouse, do you wish to be recorded? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 5 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Schmitz on Senate Bill 2348. Out of the record. Representative Molaro on Senate Bill 2358. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2358, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Molaro: "Yes. This is cleanup legislation. Last year, we inadvertently added capital litigation when someone does the death penalty. You're a defendant, you... you put your budget together and then it gets approved by the court. And what we wanted it to be that when the case is over newspapers come or the public can ask what the budget was and how much was it. The way you read it now, when we passed the Bill last year, you have to wait 'til the appeals are over. We think that's too long. That the newspapers and the public have a right to look at it right after the verdict's in. So, this makes it easier for the public to get information on what the budget is in defending a capital case. And so, we ask for its approval."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2358. Is there any 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 114 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Rose, you have Senate Bill 2391. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2391, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly. Senate Bill 2391 is an initiative of Senator Bill Haine and I thought it got sort of... got right to the point. All of us, both sides of the aisle, the State of Illinois, in my opinion, have done a great job of addressing the crystal methamphetamine situation head-on over the last several years. One unfortunate side note is that while we're having, I think, great success attacking the mom and pops, we're now starting to see a more organized element enter the crystal methamphetamine distribution system. In fact locally, in my area, Champaign County, the News Gazette, our local paper, ran a series of... an article a couple Sundays ago on the fact that we're now starting to see more organized crime getting involved in drug distribution of methamphetamine. What this Bill, the underlying Bill, does is it... it brings meth laws, the penalties for trafficking in methamphetamine, that is people who bring meth in from out of state or the precursor materials in from out of state, it takes those penalties and makes them identical to heroin and cocaine. So, all this does is... is bring us up to the same level as heroin and cocaine for methamphetamine trafficking. The second part of this was an Amendment that was attached in committee and that's the initiative of the Attorney General's Office which is essentially cleanup language, more than anything else, from last year's methamphetamine control Act. I would note that that control Act did

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include trafficking language, but it was not language that mirrored the trafficking language for heroin and cocaine. So, really this... this entire Bill can be somewhat considered cleanup, but while it does make several substantive changes and chief among them in the area of trafficking. So, I would ask for its favorable adoption."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2391. Is there any 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? Rep... Representative Flowers, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Delgado, you have... On page 4 of the Calendar under Senate Bills-Third Reading is Senate Bill 2448. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2448, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Delgado. Excuse me. Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise?"

Stephens: "If I may, before the Bill, a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Stephens: "If I could have the Body's attention. Mr. Speaker, in a few minutes we're going to be paying recognition to veterans who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the last year. I just wanna take a moment to tell you a short

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story. We not only honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, but we all, by your presence, in this Body and... and various ways of expression, I know you agree with me that we... we support those troops, all of those troops. Sometimes we think the only heroes in the military are the ones over there fighting the battle, but I wanna tell you a story about a young man from my district who's in the Republican gallery and at the appropriate time we'll give him a proper recognition. But he was home on leave just this past week and while on leave, doing his duty and to get enough extra couple of days leave, if you pulled duty at the recruiting station they will extend your leave a little bit. So, he was taking advantage of that and he was running an errand for the Staff Sergeant in charge of the facility. The truth be known, he got lost. I think maybe God works in strange ways, but in the process of finding his way to complete his errand, he was flagged down by a... an old man in his yard and the man was obviously in some sort of desperate situation. My... my young constituent pulled his car over, got out and because he's a trained in the military and I think even more so because of his Eagle Scout heritage from Greenville, Illinois, he saw the situation as it was. The man was 85 years old and was in his yard burning some rubbish or leaves or something and his coat had caught... caught fire and he was literally aflame when my young friend got out of his car. The man was so panicked he didn't even know to... to lay down and try to put out the flames, he was just desperate. My young friend laid him down as gently as he could but as quickly



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as he could, rolled over with him on the grass and when the EMT got there, when the fire department got there, when the man arrived at the hospital, they said in very clear terms there was no doubt that your quick action saved this man's life. Now, we are praying for this man today because, in the hospital, he's yet fighting for his life, but his family will tell you, as they told Clay, we are so blessed by God that..."

Speaker Hannig: "Excuse me, Representative, that was my... my error. Continue."

Stephens: "...that we are so blessed by God that you were there so that you could, first of all, stop our father's agony and get him to the hospital for treatment, but so that even if he only lives another day or so that we can embrace him and say goodbye. And as I said earlier, I don't know that my young friend was lost or whether it was Providence way of intervening in this man's life, but I wanna recognize him as the hero that he is today. In the Republican gallery, let's have a good Springfield welcome for Private First Class Clay Hess."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, Mr. Clerk, returning to Senate Bill 2448. Would you read the Bill, please."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2448, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Delgado. Representative Delgado, you're up on this Bill."

Delgado: "Thank you. I have to... Representative Flowers, can you please move on to your seat. I'd love to present it in front of you, Representative Flowers..."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative..."

Delgado: "...because I'm good at what I do."

Speaker Hannig: "Represent..."

Delgado: "Senate Bill 2448, Rep... Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, amends the Act on aging by making several changes. First, it replaces the Illinois Department of Public Aid with the Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services throughout Section 402. Secondly, the Act currently establishes a program of services to prese... prevent unnecessary institutionalization of persons age 60 or older and in need of long-term care or persons who are suffering from Alzheimer's disease or a related or... disorder. Now, this Act allows these persons to remain in their homes or in another living arrangements recognized by this Act. Senate Bill 2448 simply adds adult day services as a recognized program under this Act. Finally, SB2448 defines the terms 'adult day services' and 'adult day center' both to mean a direct care and supervision of adults 60 and over in a community-based setting for the purpose of providing personal attention and promoting physical, social and ec... emotional well-being in a structured setting. And I would ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2448. Is there any 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? Have all voted who wish? Representative Osmond, do you wish to be recorded? Have all voted who wish? Mr.

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Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Berrios, for what reason do you rise?"

Berrios: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Berrios: "As many of you know, last week I danced in the Conference of Women Legislators fundraiser with a partner I'd met two days beforehand. So, today I just wanna wish Matt Paprocki a happy birthday from all of us. Thanks."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Saviano, you have Senate Bill 2469. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2469, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 2469 as amended addresses a couple technical issues that the Illinois Optometric Association and the Department of Professional Regulation have worked out and I'm happy to say that it's a... it's an agreed Bill. And I would ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2469. Is there any 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, do you wish to be recorded? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On

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this question, there are 113 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lang, you have Senate Bill 2487. Out of the record. Representative Froehlich, you have Senate Bill 2613. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2613, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Froehlich: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2613 simply reorganizes the state's money laundering statute within the Criminal Code. It was suggested by the Cook County State's Attorney. I know of no opposition. I ask for your support."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2613. Is there any discussion? Then all in favor... 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... Okay. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Acevedo, you have House Bill 20... Senate Bill 2680. You wish us to read that? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2680, a Bill for an Act concerning law enforcement. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Acevedo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 2680 modifies the auxiliary police statute to make it consistent with the auxiliary deputy statute. It requires an auxiliary police officer to receive the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board certified training before he or she can carry a firearm or before he or she can obtain conservator of the peace status. Currently, while all other individuals in the state who wanna become conservators of the peace must undergo 40 hours of training with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, auxiliary police are exempt from that requirement. This Bill also contains the truth in labeling provision. It amends the false personation statute to prevent an organization from using the term 'police', 'sheriff' or any other term implying law enforcement unless 80 percent of its membership is associated with a legitimate law enforcement body. This modification prevents organizations from using the terms in their titles that might create confusion as to the source of authority. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2680. And on that question, the Lady from Kane, Representative Lindner."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

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Lindner: "All right. Who... Is there a set standard for the training? Is there a set standard for the training..."

Acevedo: "Yeah. It's..."

Lindner: "...of auxiliary police officers?"

Acevedo: "...I'm sorry. Yes. It's... it's 40 hours of training with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board."

Lindner: "And who determines this? Who determines the training?"

Acevedo: "The board does."

Lindner: "The board of... The board of what?"

Acevedo: "The Training Standards Board."

Lindner: "The Training Standing (sic-Standards) Board."

Acevedo: "Yes."

Lindner: "And are they the ones who train regular police officers, also?"

Acevedo: "Well, I... I..."

Lindner: "They determine the training for the regular police officers and the auxiliary?"

Acevedo: "Well, actually, Representative, they... they... they're the ones who assume the... the responsibility of tellin' 'em the requirements of what they have to... the training they have to go through, but as far as them training themselves, I know the Chicago Police Department has their own training academy but they also have to fulfill the obligations of... according to the Illinois Standards Training Board."

Lindner: "Okay. Actually, what does an auxiliary police officer do?"

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Acevedo: "An auxiliary police officer can have various duties, Representative, all the way from directing traffic to patrolling the streets or securing a certain location. They're allowed to carry firearms, but unfortunately they're not required to go through the training such as other law enforcement individuals. Plus, if they're hired as... as an auxiliary police officer and they are... they are perfect example of directing traffic and the mayor or the president of that township feels that they need... say there's a national... international convention going on during that weekend, they can deputize them for that weekend and give 'em the police powers."

Lindner: "So, it's up to the municipality to say how many auxiliary police officers they need?"

Acevedo: "I'm sorry, Representative, I... I..."

Lindner: "Is it... is it up to the municipality to determine how many auxiliary police officers they need?"

Acevedo: "Yes, that is."

Lindner: "Okay. And does the Illinois Municipal League support this Bill?"

Acevedo: "Hang on, Representative, one minute. Well, Representative, I... I knew as the legislation came out of the Senate they were not opposed to it. I have no idea if they're opposed to it one day or another, right now. I have had no indication and no conversation with them as far as them opposing my legislation."

Lindner: "All right. And the Amendment you put on yesterday made it so these auxiliary police officers could also make arrests. Is that correct?"

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Acevedo: "Yes, Representative. It was use... it was useless for allow auxiliary police officers to carry weapons without having that the powers of arrest, so yeah, yeah, we did bring it back into due to actually a Member on your side of the aisle asked to enter it as an Amendment to help out his area which he represents."

Lindner: "Okay. And so they're... they're only appointed for a certain time and a certain incident? They're not auxiliary police officers forever?"

Acevedo: "Yes. They are not full-time police officers. We can... we would... basically, ya know, their nickname is 'weekend warriors' so those are the types where if... if they feel... if the president or the... or the mayor of that township feels that the extra law enforcement is required, then they can deputize them for that weekend."

Lindner: "All right. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Black: "Representative, I've heard from several auxiliary police officers in my district about this Bill. I would not characterize them as 'weekend warriors'. I would characterize them as people who give hundreds of hours of service to communities that no longer have the financial resources to staff a police department at optimum staffing levels. In fact, our auxiliary police officers are often used as a backup officer in the squad car. What... what does



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the Amendment do? Does the Amendment say that an auxiliary police officer will no longer have the power to make an arrest?"

Acevedo: "No... Representative, Amendment #2 actually that... that line on the original Bill was inadvertently put in there and we... it was brought to our attention by a colleague of ours on your side of the aisle that it would actually hurt the... the auxiliary police officers in... in his township, so we put that back in. Basically, for the fact that we're allowing an individual to call themselves an auxiliary police officer and is allowing them to carry a firearm we should enable them to have the powers of arrest as well."

Black: "All right. So, that was my concern. We are keeping current statute. As I understand the current law, a fully commissioned, deputized, auxiliary police officer who has had the training and works for a municipal government does have the power of arrest and your Bill will maintain that ability for them to have the power of arrest as amended."

Acevedo: "Yes. Yes, Representative."

Black: "Okay."

Acevedo: "The Amendment #2 deals with that issue."

Black: "All right. And the... Now, I'm assuming that with that power comes obviously, as you know better than most in the chamber, a tremendous responsibility. If they abuse that power or misuse that power, I am assuming that the liability will go on to the city who has commissioned and deputized them. Would that be your understanding?"

Acevedo: "I... I would assume that for a legislative purpose, Representative. If a mayor or a president of a township is

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gonna deputize them for a certain amount of time, they should carry out full responsibility."

Black: "All right. So, we... well, what we have here, if I understand it correctly, the Chiefs of Police don't want them to have this authority, but the Municipal League, i.e., the mayors want them to have the authority. So, it would seem like we're in a real conundrum here. The Chiefs of Police obviously wanna be very careful with liability and yet, mayors, of local communities, know that without an auxiliary police force, they just simply don't have the people power to do some of the things that these auxiliary police do. So, I don't know how we reconcile... It's your understanding that the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association oppose the Bill in its current form. Would that be correct?"

Acevedo: "Yes, Representative. And basically, what it is, is currently not all townships and cities need a full-time... a certain amount of full-time police officers at any given time. This just enables them to hire auxiliary police officers and deputize them for a certain amount of time where they don't have to pay the benefit... maybe pay the benefits or actually pay 'em throughout the year when maybe the convention time is low or visitation to the state is low or the cities, I should say."

Black: "Well, I thank you for that... your forthright answers. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Black: "Again, this is... puts people in a difficult position when you have chief law enforcement officers who don't want

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this power given, which they currently have and you have many of your municipal and local officials who want to maintain that power. It makes no sense to me to deploy an auxiliary police force, be it for crowd control or event control, if they do not have the power to stop and detain sometimes arrest... may be the wrong word... but at least to detain until a sworn officer of the peace can arrive and sort out the issues. You would simply turn an auxiliary police force into something akin to ushers at a theater complex and if they don't have any authority and you don't want them to have the authority, then I would say to the chief law enforcement officers, then go to your mayors, go to your townships, go to your local unit..."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative, your time has expired. Would you bring your remarks to a close."

Black: "Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I... I think this is an issue, rather than come to the General Assembly, the Chiefs of Police and the other law enforcement agencies need to work with local officials and determine what role they want the auxiliary police to have. I know in my background and in my communities without an auxiliary police force with the power to arrest, with the power designated to them by the chief executive officer of this... of the municipality, they would be nothing more than glorified ushers and that is not what the police departments in my area, at least, today need. So, I stand in favor of the Bill as amended."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Will the Sponsor yield, Mr. Speaker?"

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Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Brady: "Representative, a quick point of clarification, if I could. What we're talkin' about basically is just providing the 40-hours mandatory firearms training course, correct?"

Acevedo: "Yes, Representative."

Brady: "And who's gonna be responsible for payment of that course? Would it be the individual reserve officer, would it be that agency that the reserve officer works for, or is deputized by, who would bear the cost of the 40-hours training course?"

Acevedo: "Well, currently, Representative, as I understand it, the city or the township that would hire an individual as a law... auxiliary police officer, I should say, is responsible for sending that person actually into the 40-hours training or if any other academy that is necessary for them to achieve their goals."

Brady: "So, your Bill in no way changes that?"

Acevedo: "No, it does not."

Brady: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Acevedo to close."

Acevedo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Some of the previous speakers have made... brought up some legitimate points as far as the Illinois Chief of Police and the Illinois municipality (sic-Municipal League). Well, we all have to understand we're not trying to take away the responsibility of a president of a township or the mayor of a township. What we're trying to do is... is curb the amount of police impersonators that have been out there. In the re... in the

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past recent year there's been over a thousand arrests of individuals who have gone out there and flashed the badge and falsified theirselves as police officers. And this is exactly the kind of activities we're trying to curb and by no means does it try to wanna harm any law enforcement agencies or take away any other capable law enforcement abilities from any township or the mayors that represent their cities or townships. So, I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2680. And so the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes' and 5 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We're gonna break from our activities of calling Bills on Third Reading and begin our ceremony for the Illinois fallen soldiers. So, could I have your attention. Would the Members please be in their seats. Would our staff, respective staffs, retire to the rear of the chambers. Gentlemen, we're ready to proceed."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 510 adopted May 30, 2005.

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11 and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were

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placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was officially declared a national holiday in May of 1966 by President Lyndon B. Johnson as a national day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service; a day where every citizen of the United States can actively remember our ancestors, our family members, our loved ones, our neighbors, and our friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice; Memorial Day traditionally has been observed on May 30th of each year, but is currently observed on the last Monday in the month of May; and

WHEREAS, There are many ways in which citizens of the United States can honor all of the fallen soldiers that have given the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms offered by this great nation, including visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes, visiting memorials, flying the United State's flag at half-staff until noon, flying the POW/MIA Flag at half-staff until noon, participating in the "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3 p.m. to pause and think upon the true meaning of the day, by renewing a pledge to aid the widows, widowers, and orphans of our fallen dead, and to aid the disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois strongly supports all of our men and women of the armed forces, both active and departed, and wants to further honor the sacrifice of all United States men and women who have faithfully served in our armed forces; and

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WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the Illinois General Assembly establish a new Memorial Day tradition honoring our fallen brethren by reading an annual list of all of the names of those American soldiers that have given the ultimate sacrifice; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that beginning in 2006, the Illinois House of Representatives shall adopt the policy, whether by rule or other action, that provides that the House Clerk shall annually, either on Memorial Day or on a reasonable session day scheduled prior to Memorial Day, read the names of all of the soldiers, from each and every branch of the United States armed forces and military reserves, who have been killed in the line of duty during the prior year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the list is to be obtained by the House Clerk no later than May 15 of every year, and the clerk may enlist the help of the United States Department of Defense or the Illinois Department of Military Affairs so that the most accurate account of fallen soldiers may be honored by the Illinois House of Representatives as well as all of the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House Clerk shall always preface the reading of the list of fallen United States soldiers with the following quote from former President Abraham Lincoln as stated in the Gettysburg Address "From these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion - that we

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here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, if in any year, no soldier in the United States armed forces and military reserves has been killed in the line of duty, then the House Clerk shall then offer a moment of silence and reflection to be taken in order to remember those soldiers that have fallen in the past and is to offer a prayer that our soldiers continue to be protected from potential harm while serving our country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois, Michael J. Madigan; House of Representatives of the State of Illinois Minority Leader Tom Cross; United States Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert; United States Senator Dick Durbin; United States Senator Barack Obama; every member of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly of the State of Illinois; and every member of the Illinois Congressional delegation."

Speaker Hannig: "And now we'll have the Roll Call of fallen soldiers. Representative Reitz."

Reitz: "Specialist Brian M. Romines from Simpson, June 6, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas C. Hull, Princeton, August 2, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative Smith."

Smith: "Gunnery Sergeant Terry W. Ball, Jr., East Peoria, August 5, 2005."



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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Specialist Miguel Carrasquillo, River Grove, August 9, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Washington."

Washington: "First Lieutenant David L. Giaimo, Waukegan, August 12, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Specialist Jeffrey A. Williams, Warrenville, September 5, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "And from my district. Staff Sergeant Gary R. Harper, Jr., Virden, October 9, 2005. Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "From Speaker Madigan's district, Specialist James T. Grijalva, Burbank, October 12, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "First Lieutenant Debra A. Banaszak, Bloomington, died October 28, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Sergeant 1st Class Kyle B Wehrly, Galesburg, November 3, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Gordon."

Gordon: "Sergeant Joshua A. Terando, Morris, died November 10, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Washington."

Washington: "Sergeant 1st Class James S. Ochsner, Waukegan, November 15, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Biggins."

Biggins: "Private 1st Class Christopher M. Alcozer, Villa Park, November 19, 2005."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Schock."

Schock: "Sergeant 1st Class Eric P. Pearrow, Peoria, November 24, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Sergeant Grzegorz Jakoniuk, Schiller Park, November 30, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hassert."

Hassert: "Lance Corporal Adam W. Kaiser, Naperville, died December 1, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Lance Corporal Andrew G. Patten, Byron, killed December 1, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Reis."

Reis: "Specialist Brian A. Wright, Keensburg, December 6, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Beiser."

Beiser: "Sergeant 1st Class Shawn C. Dostie, Granite City, December 30, 2005."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Lance Corporal Jonathan K. Price, Woodlawn, January 13, 2006."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Pihos."

Pihos: "Private First Class Sean T. Cardelli, Downers Grove, died February 1, 2006."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Younge."

Younge: "Staff Sergeant Edwin H. Dazachacon, Belleville, February 13, 2006."

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Speaker Hannig: "That concludes our Roll Call for fallen soldiers. Can we have a moment of silence before we play taps. Thank you. Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, I wanna thank the Members for their dedication. I wanna thank the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their enthusiasm with which they have embraced this tradition. If there's any good news, Mr. Speaker, last year we had 14 pages of names, this year we have 5. We know there will be more this year. We pray for the day when there are none. But this chamber is dedicated to never forgetting. And God bless you."

Speaker Hannig: "And that concludes our service for this year. Thank you. We're going to return to page 4 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Third Reading. Representative Poe, you have Senate Bill 2798. Representative Poe, do you wish us to read that? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2798, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is an identical Bill as amended that we sent over to the Senate which passed unanimous. Basically, we had that the Sangamon County Health Department and the Springfield Health Department merged and this will give them the right to increase that board by two members. I appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2798. Is there any discussion? Then the

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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 Cultra and Tryon, do you wish to be recorded? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Flowers on Senate Bill 2898. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2898, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move for the passage of House Bill... Senate Bill 2898. It provides... it will require a public school or a nonpublic school to permit the self-administration of medication by a pupil with asthma and adds to the requirement that the school permitting pupil to use epinephrine autoinjector. And I'll be more than happy to answer any questions you have in regards to Senate Bill 2898."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2898. Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Just a matter of clarification. Representative, diabetic children, they affected by this and how so?"

Flowers: "I'm sorry, Representative. I didn't hear you."

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Stephens: "Diabetics who need to have insulin injections and if they're a school student, are they affected by this and if so how so?"

Flowers: "No, they're not affected by this."

Stephens: "So, they will not be restricted from having all they need to in... to administer insulin at school?"

Flowers: "No, not at all. This is a new category for..."

Stephens: "You said 'no', but the question was, they won't be pre..."

Flowers: "They will not be affected by this."

Stephens: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Flowers: "Um hmm."

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 Jenisch, do you wish to be recorded? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Black, you have Senate Bill 2899. Out of the record. Representative Coulson, you have Senate Bill 2913. Do you wish that to be read on Third or do you wish... Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2913, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Coulson."

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Coulson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2913 amends the Newborn Infant Protection Act changing the definition of 'relinquished newborn infant' from 72 hours to 7 days old. And we have found that, while we saved 21 babies lives, we would like to save more and the medical community thinks that 7 days is an appropriate amount of time. And I'd ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2913. Is there any 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? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Turner has House Bill 20... Senate Bill 2921. Out of the record. Representative Osterman on Senate Bill 2931. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2931, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 2931 provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity establish a pilot program using and testing lifelong learning accounts for workers in the health care industry to continue their education and help pay for educational expenses. This program will serve

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up to 500 health care industry workers that will use these lifelong learning accounts for educational purposes. The goal is to help these workers to advance their education and move into better jobs. This legislation is subject to appropriation and it has no opposition. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2931. And on that question, the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Meyer."

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

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

Meyer: "Representative, you indicate that the goal is to allow workers to move into better paying jobs."

Osterman: "Yes. In... in the health care..."

Meyer: "What is your monitor and control on making certain that workers that take part in this program actually do move into better paying jobs?"

Osterman: "Well, it's a pilot program that Economic Opportunity would establish and I think some of the outcomes that they're gonna monitor will be if people went into those jobs."

Meyer: "Who is going to determine whether they do or not?"

Osterman: "I would say that that would be the state. It would be the Department of Commerce and Economoc... Economic Opportunity, but I would also say that people like myself and others who care about that would monitor if this is used and how those people moved into better jobs."

Meyer: "Well, Representative, last year I had the opportunity to propose legislation that resulted in the... the Inspector

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General for the state to do an audit of how DCEO counts job development and how they count the number of people that move into better jobs. And it ended up in the front page coverage in some of our statewide newspapers as the... indicating that the department was counting jobs inaccurately. Until we get an accurate count of what is actually transpiring at job development, I don't see how we can be tracking how any kind of result would be in favorable or unfavorable. Until we can determine whether that department is accurately counting job progression in this state, I don't understand how anybody in this Body can determine whether the programs that we pass are being advantageous to our state workers. Unfortunately, when I rep... when I introduced legislation earlier this year to follow... do a follow-up on it, on DCEO, to make sure that they were now counting jobs correctly, that was heard in committee and held in committee by a partisan Roll Call, the people on your side of the aisle not supporting it. Quite frankly, now you're saying that DCEO should be put in charge again of counting to make sure that their coun... of the counting and make sure that they're accurately reflecting job progression in this state. I take exception to that even though we should be putting together programs that do service to our workers in the state. I think what you oughta do is tighten this up and to ask for an audit of the results, not just depend upon the administration's... the administration's counting of the... of the jobs that are created or the jobs that are progressed. And I certainly think you're on the right track, but you've left out that



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very important factor as a part of your legislation. Would you be willing to do such an Amendment that would require an accurate counting by the... the state's Auditor General?"

Osterman: "What I'd be willing to do is to meet with the director of Commerce and Ec... Ec... Commerce and Economic Opportunity with you to fine-tune how they're gonna establish monitoring the program. So, I think that... as well as with the Hospital Association and a lot of other people that are in support of this legislation. So, this legislation is here now. The issues that you brought up... let me first say this, I was not in committee when your... your Bill was not passed. So, what this does though, this legislation, is a voluntary program and companies that are in the health care industry would have to wanna participate. Employees..."

Meyer: "Representative, if I could, not to be rude and cut you off, but my time is expiring. I'm willing to take you up on your offer to, along with yourself, to meet with them to make certain that, well, that we're requiring that that count be accurately reflected, as a first step, but in the future as I introduce that follow-up legislation, I do hope that you'll support it because quite frankly, once you get caught with your hand in the cookie jar ya gotta make sure that ya take it out. Certainly, your intentions are good and I recognize that and I'm willing to work with ya, but certainly we need to make sure we have an accurate monitor on that department for the future."

Osterman: "Absolutely and I will pledge that any time I sponsor legislation dealing with comp..."

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Speaker Hannig: "Your... your time has reached... expired.  
Representative Osterman, why don't you finish your remark."

Osterman: "Just gonna say that, Representative Meyer, in the future if I sponsor legislation dealing with that agency, I will come talk to you. And I'm more than willing to help work with you if there are problems and try to fine-tune that."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mulligan."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Mulligan: "Representative, I don't quite understand why this money is going to DCEO. Why would it not be going to community colleges or is it going to businesses who are gonna train these people and hire them or what... what's the goal here that you're trying to accomplish?"

Osterman: "DCEO is basically gonna help set up the pilot to administer the program. So, this is gonna require some working with financial institutions to set up these accounts, working with health care industry, hospitals or other health care providers to get them involved. It also involves technical training and promotion of this program, that's why this agency was identified."

Mulligan: "So, explain this to me. You're gonna give \$500 in a financial institution account to someone who says they're going to increase their learning in the health care area?"

Osterman: "And it... they would reach out, DCEO would reach out, to employers that wanna participate and employees that work there. Take a hospital for example. If the hospital was willing to put in matching funds and the employer's willing

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to put in matching funds, the state and DCEO would match up to 50 percent of what they are contributing, up to a \$500 commitment from the state. So, if an employer puts in \$500, an employee puts in \$500, the state, under this program, would match with another \$500 to help with the educational expenses for people in the health care industry. The goal, Representative Mulligan, is to get lower paid employees in the health care industry to try to use this money to get better education that will help them advance in the health care industry."

Mulligan: "Will this money only go to entities that hire union employees or will the hospitals be held up in order to put these grants in and is there any requirement of a course completion or any kind of a grade that would be stipulated before they would put this money into an account?"

Osterman: "No. I think the money has to go into the account prior to them embarking. As far as the unionization goes, I don't think the language specifies any kind of requirements on unionization of union employees."

Mulligan: "So, we're giving out \$500 thousand with no strings attached, to DCEO to give out grants, to match up to people who might wanna improve their health care and there's no program that specifies how it would be audited or what would happen with this money. Five hundred thousand dollars in a budget that can't afford money for education and can't afford money to other things and yet there's no specifics in how they would give this money out?"

Osterman: "It's a pilot program. It's a pilot program..."

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Mulligan: "But a pilot program doesn't mean we're giving somebody \$500 thousand to do with as they please, just 'cause it's a pilot program? There must be some parameters."

Osterman: "We have a state agency that's involved in developing job programs and encouraging employment. This is a pilot program to try to help boost low-paid workers in the health care industry to get better jobs. I would hope that you would support that and I think that you understand that there is a shortage in the health care industry and this is a small amount of money in a pilot program..."

Mulligan: "I certainly understand that. I served on workforce investment until I got disgusted with what the Governor was doing with the Workforce Investment Board. Quite frankly, they don't meet on time, they don't get... their federal funds should be coming through, they changed to what the problem was as far as how we train people going through community colleges and now we're gonna fund a program for \$500 thousand through DCEO that doesn't have any particular parameters on it. I mean, I don't understand how this money is going to be spent other than it's perks for whoever complies with either a certain Party or certain unions or certain groups of people in a certain area. Have you got an area designated? I'd like to know how this money is going to be spent and why it's going through DCEO and not going to community colleges that would adequately train people and what would be the requirement for a company in order to get the grant money for this?"

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Osterman: "Well, let me... let me say this. A hospital employee could go to community college to get advanced training that will help them get a better job. In the legislation, Representative, it... it highlights six issues that give DCEO the guidance into what they specifically should do in creating the pilot program. Again, it's a voluntary program that health care industry companies can choose to participate or not. So, quite frankly..."

Mulligan: "Well, basically, my time is up and I think that the guidelines are very weak and it's a \$500 thousand let's have 'a feel good' program that really doesn't do at what it really intends to do."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative... The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black. Representative Black, are you... are you seeking recognition?"

Black: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've been following this discussion with bated breath and would like to know if the Sponsor would yield?"

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

Black: "Thank you. Representative, the... the Bill is subject to appropriation, right?"

Osterman: "Yes."

Black: "So, without an appropriation, it doesn't... it doesn't really become a program until we appropriate money, correct?"

Osterman: "Yes."

Black: "Let me ask you something that staff has pointed out. If we were to implement the program, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity would need to hire up to

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ten people to oversee, start up and advertise the program throughout the state. Did the agency give you any idea how much that might cost?"

Osterman: "They did not and I was not privy to the, ya know, I'd have to check with the department, Representative Black, about the additional employees that would be hired. That is something that your staff is bringing to you and something I'd have to verify with the department."

Black: "All right. Representative, in these difficult budget times, and I don't know if the appropriation will ever be made to start the pilot program at \$500 thousand, but if... if in fact it is or if in fact we find \$500 thousand, with the acute health care worker shortage that we have wouldn't it make more sense to put the \$500 thousand in the appropriate budget so we can hire 10 or 15 or 20 nurses to work in our veterans' facilities throughout the state that are critically, critically understaffed?"

Osterman: "I would agree that there's a need for more nurses in those hospital settings as well as a lot of other hospital settings. The goal with this legislation is to try, Representative Black, a pilot program that will get some of those low-paid workers that work in the health care industry, people that are medical assistants that may only have a high school diploma and try to get them into higher paying jobs like going into the nursing profession. There are a lot of programs that offer scholarships for nurses. This is a... this is a pilot that's aimed at some of those people that maybe aren't able to take advantage of that, to get them to boost themselves up so that those places that

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have shortages, down the road, will be able to fill those vacancies."

Black: "I have a number of constituents who are transitioning into health care because of downsizing, layoffs, et cetera and I refer them to ISAC and they often are able to find financial aid through ISAC, enroll at a community college, become a CNA, a associate degree nursing program, depending on college aid and finances go on to... to get a baccalaureate of science in nursing. I... I agree that the shortage is acute. I... I don't know that this is the best way to do it and I... I assume later in the Session we're gonna get around to selling the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, which I know many of us have some very serious concerns about. And I... ya know, I don't quarrel with the pilot program, but I think there are many avenues out there that would but... Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. The... there are many programs out there who can help people transition into health care careers. Community colleges are doing amazing things all over the state in the field of... of transitioning people into nursing and patient care professions. This pilot program, while it certainly may replicate what we already have, I'm not sure it would add, you know, be a value-added program. And if we were going to start a pilot program today for a half a million dollars, I, for one... and I don't think anybody on the floor would disagree with this concept... if we had an extra half a million we certainly could use some additional nurses. You just went through a ceremony to honor those who have served in the military. And I would submit to this Body, we are not honoring those

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who served in the military by these short staffing ratios we currently have in our Illinois veterans' homes. You've heard some of the ads that ran earlier or late in 2005 about they had so few nurses that some of these aging veterans were limited literally to one bath a week. Limited..."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black, could you bring your remarks to a close, please."

Black: "Well, yes, I will, Mr. Speaker. And I... I only wish I had time to impress upon the Body the seriousness of the shortage of nurses and other staff in the veterans' homes that are located throughout Illinois. It's nice that we pay homage to those veterans who have sacrificed, as well we should, we wouldn't be here without them. But I wish we could draw our attention to serving those honorably discharged veterans who are now patients in the Illinois veterans' home who are in desperate need of additional nurses. They are not in desperate need of an additional pilot program."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Osterman to close."

Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanna thank the previous speakers for their input. I think all of us understand that the health care industry, specifically the lack of nurses that are there in hospitals and in other places for our elderly, we need to try to get more people to go into the health care industry. This is one idea, one pilot program, to try to get low-paid workers involved. I wanna point out that it's leveraging private dollars from the companies that choose to participate as well as the funding



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from the employees themselves. I think this is a good initiative to try to help us get more people into the health care field. And I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

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 voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting 'yes' and 8 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Cross, for what reason do you rise?"

Cross: "Quickly, Mr. Speaker, a point of personal privilege. I want to... he's on the phone right now... but George Scully, Representative George Scully, qualified for the Boston Marathon, which in and of itself is an incredible feat and I just wanna say, George, congratulations and good luck. To qualify for Boston doesn't happen often and the second time you've done it? So, I'm just... I'm... I'm pleased for George. It's a... it's very impressive for anybody to qualify for Boston. I know he works hard and it's a good... good that you're there representing us. So, good luck, George."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Flider, you have Senate Bill 2962. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2962, a Bill for an Act concerning driving privileges. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Macon, Representative Flider."

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Flider: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 2962 would require that those who are convicted of a sex offense must renew their driver's license annually. The way it would work is that upon conviction the license would be revoked until the person who was convicted renews it with the Secretary of State. And that provision would make it consistent with existing revocation provisions within the law. The person who is convicted of a sex offense would also be required to renew their license annually. This provides safeguards for law enforcement, insures that the address is sufficiently re... registered with the Secretary of State's Office and therefore, with law enforcement. This Bill passed the Senate 58 to 0. I'd ask for your support."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2962. And on that question, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Fritchey."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Fritchey: "Representative, let me ask you, with all due respect, what the nexus between having a sex offender register annually for... I mean, all right..."

Flider: "Yeah."

Fritchey: "I don't really see what this does other than make more work for the Secretary of State's Office."

Flider: "Well, what happens is that it's an additional safeguard for law enforcement. And so, it's a requirement that a person who be convicted of such a crime would make sure that their correct address is registered with the

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Secretary of State's Office which, therefore, then is available through the law enforcement system."

Fritchey: "But they're required to do this already through the registration provisions of the sex offender registry and if they're not gonna comply with the underlying registry, what leads you to believe that they're gonna comply with the annual renewal of their driver's license with accurate information?"

Flider: "Well, it's an extra safeguard, an extra check. Right now, a person would not need to renew their driver's license 'til every 4 years, so theoretically there could be two different addresses on official records. So, what this is... really does is just a safeguard."

Fritchey: "Well, you're right, there could be two different addresses and the ones that control, for all purposes of tracking sex offenders, is the official database, not the Secretary of State driving records. So, if there were two different addresses, law enforcement still goes by the database, correct?"

Flider: "Well, let's just say that... and certainly that could be the situation... but let's just say, for example, in a worse case scenario where law enforcement was needing to contact somebody as a witness or who may be involved or perceived to be involved in a crime, then this would absolute... actually give law enforcement a location in which to make sure that they could know that a person was residing, if and in fact, if they were checking the Secretary of State's system."

Fritchey: "All right. To the Bill, Speaker."

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Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Fritchey: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we have seen... Let me preface this. I'm... I'm in no way questioning the Sponsor's good intentions here. We have seen probably well over a dozen Bills this year of doing various modifications to the law under the guise of cracking down on sex offenders. Nothing in this legislation helps law enforcement track them down, we already have that in place; nothing helps... nothing in this Bill helps prevent these cases, that's not what this Bill's about; these types of Bills come flying out of these chambers, comes flying out of this chamber because nobody wants to be perceived as soft on this issue or not tough enough on crime or having compassion for sex offenders. But at a time that we are trying to make some sense out of the Criminal Code, to throw more legislation in here and more administrative bureaucracy on something that has no relation whatsoever to the underlying registry, to the purpose of the registry, really doesn't make any sense. This is not a 'get tough on crime' Bill. This is not a reform Bill. Again, with all... all respect to the Sponsor, folks, we are... we are simply making more of a mess of an already convoluted Criminal Code. I request a 'present' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "So, we've had one speak in favor, one in opposition. Representative Ramey, you're next on the list."

Ramey: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

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

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Ramey: "They're gonna renew their license every year. Who's paying for that?"

Flider: "Well, that would be the person who would be renewing the license."

Ramey: "How much will they pay?"

Flider: "Well, whatever the cost is to renew a driver's license."

Ramey: "It's 4... \$10 for every 4 years. So, what would it be now?"

Flider: "So that would be \$10 a year."

Ramey: "Ten dollars a year?"

Flider: "Yes."

Ramey: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Representative Molaro, do you rise in support or in opposition? In support. Okay. Representative Molaro, 5 minutes."

Molaro: "Thank you. There's been a subcommittee that we formed that... Patricia Lindner's idea, that she's gonna be the cochairman of... well, what we're gonna do with all these sexual crimes. I... I'm supposed to be a lawyer and know this and I'm totally confused on what we've done over the past 3 or 4 years when it comes to sex crimes, predatory, nonpredatory, sexual offender's list, predatory offender's list. There are so many lists out there I'm gettin' confused. Pat Verschoore has some good... good language that talks about what Iowa's done and what it does to the border counties, as far as the 500 foot rule, should it be 501 feet, does that make people feel safer, 495, we don't feel as safe. I mean, it's getting ridiculous out there.

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However, let me say this about this Bill. Of all the ones that came forward, I think this is a pretty good idea because all... all it does is this. You read the Sun Times recently, the Tribune they did a expose of trying to find out where a bunch of these sex offenders are living. They can't find maybe 2 thousand of 'em or 3 thousand of 'em because they're not reporting like they should and they're not keeping their addresses. We don't know where they're at. This, however... Let me tell you this. I bet ya out of those 3 thousand 25 hundred of 'em have a driver's license and they don't have to renew it for 3 or 5 years. I think this is a good way to try to keep track of those fellas and where they might be and saying, listen, at least once a year, if you're a sex offender, come in and tell us where ya live so we can cross-reference what the sex registry has and what the Secretary of State has. I think that makes sense, but this is a Bill that we'll also look at when we form this subcommittee and see where it's at. But I think it's a good idea. The only one that seems to have a lot of common sense. Where the other ones seem to be just tough on crime, this seems to be some nexus as to what we like to do and find out where these sex offenders are living because, as you saw again from all the papers, nobody knows where they're at and this is maybe one way of finding out where they are. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Franks."

Franks: "To the Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanna commend the Sponsor for bringing this forward. And the reason why I think this is so important is I've had some instances in

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my district and I've had some of my constituents ask for us to require new photographs every year for those on the sex offender list because oftentimes these folks look much different. Now, this Bill accomplishes two things. They get a photograph every year plus we get a good address and oftentimes the addresses aren't good. So, I think this Bill accomplishes two goals. It's done very succinctly. It's done not over-the-top. It's not overbearing. I think it's an excellent Bill and I've heard other speakers who didn't support it and I respectfully disagree. I think this is a Bill we should all be voting for because you... this Bill will accomplish many goals with very little cost."

Speaker Hannig: "So, Representatives Flider, Molaro, and Franks have spoken in favor and Representative Fritchey and Ramey in response. And Representative Flider's now recognized to close."

Flider: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And... and I wanna thank my colleagues for your comments on this Bill in particularly those of you who would support this legislation. This really, when you think about it, is commonsense legislation. We go back to our districts and we talk to the different people in our communities, maybe it's because of the national publicity, maybe it's just because there are certain kinds of instances of more... where this kind of crime is... is more pronounced or seems to be very prevalent in certain circumstances. The public is expecting that we are going to provide safeguards that protect children, protect people from circumstances that were avoidable. And

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so, in this instance, we're just requiring a very simple thing. We're requiring that annually those who are... would be convicted of a sex offense to renew their driver's license. And it's... it's a safeguard for law enforcement and it's an extra measure that we can take in society and I think, as one of the speaker's indicated, it's certainly is a step in the right direction and has a number of good purposes. So, I would ask for your support and hope that everybody joins with me in voting for this legislation. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2962. And so the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Gordon, do you wish to be recorded? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Smith, you have Senate Bill 3011. Oh, excuse me. Representative D'Amico, for what reason do you rise?"

D'Amico: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

D'Amico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Up in the gallery, up here on the left, I have the kids in seventh grade from Sauganash School from my home district. I just wanna welcome them down to Springfield. Thanks for makin' the ride."



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Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. And Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Hannig: "State your inquiry."

Black: "I... As I've said before, this is a very family unfriendly business and when we get the Calendar in November and many of us make family plans and I've been here long enough, I know the Calendar is subject to change. But when I got over here yesterday, I see that we're going right through until April the 12 and I... I would... I have a couple of questions. One, why didn't we go through last week, when we were scheduled to go and perhaps we could have adjourned on Friday, if necessary come back at a later date. Many of us have family obligations, we make those decisions back in November and December and I've made a family obligation and I plan to keep that obligation, not that I don't take this job seriously, but it's hard to plan a schedule when your Calendar is so easily changed and I might add, sometimes so cavalierly changed, without input from the rank and file Members. And that brings up my second point, Mr. Speaker. It appears that we... we may be headed for an April the 12 adjournment, I don't know whether that'll be the case or not and I have a number of retired teachers in my district, a number of retired university employees, at what point... I would cancel my family obligations and stay here from now until cold weather comes again, through the summer if necessary, to address one little question. You can deny it all you want

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to, on that side of the aisle and a good friend of mine denied it back in his district last week, but you have raked, raided and robbed the pension system of \$3 billion in the last 2 years. I'd like to know before we adjourn, we're willing to work with you, when will we see a repayment schedule? I've got people who... who depend on that pension. They wanna know when are you planning to repay it, how are you planning to repay it and how many years are you going to take to repay it? And don't give me that stuff about pension reform. You didn't reform any pension. You robbed old teachers and university people and state workers, your so-called constituents. You, the Party of the people, got into their pension systems and robbed them of what is rightfully theirs. When are you gonna repay it? Just tell us when you're gonna repay it."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Speaking of the Calendar, last year, Leaders on your side of the aisle crafted a proposed pension raid, chose not to work with us to control spending and you chose to take the money... take that money and significantly increase our long-term debt. You diverted \$1.2 billion from hard-working teachers, state and university employees last year and you plan to take another 1.1 billion this year. Your self-imposed adjournment date is April 12, so we've got eight full days left until adjournment and it's still not too late to make the changes. In spite of anything that you say in your press releases about, oh, we passed pension reform and that's going to save money, that is a lie. If you say that

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the pension reform that you passed last year are saving the money that you then took out of... out of the Pension Fund and wasted on another increased spending last year and again this, you are not telling the truth. We need to get back on the spending schedule in support of the Pension Funds that we started on in 1995. We have an obligation to the citizens of this state to make those payments on time, to stop the borrowing that is threatening the financial status of the state and quit asking your children and your grandchildren to pay for your grandiose ideas."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ya know, along that same line, I'm very concerned as I go back into my district and I have so many people tell me that they're concern is, will I have a pension system that will pay me that I've paid into over all these years that I'm working, whether it's teachers, whether it's correctional workers, whether it's IDOT workers, university employees. Folks, ya can't continue to rob these pension systems. We said it last year, oh, now we're gonna start right back into that again this year. We're willing to set down, we're willing to work with you, we're willing to work with the Governor's Office, to come up with some kind of plan, some kind of answer. Ya know, one time I had one person say that, oh, well, that was done a long time under... ago under Thompson. Yes, it was and in 1995 we came back to correct the problem. Why? Because it was wrong then, it's wrong now. Two wrongs do not make a right. Ladies and Gentlemen, be responsible to those people who sent you here, be responsible to those people

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who have served this state, be responsible to those seniors that are now wondering, is my pension system gonna fail. I've said it from this House before and I'll say it again, those of you who criticize Enron and vote for this and voted for it last year, you oughta be ashamed of yourselves."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "I know you're giving me that look, Mr. Speaker, but... but I don't know if I could help it. First of all, if... if these people who just spoke wanna talk about what's the best way to fund it, they can argue that all day long. Maybe they're right, maybe we were wrong last year. We'll certainly take a look at it as we move forward and we move into the next Session. They have every right to come up... if they come up, every right to say, let's do it now, let's fund it differently. What you did last year was wrong. They can say that all day long; they have every right to say it; they have every right to come up with their ideas and say our idea was wrong. The only thing that I must caution 'em on is that I think they know that the way we fund it has nothing to do with the payouts. Nobody who's 78 years old, who's home now, is listening to this should not sleep at night because they may not get their pension check. That's wrong; that's irresponsible even to hint at that. It's constitutionally protected. Everybody who's retired today and they're getting their checks, that was pointed out, will continue to get their checks 'til the day they die and so will their spouses and so will their children. Now, could someone say we're funding it wrong,

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absolutely, I screamed about their plan in '95, they can scream about our plan now. Maybe they'll prove to be right, maybe we'll prove to be wrong. But nobody who is retired right now is their pension check and we shouldn't stand here and tell these people who are 78, 80 years old that their pension checks that mish... are in jeopardy. That's not true and we all know that. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Biggins."

Biggins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With all due respect, the previous speaker's wrong. There is no guarantee that anybody's pension money's gonna be here. We all can remember, not too long ago, 9/11, that's changed our future and it's given us a terrible past. We can't be certain we're gonna be around, we're gonna have money to pay the pensions of people that are retiring now. Those retired teachers who are calling our districts, particularly mine in the suburbs, are worried about their pensions and they should be worried, 'cause there's no guarantee that if there's another attack like there was on 9/11 that's gonna impact on the ability of governments to repay the monies that they're borrowing now. It's wrong to borrow and take the Retired Teachers' Pension Funds. It's wrong to put 'em toward daily state operations, we... that we cannot guarantee the future, we cannot guarantee that these monies will be there because there's an assumption made by the Party that wants to borrow from Pension Fund, they'll just tax the future generations. It's not generations, it's only the next 10 years that these monies will become due. We're wrong to put these people and their pensions at risk. And

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where's the Governor during all this? I wish the Governor would make a statement about when he's gonna replenish the Retired Teachers' Pension Funds. I mean, he's busy. He's got Bernie Mac doin' commercials helping to sell lottery tickets to the tune of half a million dollars commission for him. Can we make Bernie Mac buy one lottery ticket? At least, make him... make him contribute something. He'll probably lose like everybody else does. But if we can take a much more responsible position in keeping our state... get our state back in the strong fiscal order... Borrowing from the Retired Teachers' Pension Funds is wrong. They may not be there to repay them... we might not be able to repay them in the future if something happens to our country and to our state."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ya know, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we're talking about the necessity of addressing probably the biggest fiscal problem that this state has at the current time and that's paying back and getting us back onto the schedule that many of us in here voted for in 1995. We were fully 10 years into the payment schedule to get us... to get us to 90 percent funding which is by statutory law a fully funded system. We were fully on our way to getting us back where we should have been. From 1995 to 2005 everything was going well and then the Governor, the current Governor, worked his magic on all of us here. I didn't participate and the people on this side of the aisle didn't participate, but he convinced people here that he again should take money out of the pension

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system, not pay it in and therefore, push off into the future the amount of money that the state... the people of this state would have to pay in order to bring us up to that 95... 90 percent funding level. That amount of money that our children and our grandchildren are gonna have to pay is about thirty-eight and a half billion dollars. That's with a 'b'. And if it doesn't bother you today, I can guarantee you that they're gonna look at your legacy and they're gonna say it bothers them tomorrow. I have a Bill, it's 5572... House Bill 5572 that would create a bipartisan commission that would evaluate how can we get back onto the schedule that we started in 1995 and we were fully 10 years into. That is what that Bill does and it would be good for the state, it would be good for the fiscal health of this state, it would be good for the fiscal health of your children and your grandchildren and what they will owe in Illinois taxes in the future. And if we give up this opportunity that we have today to 1 year later right the wrong that was done a year ago, then I don't think... then I don't think that we're doin' our ful... fulfilling our responsibility and doing our duty as Legislators in the state. And I know there are a lot of good people in this... in this Body, but it's time that we started working together and started to tell the administration, unless it's good for this state, we're not gonna cooperate with ya, we're not gonna be a part of it. Because I can't believe there's anybody here today, in 20/20 hindsight, that can say justifiably that that was a

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good decision. And it's incumbent upon us now to set the record straight and to work on a solution, not tomorrow."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Inquiry of the Clerk."

Speaker Hannig: "State your inquiry."

Lang: "Mr. Clerk, have we been working on a Bill for the last 30 minutes?"

Speaker Hannig: "We're on the Order of Personal Privilege, Mr. Lang."

Lang: "Well, that's interesting. Those didn't sound like personal privilege to me, they weren't even as exciting as when we have a school group in the gallery. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, ya know, maybe it's time that we instituted a rule like they have in the United States Congress when... when the business is over we all get to say what we wanna say and record it for posterity. I don't know what the last half hour was about, but it sure was a waste of my time and I think it was a waste of your time as well. There was no Bill pending. Personal privilege does not involve pontificating about pensions or whatever seems to be on your mind at the moment. We're here doing the business of the Illinois House of Representatives, we're going through the Calendar. I don't know why this is an opportunity for anybody who feels like it to stand up on the floor of the House and say anything they like about any topic that's on their mind at the given moment. When did we devolve into that in this General Assembly? Mr. Speaker, don't you think it's about time we passed a rule



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like they have in Congress so that people that wanna say something can say it during perfunctory time. We can record their comments. Perhaps we can send it to all of their constituents on their behalf. Perhaps we can send it to all the people that they've had calling our offices, worried about their pensions when we all in this chamber know well that there isn't a single, public pensioner that's going to fail to get their check because the Constitution of the State of Illinois requires that they get their check. So, what have we been talking about here for the last half hour, political speeches? If they wanna make political speeches about pensions, let them call a press conference and do it. If they wanna make a political speech about pensions, let them make it in the context of a Bill we're working on. This was all out of order. Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that when Members have a comment they wanna make that's not germane, that's not on point and is definitely not a point of personal privilege, that the Speaker declare them out of order and ask them to make their speech out in the hallway. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Speaker. In great deference to the last speaker, who I have great respect for, that was completely out of order. There are 12 million people in this great state that send a hundred and eighteen of us to this House of Representatives to do the peoples' work. Last year I stood on this House Floor and over this very issue stated, this budget is an abomination, it's an insult to anyone with intelligence above plant life. And I will reiterate

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that again. Ladies and Gentlemen... Ladies and Gentlemen, we have robbed the teachers, we have robbed AFSCME and the state workers, but we haven't touched a Member of this General Assembly. We haven't touched the judges. What is wrong with that picture. The Wall Street Journal says we are the fiftieth worst in the nation. These are very, very important statistics and we are the Representatives of the 12 million people that put us here and by God, we better stand up for them."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Rose."

Rose: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm... I'm glad that the other side has characterized the future of our retirees as wasting time. Wasting time on the future of our retirees: our teachers, that's a waste of time; our university faculty, that's a waste of time; our state employees, our prison guards, that's a waste of time. I'll tell ya what, I'll waste my entire summer sitting here to do this right. I'll stay here as long as it takes to do this right. This is not a waste of time. And I'll tell ya what, any one of you on the other side of the aisle that thinks this is a waste of time, we'll see what your teachers have to say about that."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A waste of time is characterized by many things but certainly one of the waste of times that we didn't do this year was spend time on listening to budgets. When you allow one hour to hear the Department of Health and Family Services which is a \$15 billion budget, almost a third of the state budget and no

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Representative on the other side made a protest that we were not given a fair hearing to hear how we're gonna spend \$15 billion which includes All Kids, KidCare, Medicaid, tremendous debt and you then... you're gonna put the money by shorting the pensions to get out of here but you won't listen for more than one hour's worth of hearing on a \$15 billion budget. What is a waste of time? Do you wanna be a Legislator? Do you wanna represent the people that you're here to represent or do you just wanna go home and sit on your fanny for the rest of the summer?"

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Pritchard: "Ya know, all of us are sent to Springfield to do different things. And when I've been home the last weekend, I can't count the number of times that citizens have come have come up to me and said, how is budget coming? Have you been discussing it? Have you been talking about the fact that we haven't had increases in our human service agents for the last 7 years? What about our midcareer teachers who are concerned whether we're going to have assets to pay them when they get to be senior citizens? There's huge issues here. There's talk that this is going to go on for another week or two weeks or three weeks which would offer plenty of time for all of us to sit down and really try to get our hands around some of these critical issues. They're hard to solve, granted, but let's don't take the quick fix. Let's don't try to solve this just with whatever we can grab from the pension

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payment schedule or from chasing businesses out of our state. Let's really re... deal with this issue. Let's be bipartisan about this. Let's put our best minds together. We're here ready to discuss the issues of the state and getting a budget that is balanced. And I think it's worth all of our times no matter how long it takes. Thank you, Mr..."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... I rise in response to the comment that it is a waste of time for us to be talking about pensions and the underfunding that we've done, not only for the pensions but for agencies, as other people have represented, that have not had a cost of living for years upon years, when the state employees have. It is... there is no higher calling for a Legislator than to look long-term at our state's health and the way that you monitor the health of a state is by looking at its budget. We probably have today, when you include pensions and our General Obligation Bonds, approaching \$60 billion, \$60 billion, in debt that this state owes. We have no plan to pay it off other than punt it to the next General Assembly and they'll punt it to the next General Assembly. We need to spend time talking about these issues and what we did last year in supposed pension reform that wasn't reform at all. If there was ever a sheep... if there was ever a complete lack of reform and it being called that to the public to reassure them that we were doing the job, it was last year's pension rape. It wasn't a raid, it was a rape. If we can't fix it this year, we... why are we even down

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here? Why are we even down here if we can't have serious discussion about a policy debate like this. It's not a waste of time. It's what people send us down here to do. We need to continue to ask the tough questions and then say to the people that we represent, we are gonna work on it. We're not just gonna go home and pass another flawed budget that is hiding behind smoke and mirrors and I'm... I'm fearful that that's what we'll do this spring. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Franks."

Franks: "I appreciate the debate. I... I wish we did this more and to talk about these things. We brought up a lot of good issues on a lot of things. I think it shows the process or the problems with the process. One thing that many of us have talked about on each side of the aisle is talking about school funding reform. We have many different ideas because we have... we're a very vast state. I would like to see a... a Special Session of the Legislature only dealing with school funding. We should have these types of discussions. What concerns me though is the sniping back and forth. I don't think we need to do that. I think we can talk about this in a less partisan way. And I guess my concern as well is we were looking at a... an adjournment or a potential adjournment, it's not gonna happen now on Friday which is a good thing because we haven't been able to talk about a lot of these things, but what I'm worried about is the leadership of a Governor who hasn't been here this week and we're supposed to be down and done on Friday. We need to have him here to talk to us about these issues. Now, I think that's too much to ask if

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we're trying to come to a solution. I talked to Representative Beaubien the other night, we were trying to talk about ways we can make the budget better, and he said that he has not been contacted or Representative Cross has not been contacted yet by the Governor's Office and I think that's wrong when we're supposed to be adjourning soon. So, what I'd like to do is let's bring the Governor in and let's talk about these things and let's have this real discussion that we oughta be doing. And.. because I think there's a lot of things that have been said that have a lot of merit, but I think we can do it if we work together. But let's bring the Governor here. We need to have him here to get this done. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "I think we've batted around, Representative Black. You're back up."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I did not rise to a point of personal privilege, I rose to an inquiry of the Chair and I stated my inquiry. And if that's a waste of time, my good friend on the other side had better get out his Webster's and re... look up the definition of waste of time. This... When I came down here 20 years ago, we used to debate issues at length sometimes ad nauseam. We used to be in this chamber 12, 14, 15 hours a day. We seldom canceled Session days and we went until the end of June and on occasionally we went into July. Now, I would... I would not care to quote the Speaker, I wasn't there, but if the Speaker has been quoted accurately he evidently thinks that some things are a waste of time and he has extended the Session because of what I read in the paper the budget as

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presented is not sustainable with the revenues that he thinks is... is there this coming fiscal year and the years after that. So, I... I don't think we're wasting anybody's time. I agree with the comments from a Gentleman on the other side of the aisle. We used to do more of this, perhaps less politically, although at times it was always very partisan here, but ya know, if you wanna get into a definition of a waste of time, why am I subjected to 30 television commercials every evening in my dark, dreary and dingy apartment from a person running for Governor on your side of the aisle when he continually states in this commercial, I am fighting for you in Springfield to do this and do that. My question to the Governor's ad agency is, Springfield, where? Springfield, Missouri; Springfield, Ohio; Springfield, some other state. He isn't here. We haven't had a single meeting and then you read in the paper, you wanna talk about a waste of time, how about one of the Governor's spokespersons, and there are so many I can't name them all, but this one was Becky Carroll and I'm sure Becky Carroll's a nice person. I don't know Becky Carroll. I seldom get invited to anything in the Governor's Office. Becky Carroll said, and if she was quoted accurately by... by almost every member of the press last week, and I quote, 'We will invite the Republicans to budget meetings when we think it's time.' What? You wanna talk about a waste of time in a two-Party system, when a spokesperson for the Governor says that she will invite the Republicans to participate at sometime in the future. That's what we should all be mad about. It didn't used to

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work this way. It didn't used to work this way. We used to have budget meetings. We used to have budget briefings. We used to have caucus after caucus after caucus to discuss the budget and here we are, what should be four days from adjournment, and as I raised the question last week, when are we going to talk about the budget? When are we going to see budget figures? And yes, my good friend on the other side of the aisle, you're absolutely right, the Constitution does say that the benefits accrued the working men and women in this state who qualify for a state pension will receive that pension payment. Do any of you wanna get to a future General Assembly when you have to appropriate current tax dollars to pay current pension benefits. Have you read what's going on? ITRS is selling hard assets to pay current claims. There is a negative cash flow this year estimated at more than \$800 million. I don't wanna be the first government Enron. I don't wanna be the first government entity that defaults on pensions and then has to start making payments out of current revenues to meet pensions checks. We can do better. We used to do better. When you create debt, it has to be repaid. And I simply, again, ask the question I asked when I got up to an inquiry of the Chair, when will we see a schedule to repay debt and how does that repayment of debt impact what we would all like to do on education and m... other items of the budget? And I again say, as someone who voted with the Democrats in 1992 on the Constitutional Amendment to change how we fund education, that Constitutional Amendment is filed in my name and has been in the Rules Committee for 2 years. I



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have a Constitutional Amendment modeled after a very successful model that's used in Iowa about how we reapportion the state and take some of the politics and gerrymandering out of it. That Amendment has been stuck in the Rules Committee and I doubt that I will live long enough to see either one of them released from the Rules Committee. I'm willing to stay here. I'm willing to extend a hand across the aisle, as Representative Franks said. I'm willing to work with any of you and I think many of you are willing to work with us. Well, all I can say is in my 20 years here I can tell ya this process is not working and it is resulting in a frayed fabric of work, a budget that's not sustainable, a budget that we cannot afford and a budget that will not work in '07 and may collapse in its entirety in fiscal '08. All we said, we extend a hand; we're willing to stay overtime; we want to work with you. We're not happy that we're shut out of the process because it's more than shutting us out of the process, you are shutting the 150 thousand people that each Republican Representative is supposed to represent by a map that you drew. You're shutting those people out of the process and that, my friends, is not right by any definition of a representative democracy. You are allowing this to happen and that is not right. Where would you be if we decided to do that to certain segments of this bo... General Assembly? We don't wanna work with suburbanites. We won't call in Members of Cook County. We won't work with Legislators from Chicago. You would be hollering louder than we are. This process needs to be changed and

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we're running out of time to change it if we are to come up with workable, realistic and sustainable budgets and you can say whatever you wanna say and spin it however you wanna spin it, pension debt must be repaid. We were 10 years into a 50-year program, you trashed it, you... you got rid of it and you tried to blame Jim Edgar for it. Now, you've created a monster, a Pacman, that will soon eat up every dollar of new revenue we have. In fact, look at your new revenue. How much of it is left to put in education and social services? Of the 980 million, we're here to argue about \$50 million because 480 goes to Medicaid debt, 400 and some-million was scheduled to be paid to the pension systems, which is less than 25 percent of what they need, and we're here to argue about \$50 million in new spending. That is a waste of time, my friends, a true waste of time."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, our Leader's name was used in debate and I'd like to respond on his behalf."

Speaker Hannig: "You can rise on a point of personal privilege."

Stephens: "No, I wanna speak on his behalf."

Speaker Hannig: "Proceed."

Stephens: "Thank you. In the process of referencing our Leader's name, a Member on your side of the aisle said that the Governor has not been in touch with our Leader and I'm here to tell you that is patently untrue. The Governor of this state did reach out to Republican Leader Tom Cross and

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he wanted to talk money. As a matter of fact, he invited him to a fundraiser this week for \$10 thousand. Whoa."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Bradley, J.: "I got some folks here from the City of Carterville. If you guys wanna stand up here. Thanks for comin', guys."

Speaker Hannig: "On page 5 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, is Senate Bill 3011. Representative Smith, do you like us to read that Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 3011, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a... this is a Bill from the State Fire... at the request of the State Fire Marshal's Office. It cleans up a number of provisions regarding our statutes on boilers and pressure vessels, makes a number of administrative changes. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 3011. Is there any 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 Coulson, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having

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received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3076, Mr. Miller. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 3076, a Bill for an Act concerning law enforcement. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill, as it relates to law enforcement... not in terms of pension, not in terms of educational funding, but however, I believe, it's something that we all should support. This Bill stems from a incident that happened to a gentleman from my district which he was stopped by the police and it's uncertain on which the circumstances exist. And so what this does is create the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Fund. It adds a dollar to... to every \$40 or a fraction thereof of a fine imposed for a criminal or a traffic offense except for offenses relating to parking or registra... excuse me... registration or offenses by a pedestrian. With this fund municipalities can apply to seek grants to provide cameras in police cars which are estimated a cost of about \$4 thousand. I'd be happy to answer any questions to the best of my ability and I wish your support."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 3076. And on that question, the Lady from Kane, Representative Lindner."

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

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

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Lindner: "Yes. Representative, do you know if other states have enacted this program and how it has worked?"

Miller: "No."

Lindner: "Your research didn't tell you if any other states have done this?"

Miller: "Has any other states done this?"

Lindner: "Have..."

Miller: "I don't know."

Lindner: "You don't know?"

Miller: "No, I don't know."

Lindner: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lindner."

Lindner: "I know this passed committee, there were no questions in committee on this."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Then Representative Miller to close. Representative Miller, do you wish to close?"

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I just wish to support this legislation. Thank you."

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 voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes' and 7 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We're gonna... we're gonna return to a few Bills that we passed over on Third Reading. Excuse me. Representative... Okay. On page 3 of the

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Calendar, Representative Burke has Senate Bill 2255. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2255, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 2255 deals with the Water Reclamation District and the opportunity to correct a exclusion that occurred in previous legislation and it would hope to include the position of assistant director of personnel on the select list of positions exempt from formal civil service exam requirements. This is a trailer Bill to correct the inconsistency in the District's Act created with the passage of Senate Bill 288 in 2005. This Bill, amended, would include the position of, again, assistant director of personnel to the list of positions exempt from formal exam who are appointed by the general superintendent and serve 1 year probation in lieu of exam. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2255. Is there any 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 Flowers, do you wish to be recorded? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Black, you have Senate Bill 2899. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2899, a Bill for an Act making a revisory change relating to the renaming of the Bureau of... renaming of the Bureau of the Budget and Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a 562-page Bill. It's a revisory initiative that makes state statute consistent with the Governor changing of two agency names. So, we have to go back through every page of the statutes, we have to change Bureau of the Budget to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and we also have to go through these 562 pages and change the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Now, it has an immediate effect date. It makes no substantive change. It simply reflects the changes in the names of those two agencies that the Governor made. I'd be glad to answer any questions you have."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2899. And on that question, the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll..."

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Winters: "Representative, I've got a few questions about this. You're trying to rename BOB, any particular reason for that? I mean, I have a brother named Robert. He grew up. We called him 'Rob', we called him 'Robbie', 'Robert'. We didn't call him 'Bob'. Now, do you have a specific problem with the nickname 'Bob'?"

Black: "No, I have a brother named Bob, although I've often referred to him as other things..."

Winters: "Why are you trying to rename him?"

Black: "...and he has often referred to me as other things. But I have a brother named Bob, fine young man."

Winters: "Have you checked it out with him. Has he given his imprimatur to this Bill?"

Black: "My brother usually doesn't talk with me much about what goes on in Springfield except to say and I quote, 'He's in business' and he tries very hard to meet payroll and do things and he usually talks to me about government in two ways. Number 1, please leave me alone and number 2, write when you find steady work."

Winters: "So, while you haven't found steady work yet..."

Black: "Oh."

Winters: "...but let's deal with the first half of that. Leave me alone. And yet, you're trying to insult your brother by renaming his... just his specific name or is it all Bobs in the world that you're going after."

Black: "Well, it's actually the Governor changed BOB. The Governor changed..."

Winters: "Ahhh."

Black: "...BOB to GOMB..."



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Winters: "Blaming the Governor, are we?"

Black: "What?"

Winters: "We're blaming the Governor for this?"

Black: "No, I'm doing the work of the Governor. I'm... I'm..."

Winters: "Well, he's not capable of doing his own work?"

Black: "No. Representative, I'm here in Springfield working hard every day on behalf of the Governor. I'm trying to get these things changed so that we can accurately reflect what they do. Governor, I'm here to help you, but just like right now, you could come down and help me."

Winters: "He needs... Absolutely. Governor, we're putting the call out. We need help. We need help in renaming BOB. Governor, come to Springfield immediately. Thank you."

Black: "Governor, my own Party... my own Party's beating up on me and here I am trying to help you rename these two departments. Five hundred and sixty-two pages. I got a hernia bringing the Bill in today and at my age it hurts."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? The Gentleman from... from Macon, Representative Flider."

Flider: "Yes. Mr. Speaker, a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "Well, we... we usually do personal privilege after we do the Bill. So..."

Flider: "Well, I just wanted to say that after this... after discussion on this Bill... Bill, there will be a meeting of the Bob Caucus in the back of the chamber."

Speaker Hannig: "I see, Representative. 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?"

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Have all voted who wish? Representative Yarbrough, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 3 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Third Reading, is Senate Bill 1705. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1705, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Scully, would you like to present this Bill?"

Scully: "Yeah."

Speaker Hannig: "Proceed."

Scully: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to present to ya House... Senate Bill 1705. This is a Bill for... to create real-time pricing as an option for residential consumers. Under this program, consumers would have the option to elect real-time pricing and thereby purchase their real... their electricity not on a fixed rate for the year, but rather as the rates fluctuate during the year. There's been several Amendments. The most recent Amendment, the entire program has to be approved by the ICC. And we ask for your favorable consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Joe Lyons in the Chair. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Carolyn Krause. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Krause: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just basically on the legislation. I also rise in support of the legislation."

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We discussed it in the Electric Oversight Committee and with the Amendments, I think, it does present as the Sponsor has said for real-time pricing and with the Commission to determine really for the potential for demand reductions and being sure that there's an economic benefit to all of the residents. And in addition, the legislation provides for a 4-year review by the Commission to take a look at the success of the program. And I join in asking for a 'yes' vote."

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

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

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

Black: "Representative, telephone utilities more or less use... as I recall on my telephone bill, if you make certain phone calls like at off-peak times, if you call your parents or your grandparents or your children who live out of state after a certain time it's a cheaper rate, if I'm reading that correctly."

Scully: "It's a similar preni... premise, Representative. The difference is that the... with telephone services it is predictable and contracted as to when..."

Black: "Okay."

Scully: "...you would have the reduced rates. Under real-time pricing for electricity, we can predict with a certain degree of reliability when electricity is going to be cheap. It's gonna be cheap at night. It's gonna be expensive during the peak times such as the summer... summer during the day, when people are using air conditioning."

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Black: "Okay."

Scully: "And this will give people, the consumers, the option to go to real-time pricing."

Black: "If... if memory serves me correctly, we used to have options like this before dereg because you could get on interruptible service where you would shed load. 'Cause I remember many plants would... would be on that and if... if it was a high-peak period, the utility would call and say, you'd better shed load or you're gonna go into the next highest pricing grid. And so, they would begin to shut down certain operations. So, if I understand what you're doing, if I'm a consumer and I have... my grandchildren are visiting so I have a lot of clothes to wash, a lot of clothes to dry, then it's gonna be cheaper for me to use my washer and dryer late at night or at off-peak hours, correct?"

Scully: "That's correct."

Black: "All right. I, and again, in the family business, I remember years ago when... when if you built an all-electric home, you used to be able to get a special rate for that, but I think those tariffs were all abolished. This just seems to make eminent sense to me if you're in a position where you can hold out in the heat of the day and run your air conditioner at night, you're gonna save some money. And... and if you can put off what you do until off-peak hours, if... if it costs less money to generate that power, then that savings is gonna be passed on to the consumer, right?"

Scully: "That's correct. The consum..."

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Black: "And I... I would think with the technology this is gonna be a lot easier to do now than it may have been 15 years ago."

Scully: "That's correct. The technology now exists that... where it's practical for... to offer this to consumers and to give the consumers the ability to learn what it... how expensive electricity is, how much the cost varies depending upon the time of day and the time of the year and to give the consumer, the person who is actually the electricity, to make a decision on how much of electricity they're going to use..."

Black: "Yeah."

Scully: "...based upon the price."

Black: "I think you have a good idea..."

Scully: "Thank you."

Black: "...and I appreciate your answering the questions. Thank you."

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

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

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

Winters: "A couple of questions on the utilities that will be affected by this, George. Will this deal with the cooperatives as well as the major utilities, the Ameren and ComED?"

Scully: "Yes."

Winters: "And you've got signoff from the... some of the relatively small cooperatives that may, for instance, in my area we have some that are based in Wisconsin that may only

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serve a couple of townships in Illinois, but as far as you know, there's no organized opposition by them. They think that they can handle this..."

Scully: "There... there is... We know of no opposition to this, organized or otherwise."

Winters: "Okay. Okay. I've been informed that the utilities that are covered are only those that have a hundred thousand customers or more so we... we have to make clear that we're not then making this universal. There will be some customers who may see this in the newspaper that won't have access to the real-time pricing because they're in a cooperative or smaller utility that it's..."

Scully: "If... if they are with a... a cooperative utility that has less than a hundred thousand users, yeah, they would be exempt from this."

Winters: "Okay. So... and I am assuming that most of the rural cooperatives around the state are of that size. Another issue then is some of our language implies that there will be an no net cost to the consumer. Now, I'm assuming that that's as a class. In other words, there's no guarantee for any particular person that goes on real-time pricing that they will get a lower power bill than they would have with a fixed flat rate that they currently have. Is that a correct statement?"

Scully: "That's correct that there is no guarantee of lower power, but and certainly a person can do some basic research and find out whether they are likely to be better off under real-time pricing. For example, a person who truly does have to use, has a high need for air

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conditioning during the day during the summer or has a need to do laundry during the summer during the day, those are probably going to be the peak price periods..."

Winters: "Mmmm umm."

Scully: "...and buying electricity during those periods is going to be expensive. Conversely, they will also reap the benefit of buying electricity on a day like today when electricity's probably very inexpensive today. There's very little burden on the system today because air conditioning systems are not turned on."

Winters: "My concern is that I've been on a real-time... the pilot project that has been available in the Commonwealth Edison territory. I, as well as, I believe, Representative Kosel have been on that for a couple of years and we track versus... they give us reports back on what our prices would have been under the normal tariff, the flat-rate tariff. The first year we saved fairly significant dollars, 10 to 15 percent. Our power usage also dropped. The second year, however, because it's a fluctuating cost and very, very high marginal of cost, up to 18 and 19 cents per kilowatt hour, including as late as November and December we were getting 13 and 14 cent charges sometimes a day, we actually saw our rates or, excuse me, our... our billing was higher than it would have been under a flat rate. We need to make sure that the public is... is aware that... that this... this may not be for everybody, but if you can modify your behavior, your energy usage pattern, it may well be a significant savings particularly to the utilities who don't need to purchase then the peaking power that in the middle

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of the summer is the most expensive and the most polluting as far as greenhouse gas emissions. One last question and if I can remember what it was..."

Scully: "I'm sure the answer is 'yes'."

Winters: "Well, I hope it is 'cause I'm gonna have to pass on that. I don't remember the last question that I had. Thank you anyway, George."

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

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

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

Meyer: "Representative, if you could reference your Amendment #3, I think it's on page 15 lines 14 through 24. And for the Members of the Body, it says... states that 'an electric utility shall be entitled to recover reasonable costs incurred in complying with this Section provided that recovery of the cost is fairly apportioned among its residential consum... customers as provided in the subsection. The electric utility 'may' approp... apportion greater cost on the residential customers who elect real-time pricing but may also impose some of the cost on real-time pricing on customers who do not elect real-time pricing provided that the commission determine that the cost savings resulted from the real-time pricing shall exceed the cost of imposed on customers from main... maintaining the program.' Representative, in other words, if you participate in the program, you're going to share in the cost of administerin' it and complying with this which could be additional equipment and things like that that



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would be used to monitor the cost allocation of your usage. However, if you participate and I don't, I still share in your costs. Is that correct?"

Scully: "Representative, the utility would have the... the right to ask the ICC to pass on a portion of that cost. If the ICC finds that the people who are not participating in the program are enjoying lower prices because of the overall increase... excuse me... the overall decrease in demand. The overall... the goal of this is to create decreased demand and all of the cost savings that go along with that. And the ICC would have the authority to approve passing on the cost to nonparticipants, if the ICC finds that those nonparticipants are also enjoying lower cost."

Meyer: "Okay. It's... it's very noisy in here, Representative. Let me paraphrase what you just said to me so I make sure I understand. In other words, if there's a cost savings by those who provide a... participating in the program but it does cost something for them to participate, that part which it would cost to participate can be passed on to everybody, but me, as a nonparticipant, your cost savings to the system would have to be so great that I would receive a cost savings also before and my cost, that would be passed on to me by the utility, would have to be below my savings. Would that be correct?"

Scully: "That... that's correct. And the cost savings to you as a nonparticipant would be the cost savings resulting from an overall drop in demand and anytime we can drop the demand for electricity, we are going to drop the price significantly."

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Meyer: "And because you're going to have to rely less on the peaker..."

Scully: "Yes."

Meyer: "...and more on the base load. Okay. That straightens out that part of the Bill that I was having some concern with. And I think you got a good idea."

Scully: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Macon, Representative Bob Flider."

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

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

Flider: "Representative, could you tell us what consumer protections have been discussed and may be included in this provision?"

Scully: "The primary consumer protection that is built directly into this Act, this Bill, is the oversight of the OC... of the ICC to make certain that the program only goes forward if, in fact, there's a finding that the cost savings is a reality. Now, as we analyze the problem of providing electric utility, when we analyze what creates the higher marginal cost, it is clearly caused by higher marginal use of electricity. During the peak periods of electric utility use, the cost of electricity skyrockets. It increases exponentially with use during peak time periods. What we are hoping to accomplish is making all... a major portion of the consumer public aware of how much higher this cost is and giving people the ability to reap the savings of not using electricity during those peak periods when the cost is so high."

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Flider: "Will there be an opportunity for a consumer to sign up for this or at least have a... an opportunity to monitor it to determine whether it's, in fact, beneficial to them? My concern is this. A consumer may... There used to be a thing called time-of-day rates and if you used your washer and dryer and so on, all your high energy usage implements during the high peak power time of the day, then it actually cost the utility more to... to provide you with service, so therefore, it was more advantageous and utilities provided an incentive to... for consumers to use their power during nonpeak periods and so the cost was higher during the peak usage periods. And here, however, we're really putting the onus on the consumer and if the consumer were to make a mistake, say, in the afternoon of running their dryer, let's say a hot summer day, air conditioners are humming, businesses... industries are using the power, the price of power is high. Is there a way for a consumer to know, under this plan, that if their appliances or their air conditioner were to kick in that their price could actually be exorbitant? Or let's just say that and that would be the first part of the question. The second part of the question is, let's just say that this is too hard for them to monitor, could they get off this system or would they be forced to stay on it for a period of time?"

Scully: "They are forced to stay on it for a period of time, but those periods are gonna be determined by the ICC. I think this program is going to be much more attractive to the people who are... have the ability and the willingness to

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monitor those rates effectively. And on a practical basis, Representative, we can already predict who are the people who are likely to benefit from these programs. For example, people who are not at home during the day, people who are not using electricity in their home during the day are gonna reap the greatest benefits of this program. People who have... who live in their home every day are using electrical appliances including air conditioners and washers and dryers during the day. Those are the people who are... who should probably stay away from this program. And even without knowing what the prices are going to be for the next year, we can already predict that those people should stay away this program."

Flider: "One concern that one... we might have would be that, ya know, we're probably aware of in the past that many industrial customers had signed up for what were called 'interruptible rates' and if the price of power were to surge or the availability of power were not there during the summer months, then the utilities used to have the option, under those contracts that industrial customers would sign, to actually say, you need... you need to stop using power right now. You need to stop your operations."

Scully: "Sure."

Flider: "And the benefit to the industrial consumer, obviously, was that it was a cheaper contract because year-round, if they would agree to that interruptible rate, they would actually year-round get a better deal. However, during those times when the rate was cut, when the power was interrupted, ya know, we Legislators or others might hear

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from them saying, hey, they're cutting off our power. Can they do that? Of course, the answer is, well, you signed the contract, you should have known better. And my concern here is that we may be getting into a situation here on the residential standpoint that somebody may think, hey, this is a pretty good deal. Ya know, they're gonna offer me these low rates off peak and then suddenly find that, oh, I wish I'd have read the fine print because during the hot summer day not only did my power go up by 2 cents or 4 cents, it went up by 28 cents a kilowatt hour because I wasn't watching or I... I wasn't aware of that. And I'm concerned we may get some calls without some safeguards or provisions like that."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Flider, your time has expired. If you can conclude your remarks, we'd appreciate it."

Flider: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanna be able to say that I think we have thought about all those kinds of issues and things and perhaps even direct the Illinois Commerce Commission to allow consumers an opportunity to determine whether this might not have been a good idea. If this is a good idea, that we're moving into an experimental phase, then we oughta be able to allow a consumer to have the right to perhaps to opt-in and if they find it's not for them to opt-out. I don't think that would hurt the pla... the utilities. I think it would... they'd be able to, on their planning horizon, determine just how beneficial it might be, how much load they'd have to plan for under these circumstances. I just worry a little bit about consumers

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perhaps maybe walking into this without... blindfolded, without really knowing the full ramifications. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Scully to close."

Scully: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would... I'd appreciate your support for this Bill. I certainly enjoyed the debate on this issue to give consumers a choice to go to real-time pricing as opposed to the average type pricing that's... they've been subjected to for the past several years. I'd ask you to make this option available to the people of the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Should Senate Bill 1705 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 Colvin, Representative Gary Hannig. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 113 Members voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 4 of the Calendar, Representative Terry Parke has Senate Bill 2774. Representative Parke, 2774. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2774, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a truly a merely Bill. It's been a long time since I've had a merely Bill. And it just simply says is that the Department of Fire Marshals would like to extend the repeal date of the Boiler and

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Pressure Valve Repair Regulation Act from... to the year of 2000... January 1, 2017. Nobody's in opposition to the Bill. It's just something that they think would be a good idea. I would ask the Body to vote in the affirmative."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Julie Hamos."

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

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

Hamos: "Representative Parke, I'd like to know who's against this Bill. Are you sure no one is against this Bill?"

Parke: "It says in my analysis that no one aga... no one's against it..."

Hamos: "Are you sure no one..."

Parke: "...and no one talked to me about it either."

Hamos: "Are you sure no one's ever been against this Bill?"

Parke: "Well, I don't know."

Hamos: "Has anyone ever..."

Parke: "Nobody's talked to me about it."

Hamos: "Did anybody..."

Parke: "Obviously, you know somebody who... liked to know."

Hamos: "Did anybody ever come to committee to talk on this Bill?"

Parke: "Not that I'm aware of."

Hamos: "How was the year, the sunset date, the new sunset date determined?"

Parke: "How was it determined?"

Hamos: "Yes."

Parke: "The Fire Marshal determined it. It was obviously something that they felt was helpful to them."

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Hamos: "Well, 'til what? What... what was that date, 2017?"

Parke: "Yes, 2017, it's a great year."

Hamos: "Well, so that's 11 years from now."

Parke: "Right. And they think that would be a great time to have it."

Hamos: "So, how many other Bills have you done an analysis of how many other Bills have an 11-year extension? And why is... why is it not..."

Parke: "Well, actually Representative, it's 10 years."

Hamos: "Oh."

Parke: "So, not 11 years. It'd be 10 years."

Hamos: "Well, why is... Oh, so this is..."

Parke: "Why is that? 'Cause that's the way the Bill was written."

Hamos: "So, this is not actually going to sunset until 2007?"

Parke: "Right. That is correct."

Hamos: "So, why are you doing it this early, Representative?"

Parke: "Well, because they asked me to."

Hamos: "Well, don't you have any other major Bills that you're considering this year besides these merely Bills that would, you know, keep you engaged that you wouldn't have to do this a whole year early?"

Parke: "I like to feel important."

Hamos: "Well, I don't know. I... I really think..."

Parke: "Obviously, the Fire Marshal feels it's important."

Hamos: "I... I really would encourage the Legislat... the entire Illinois House to consider this Bill carefully. I don't know if there's ever been opposition to it or whether it's controversial, but I think this Sponsor is a bit suspect



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for bringing these heavy duty Bills to us a year early when we have so many other things that we should be working on. And I... I don't know. I would encourage at least a 'present' vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Parke to close."

Parke: "Thank you. I always try to go along with the State Fire Marshal. Obviously, they feel that they have the finger on the safety and well-being of the citizens of the State of Illinois. I will go along with their program because I am for safety and for the well-being of our citizens. And I believe that those people who will vote against this legislation or vote 'present' on it show a lack of respect and concern for the citizens of the state. And this is a Bill that I think has merit. So, appreciate your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Should Senate Bill 2774 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 Scully. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 1 person voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rules Report. 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 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'approved for floor consideration' is Amendment #2 to House

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Bill 1732; 'on the Order of Concurrence a Motion to Concur'  
in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4195."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk, on page 2 of the Calendar,  
Representative Munson has House Bill 4604. Read the Bill,  
Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4604, a Bill for an Act concerning  
State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook,  
Representative Ruth Munson."

Munson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
House. House Bill 4604 creates the New Generation  
Manufacturing Competitiveness Council within the Department  
of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The Competitiveness  
Council will advocate, coordinate and implement policies  
that will help Illinois manufacturers compete in a global  
marketplace. The 21-member council will be comprised of  
representatives from the Legislature, manufacturing sector,  
education advocates and labor reflecting the diversity of  
the state and will meet at least four times a year. The  
council will focus on creating conditions for economic  
growth and manufacturing investment in the State of  
Illinois, identify new regional, national and international  
markets, strengthening education retraining and economic  
diversification, partnering with educational and  
technological institutions, increasing research and  
development and encouraging innovation, assisting Illinois  
manufacturers in retooling and developing a technology  
transfer and commercialization program. The Hou... this  
council will help keep high paying manufacturing jobs in

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our state. I am... urge an 'aye' vote. And will answer any questions."

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

Miller: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

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

Miller: "Thank you. You mentioned economic diversification. Can you please clarify what that means?"

Munson: "It means providing other opportunities to improve economic development in the State of Illinois through diversifying types of products that are created through our manufacturing processes."

Miller: "I'm sorry, can you repeat that? I just... we didn't hear the last part of that."

Munson: "Encouraging the development of new products and different products through our already present manufacturing operations and changing some of our manufacturing processes to create new economic opportunity."

Miller: "So, as far as economic diversification, it has nothing to do with diversifying different types of businesses, large or small, into the global economy?"

Munson: "Different kinds of manufacturing businesses, that would be part of it."

Miller: "There are large manufacturing companies and small manufacturing companies here in the State of Illinois. There are minority manufacturing companies, there are majority manufacturing companies. When you use diversification, it could mean any of those. It could

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mean... here in Illinois it could mean or across the state or I think the intention of the legislation means globally. So... or dealin' with global competitive marketness, which I'm all for. I just wanted your definition of what you intended for the purpose of this to be... for the commission to be when you're talkin' about economic diversification."

Munson: "I guess, again, ya know, all I can reiterate is that we're looking at the way manufacturers do business and the different types of processes and products that are being developed presently or being manufactured presently. And in order to compete in the global marketplace, we have to take a look at the types of products that we're already manufacturing and if that is something that can be competitive or if we have to look at new products and new marketplaces."

Miller: "Okay. So, it's not... you're... you're not sure. Diversification can mean any of this... any of this... anything. Is that correct?"

Munson: "I'm sorry. I don't understand the..."

Miller: "No. All right. The intent... the intent, just to make sure... I guess, my... my point to you, Representative. I think it's a good Bill. I'm all for it. Ya know, once again, myself and others represent the south suburbs, ya know, the business opportunities, I've mentioned already, minority vendors in types of diversification. Many are interested in a global market. And so, that's all I'm trying to get at. Is the commission or committee, if you'd say, I promise or your legislative intent is to help

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address some of those issues then... then I... then I'm 200 percent for this."

Munson: "And.. and in committee we did have that discussion in terms of who would be represented on the Competitiveness Council to insure a lot of these issues are addressed. And I hope that we did address that in terms of indicating that we wanted a diverse group as part of our Competitiveness Council in the appointments."

Miller: "So, your legislative intent is to help small and large minority and nonminority, women-owned, and all the other that goes under the spectrum to get into a global market?"

Munson: "Correct."

Miller: "Okay. Thank you. Support the legislation everybody."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Knox, Representative Don Moffitt."

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

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

Moffitt: "Representative, just a clarification I'd like to ask of you. Does this apply statewide? I see reference to certain counties and the Chicagoland area, Chamber of... Is the intent to improve competitiveness statewide or just in a certain locality?"

Munson: "It... The intent is to include the entire state and its regions on the council and to address manufacturing issues and competitiveness throughout the state."

Moffitt: "So, will there be representatives statewide? Is there any guarantee of geographical balance on... on the makeup of... of the..."

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Munson: "Yes. The council is to reflect the manufacturing communities throughout the state."

Moffitt: "Okay. Thank you. I appreciate that and I think the intent is good. I just hoped that we were looking statewide. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Munson to close."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 4604 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 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 2 of the Calendar is House Bill 1732. What's the status of House Bill 1732?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1732 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 and 2, offered by Representative Currie, have been approved for consideration."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This is an Amendment that would say that in Cook County where we have the expanded homeowner's exemption, often called the 7 percent solution, we would like to be able to identify residential owner/occupiers whether under this system they are winners or losers or, in fact, their taxes turn out to be the same. We've had a report from the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs that identifies somewhere between 25 and 33 percent of

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owner/occupier residences in the county of Cook as people whose tax bills actually are higher because others are taking advantage of the expanded Homestead Exemption. Similar reports came from a study commissioned by the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. All this Bill does is... this Amendment does, it would become the Bill, would be to say that every residential owner/occupier in Cook County during the remainder of the period of time during which the 7 percent solution is in place would know when the bill arrives whether he was a plus, a minus or a zero. I'd be happy to answer your questions. And I'd appreciate your support for adoption of this Amendment."

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

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. Will the Majority Leader yield?"

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

Fritchey: "So, this... this notice then would come out on the reassessment, correct?"

Currie: "No, on the tax bill."

Fritchey: "Oh, on the tax bill. Now, the 7 percent Bill has been in effect for a couple of years..."

Currie: "Yes."

Fritchey: "...it's due to sunset, so..."

Currie: "Next year. It'll sunset next year but for the tax bills that arrive before then, the information will be available to every owner/occupier whether..."

Fritchey: "Then..."

Currie: "...that household won, lost or stayed the same."

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Fritchey: "As you're aware, we get our tax bill in arrears, so I just got my tax bill for the first half of '05 and just paid that last month."

Currie: "Late..."

Fritchey: "Okay. The next tax bill I will receive will be for the second half of '05..."

Currie: "Right."

Fritchey: "...that will come out in September. This wouldn't be applicable to that."

Currie: "Yes."

Fritchey: "It would or would not?"

Currie: "Should be."

Fritchey: "Oh..."

Currie: "Yes."

Fritchey: "...what's the effective date on... on the..."

Currie: "Pardon me?"

Fritchey: "What's the effective date of this?"

Currie: "Yeah. I... I... Our intent was to cover that tax bill."

Fritchey: "Excuse me?"

Currie: "Our intent is to cover that tax bill."

Fritchey: "The tax bill for the second half of '05?"

Currie: "Right."

Fritchey: "Okay. Because when I was... what I was trying to ascertain what I was trying to ascertain yesterday, and couldn't get an answer to, was if this was for the reassessment period, the only area that hasn't been reassessed would be the south suburbs, this being Cook."

Currie: "And this will be information available to them as well. But this is the third year of the operation of the 7



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percent solution so it will still have an impact on tax bills in the City of Chicago."

Fritchey: "And given that, so this will show me on the second half of '05 whether my taxes are lower than they would have been..."

Currie: "Without the expanded Homestead Exemption..."

Fritchey: "Okay."

Currie: "...whether they're higher, whether they're lower, whether they're the same."

Fritchey: "And then what... and then what's... what's the intention. What are we gonna do with that information once we have it?"

Currie: "I think the point is to make sure that the taxpayers have... have access to that information. We want a transparent, an accountable system. People have been told this is really good for them. This is a way of making sure that individually they can assess whether they are, in fact, better off, worse off or stayed the same."

Fritchey: "All right. Thank you. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, people can throw around numbers on this issue all they want. The reality is, as far as I understand it, approximately 80 percent of residential homeowners in Cook County saw a benefit as a result of this Bill. Without speaking to the merits of the Amendment itself, I... I would hope that we could address what is as much a housing issue, as it is a education funding issue, as it is an economic development issue, if we are not going to take on the task of how we fix and how we fund schools. We have to deal with the fact that homeowners are being forced out of their

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homes as a result of escalating property taxes and if we're not gonna tackle the big picture on how to fix that problem, the short-term picture is to reenact the 7 percent legis... legislation that was proposed, previously. I hope they would put the same amount of time into trying to get that Bill moved this year as to the rest of these items. Thank you."

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

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill."

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

Sullivan: "For Members on my side of the aisle, this is not a reauthorization of the 7 percent cap. This is only trying to bring out what happened when this was instituted in Cook County. This is a very good piece of legislation that shows what the effects of the 7 percent solution that was passed a few years ago. Back then we said it's gonna hurt seniors, it's gonna hit lower-priced properties, it's gonna hit businesses. This just shows whether you're a winner or a loser under that legislation. So, I would support it... everyone on my side and certainly everybody in the chamber to support this Bill. Thank you."

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

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

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

Black: "Representative, as I remember, the enabling legislation called for a study by the University of Illinois as to the

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impact of the 7 percent solution and I've seen a summary of that study. I assume then you're saying that the study was not in-depth enough to know the pluses and minuses of the 7 percent solution?"

Currie: "The study was quite in-depth and I think it did tell us that there were a distinct group of people who paid more in taxes, residential... homeowners who paid more in taxes because of the 7 percent solution than we had anticipated. More people paid less according to that study, but there was a very significant amount, I think 25 percent, 30 percent and more if you include seniors who are eligible for the property tax assessment freeze. So, they did tell us that it's not a win-win, there are losers, there are winners and this... this Amendment, this Bill, is about making sure that people know whether they're ahead of the game or behind the game or standing still."

Black: "When are you calling for the report to be..."

Currie: "This is not a..."

Black: "...completed?"

Currie: "...this is not a report. The report is complete. This... this Amendment, this Bill, would say that on the property tax bills in the county of Cook every residential owner/occupier would be given information about how that particular residence fared given the 7 percent solution. Did they pay more; did they pay less; did they pay the same? We know there are winners and losers. This says to our people back home will be able to tell whether they, themselves, were winners or were losers."

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Black: "So, you're not attempting to gather information, you're trying to disseminate information to the taxpayer."

Currie: "We would like a little transparency, accountability. That's exactly what this is about."

Black: "Fine. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Carolyn Krause."

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

Currie: "Yeah. Yes, I will."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Krause, she indicates she will."

Krause: "Representative, the first thing... I mean, was this Bill... was this Bill just recently filed? When was it filed?"

Currie: "We filed the Amendment yesterday, but we had talked about it earlier. We are still asking questions of the county clerk and the county treasurer."

Krause: "Well, are you then saying that you will not move it to Third? My concern is the following. If this Bill only affects Cook County and as I said this morning, my district is totally Cook County and I realize yours is. My concern and it is a serious concern is that these tax bills not be delayed in order to gather this information and the cost so that the school districts and so forth in Cook County are delayed as far as getting the revenues that they are entitled to on the tax bills. You stated to me that you're not, that I, too, should reach out and that you are going to, to the county treasurer, the county assessor. Obviously, in these few hours, we've not had a time to do

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that, have we? So, I assume, therefore, that we're gonna hold this until we get further information from Cook County as to the effect both monetarily of the cost of this Bill and the fact that the tax bills not be delayed thereby hurting the schools for the revenue that they are seeking. I just wanna know, are you going to hold it?"

Currie: "We are... First of all, obviously, not calling this Bill on Third Reading today."

Krause: "All right. Fine."

Currie: "We, too, have reached out to the treasurer and to the county clerk as well as the assessor's office. At this moment, our information is that the costs of doing these two calculations is not significant. We are still investigating what kind of timetable would result with particular attention to the questions you raised about the timely payment..."

Krause: "Okay."

Currie: "...of dollars to school districts."

Krause: "Representative, that's fair enough. But I would like to know, as well as everyone else in Cook County, that there will be no delay in the payments to the schools caused by this Bill and that the cost to do this work, in fact, is of a nominal cost."

Currie: "Right. We will do our best to find the... that information. Nobody here wants to hurt the school children or the school districts."

Krause: "All right. So, we're gonna hold it on Second or you're not gonna call it on Third..."

Currie: "Today."

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Krause: "...until, in fact, we have that information from the...  
Thank you."

Currie: "Well, as I said, we're not calling it today and we're  
working to get that information, some of it is already  
available."

Speaker Lyons, J.: Representative Currie on the Amendment."

Currie: "I'd like to withdraw this Amendment. I felt the  
second Amendment was just a technical change, but in fact  
it incorporated all of Amendment 1. So, if I could  
withdraw Amendment 1 and the vote should be on Amendment  
2..."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk..."

Currie: "...which is everything I described."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk, on request of the Sponsor,  
withdraw Floor Amendment #1. Any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Floor Amendment #2, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you. It's the same Amendment I just described  
with the one word change, a technical correction."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from  
Crawford, Representative Roger Eddy."

Eddy: "Than... thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the  
Sponsor of the Amendment yield?"

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

Eddy: "Representative, I just have one concern and I was  
wondering if it might behoove us, as we look at the study  
and try to determine the effects of the 7 percent, I... I  
remember when the legislation passed my concern about the

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impact that this would have on general state aid, the additional amount of money that would be necessary to... to fund the general state aid formula because of the local effort... calculation on the back of the formula. And really at the time your answer wasn't... that there's no way to calculate it. And I respected that answer at the time because truly there was no way to calculate it. However, now that we know what the effect is, I would... I would think it might be worth our while to know at least... and this is for Cook County... the cost in terms of general state aid based on the difference between the actual rate that the districts levy. Is there a way to include that in this study to try and find out that?"

Currie: "This is not a Bill about a study. The study has already been complete, done by the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs. You might wanna address that question to them, but my understanding is that there was no impact on general state aid because of the adoption by the Cook County Board of the 7 percent solution. But you might wanna address the authors of the University of Illinois study to see if they can give you further clarification."

Eddy: "Representative, if you could then, could you explain to me the purpose of what you're doing with this Amendment, then? I..."

Currie: "This... this Amendment, which would become the Bill, would say that every tax bill going to a residential owner/occupier in the county of Cook would indicate whether that particular taxpayer paid more, paid less or paid the

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same given the adoption by the county board of the 7 percent solution."

Eddy: "Okay. As an additional calculation by the clerk's office, they could also determine how much each resident's tax bill was diminished by the 7 percent cap to the rate that school districts charge as compared to what they receive back in local effort in the state aid formula. That's my question."

Currie: "The point is that the state aid formula was held harmless by the adoption of the expanded homeowner exemption."

Eddy: "I agree that it was, but the amount that school districts would have received was not held harmless because if their rate was above \$3, if they're a unit district, all they're recovering in the state aid formula is that \$3. They don't recover the amount above \$3 that would have been levied against that increase. And I just wonder if there's any way to calculate that."

Currie: "But I don't think that would have affected the limiting rate. Again, I would suggest you address your questions to the office of the University of Illinois study."

Eddy: "Okay. Well, I appreciate that. I just think we need to know the real effect of this on... on that general state aid because if general state aid is held harmless, that means we're putting in millions of dollars to make up for what would have been collected locally."

Currie: "No, no, no. What I'm saying is, the state did not pay more because of the 7 percent solution."



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Eddy: "I... I think the state..."

Currie: "That would..."

Eddy: "...had to pay more."

Currie: "...they... This stay... it was not the school districts that were held harmless, it was the state general state aid formula that was held harmless."

Eddy: "Which meant that we had to put more money in that formula..."

Currie: "No, I'm saying..."

Eddy: "...to make up for what you couldn't..."

Currie: "No. No, no, no."

Eddy: "...get locally."

Currie: "I'm saying exactly the opposite. When this... when this measure passed, the... the language was drafted so that it would not give a school district greater access to the school aid formula than it had had in the prior year."

Eddy: "I understand that. I... maybe I'll talk with you separately to show you my concern."

Currie: "Okay. That's fine. Yeah."

Eddy: "Wait a minute. But I just wanna make sure we get all the information we can from this, but thank you."

Currie: "Good. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Carolyn Krause."

Krause: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield on Amendment 2?"

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

Krause: "And Representative, just following up. On the issue of getting the feedback as such from Cook County assessor,

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Cook County treasurer as such, how do you propose that we get that information? Will they..."

Currie: "Our staff has already reached out to all of those entities to try to see what their reaction to the specific language is, how they think they would implement it, how much time it would take and what it would cost. So, we anticipate..."

Krause: "Do you envision then..."

Currie: "...we anticipate, I mean, for example they've told us already they do not think there would be a significant cost to doing the dual calculation. The timetable, we're still investigating."

Krause: "But could we have from them either a committee meeting where someone testifies, a statement in writing, but something, Representative, that, in fact, states what you are saying."

Currie: "We'll work our best to get a written statement."

Krause: "All right. I'll take that."

Currie: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "If no one's seeking further recognition, all those in favor of adoption of Floor Amendment #2 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #2 is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "Hold the Bill on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 2 of the Calendar Representative Currie has House Bill 1814. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1814 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Barbara Flynn Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This... this measure would see to it that sign hangers and maintenance workers would be eligible for the alternate pension formula in both the Department of Transportation and the Toll Highway Authority. And the idea here is to bring parity to people who work in those occupations whether they work at the Department of Transportation or they work at the Toll Highway Authority. You will remember that we adopted certain reforms last spring with respect to future pension benefit guarantees. Those reforms are incorporated in this Amendment so that these are changes that would be going forward. They would not be able to go into the alternate formula retrospectively and both the individuals and the systems would have to bear the full cost of the new benefit. I'd be happy to answer your questions. This proposal is all about equity and it's all about the future. And I certainly hope I will have your support for the adoption of this Amendment."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition. Those in favor of Floor Amendment 1 should signify by saying 'yes'; those

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opposed say 'no'. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'. The 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 5 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Readings, Representative Will Davis, you have House Bill 482. Will Davis, on the Order of Second Reading, you have House.. Senate Bill 482. Do you wanna call that Bill and move that to Third Reading? Mr. Clerk, take that Bill out of the record. Mr. Clerk, on page 6 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Readings, Representative Froehlich has Senate Bill 2204. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2204, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Froehlich, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Froehlich on Floor Amendment #2. Mr. Clerk, move that Bill to Third Reading. The Chair recognizes Representative Myers. For what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Myers: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

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

Myers: "Last week we voted... debated and voted on House Bill 2113. And I am embarrassed to say that I inadvertently hit the wrong button on the vote. I would like the record to reflect that I would have voted 'no'."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "The record will so reflect, Representative. Mr. Clerk, on page 7 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading is Senate Bill 2349. Representative Marlow Colvin. Representative Colvin on Senate Bill 2349."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2349, a Bill for an Act concerning mortgages. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Colvin, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Marlow Colvin."

Colvin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is on Amendment #2?"

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

Colvin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 deals with a problem that we encountered in debate in committee with Senate Bill 2349. House Amendment #2 makes two changes. It makes two additional changes that were following discussions held in the Consumer Protection Committee. The first is a clarification of the definition of 'distressed property purchasers' to insure that the Bill does not cover traditional real estate investors. The second Amendment will allow a homeowner facing foreclosure the option to sell his or her home to the purchaser for less than 82 percent of mark... of fair market value as long as the transition results in the homeowner ultimately being able to buy their home back as initially promised by the mortgage rescue firm that's conducting the sale of... of the conveyance of the deed. Basically, they would have 1 year

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to pay back the loan at 125 percent of the amount that's borrowed. What happened in committee when we initially discussed this Bill was that they had to pay 82 percent of the fair market value of the home. This will allow a mortgage rescue firm to purchase the home at whatever price they would agree upon at 125 percent of the price which basically makes it a 1-year loan at 25 percent. And while that fee is somewhat usurious, at the same time on the back end, 82 percent would still apply, so that in a year's time, when the homeowner chose not to buy the home back, the mortgage rescuer would then be obligated to purchase the home at 82 percent of its fair market value. I move for adoption of the Amendment. I'll be happy to discuss the Bill in its entirety on Third."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative. There's a question. Representative Terry Parke."

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

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

Parke: "Representative, I've been getting a lot of e-mails and correspondence on this legislation, as I'm sure you have too."

Colvin: "Indeed."

Parke: "They recently, in the last couple days, I've... some of my correspondence has indicated that one of the Amendments could make the Bill worse than it is already. Is this your... is it this Amendment that they're... some of the people involved are concerned about? Do you think that this solves their problem..."

Colvin: "They..."

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Parke: "...or do they say that it creates more of a problem for them?"

Colvin: "Well, let me... I can tell ya that there've been a numerous proposals, but the Amendment that we're pro... that we're proposing here, I'm not certain that this is the one that feels it makes the Bill worse. What we do feel is it makes the Bill... it does address the issue of the 82 percent which allows the mortgage rescue firm to do exactly what they say they're going to do and that is to help people stay in their homes. It allows them to purchase those homes at far less than its market value with the understanding that they would repay the loan if... in 1-year's time at 25 percent interest, if indeed they purchased their home for far less than the 82 percent. If they chose not to... if the original homeowners chose not to pursue the repurchase of his home is that they would then sell it to the mortgage rescue firm for 82 percent of its fair market value. And... and that's at the crux of probably what they disagreed to at any point is having to pay people what their homes are actually worth. Therein lies the fraud in this business. Is that many of these companies, at least the fraudulent ones, cherry pick on so many of these cases in regards to what they feel is a case that's wo... 'worth rescuing' and that is looking for homes that people have lived it in 15, 20 years and built up tremendous amounts of equity where they can go in, buy it at a very low price, they charge very high rent for those families to stay in the home and then come time to repay the loan, the family is in no position to pay their loan

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and they can get the house back. Making sure that they pay individuals what those houses are really worth is very important. And it will weed out... this legislation will help to weed out the fraud that exists in this business. It's become rampant in the State of Illinois alone."

Parke: "That... that's great and that's what I think we all wanna achieve. I just don't wanna penalize the men and women who are investing their money in these kinds of programs with legitimate ways of doin' it, legitimately tryin' to help the people who are in distress. Do you know if there's still opposition to Amendment 2 from any of those groups? They are in opposition, are they not? Some..."

Colvin: "Terry, to... to be honest and answer your question, I would probably suggest that there probably would be opposition from those groups of individuals who are practicing this. What we have seen, for companies that are legitimate in... legitimately in the business of helping people stay in their homes can live with this legislation. They could have lived with the original Bill, with the 82 percent. What has happened with our Amendment it's a win-win for the mortgage rescue funds whether they choose to stay in their home or to give it up. If they choose to stay in their home and pay the loan back, they're basically borrowing money for a 12-month period at 25 percent."

Parke: "Representative, I'm not gonna oppose your Amendment. I'll let you put your Amendment on and in terms of my personal voting, but you're not gonna call the Bill today are you, 'cause I'd like to check further tomorrow..."

Colvin: "That's fair."



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Parke: "Is that all... Are you... you're not gonna call it today are you for Third Reading?"

Colvin: "No. We can call... We don't have it call today."

Parke: "All right. Thank you."

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

Stephens: "Well... Will the Sponsor yield?"

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

Stephens: "Well, Representative, if I understand correctly from the last questions, you're going to hold this here, at least today. We'll hear it... I'm sure the Amendment's going to be adopted. I happen to know some of the people who worked on change... creating this Amendment to deal with some of the problems they had, but having talked to them as recently as yesterday, although they thought this made it a little better for them, that they could tolerate it some, but they were still very, very much opposed to the Bill with the Amendment added. So, if you can just give us some time to get back with them, we appreciate it."

Colvin: "That's fine."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "All those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2349 indicate by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2349 is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 7 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, Representative Brosnahan has Senate Bill 2437. Out of the record."

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Representative Bradley on... John Bradley on Senate Bill 2475. Read the Bill, Mr... Out of the record on the request of the Sponsor. Mr... Mr. Clerk, on page 8 of the Calendar, Representative Susana Mendoza has Senate Bill 2869. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2869, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. On page 8 of the Calendar, Representative Mendoza has Senate Bill 2870. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2870, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Third Reading. On the top of page 9, Representative Mendoza has Senate Bill 2985. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2985, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Move that Bill to Third Reading. Clerk, back on page 7 on Senate Bills-Second Reading, Representative John Bradley has Senate Bill 2475."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2475, a Bill for an Act concerning families. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Williamson, Representative John Bradley. Move that Bill to... Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Munson. For what reason do you rise?"

Munson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Please proceed."

Munson: "Just wanna make an announcement that there will be a meeting of the Illinois Legislative Manufacturing Caucus tomorrow morning at 7:30 in the Rathskeller and all Members are invited to attend."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Berrios. For what reason do you rise?"

Berrios: "A point of personal privilege."

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

Berrios: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As all of you know, the Latino Caucus usually does a Cinco de Mayo party, but this year since we will not be in Session for the 5th of May, we are doing it on April 5. Well, we're hoping... we're hoping we're not here on May 5. So, we are doing the party on April 5, which is tomorrow, at MoJo's. Everyone should have gotten a flyer on their desk and I hope you can come out and celebrate with us. Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Harry Osterman. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

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

Osterman: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this evening we are gonna be playin' the annual softball game against the Senate. We hope that everyone can come out to the game at Lincoln Park at 6:00. Those that are... who are gonna be playin', if they could come out earlier so we can get some practice in before we beat the... the elderly Senate that are out there hoping to beat us. But I also wanna remind everyone, if you didn't get a chance, there were some windbreakers provided by the sponsor of the game, the South Louis Regional Chamber of Growth Association provided every Member with a windbreaker. I hope everyone got one and hope to see you all tonight."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Michael Bost. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the purpose of an announcement."

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

Bost: "Tomorrow morning at 7:30 there will be a legislative Bible discussion that will take place at the Capitol's chapel room in 122-A. This will be probably the last one of this year."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Ken Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. For a point of personal privilege."

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

Dunkin: "I know there's a softball game tonight, which I plan on participating in if I can, there's also the Chicago International Film Festival that's here in town. And they're gonna do a montage of films today from 5:30 until about 8:30 and they're over at the... the Hooglan... Hoogland Center for the Arts which is right near Maldaner's. It's a fine arts center over there. So, if you get a chance, it starts about 5:30 and they're gonna have a reception afterward. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Ed Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. A point of clarification. The previous speaker, on a point of personal privilege, indicated that he's gonna be playing in the game tomorrow. I just wanted to clarify for the Body that if we're up 15 runs then the previous speaker will be playing tomorrow... today."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk, on page 16 of the Calendar, Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 2454, Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. On Senate Bill 2454, I'm... I make a Motion to reconsider the vote, having voted on the prevailing side."

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As you may recall, I think... this Bill may... there may have been some miscommunication on the floor and as you may recall, Representative Reitz got the trophy on it. I feel sorry for Representative Reitz. Therefore, I move to reconsider the vote."

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.: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, let me... let me just ask a few questions so that I... I'm a little more familiar with the Bill. As you know, this Bill got over a hundred 'no' votes and I was privileged to talk to the director and the assis... deputy director after that. But let me make sure I understand what we're doing here. This will allow the sale of alcohol at any state historic site, correct?"

Hoffman: "The... it... it actually..."

Black: "But not... not the... Let me... let me rephrase that."

Hoffman: "It's not sale. It's..."

Black: "Not over the counter sale."

Hoffman: "Right."

Black: "You can't just walk in and walk up to the hostess of the Dana Thomas House and say, 'I'll have a beer.'"

Hoffman: "No."

Black: "It's... it's under very controlled conditions, correct?"

Hoffman: "Yeah. And it is on... it is very controlled and on... it is only will be allowed in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential

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Library and other state historical sites and you can serve liquors at like wedding receptions, things of that nature."

Black: "Yeah. It's... So, it would be for a private function and if I were you I wouldn't listen to that Gentleman beside you because..."

Hoffman: "He didn't... he didn't do so good when he had the Bill, did he?"

Black: "Yeah. He didn't do so well the last time. It would only be for private functions after hours, correct?"

Hoffman: "It... it's only... it's not sold, only served after 5 p.m."

Black: "And a group that would want to put a reception, a business reception, a wedding reception or whatever, would enter into a contract with that facility and if I recall what Jennifer told me, you could rent the, what I call, the rotunda of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum for approximately \$4 thousand. Now, I don't know how many hours that is, I'm sure it's a limited period of time. So, that... that's not an insignificant amount of money, correct?"

Hoffman: "It's... it's my understanding also that we've turned over 60 potential clients because... away... because of the current legal restrictions. Currently, the statute permits serving a liquor only by government agencies and not-for-profit organizations. This would open it up to like wedding receptions and other private parties and it is under very..."

Black: "All right."

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Hoffman: "...very, very controlled atmosphere similar to, I believe, Diageo as one... some organization has some..."

Black: "All right."

Hoffman: "...events at the Old State Capitol."

Black: "Now, what... what entity would have to get a special liquor license? Would it be the IHPA or the... the group that is renting the facility? As I... as I recall, you have to get a special 1-day event license."

Hoffman: "I believe it is actually... it would actually be the group."

Black: "Right. Okay."

Hoffman: "And they also would have to provide certificates of insurance and they must be on file from the client, their vendors and the vendor's agent, at least 30 days prior to the event and that the certificate must list, as an additional insured, the State of Illinois, the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency and as the case may be, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum."

Black: "All right. So, the group renting the facility would not only have the license, but they would have to furnish proof of dram shop insurance, correct? In other words..."

Hoffman: "Yes."

Black: "...the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library is not accepting primary responsibility if someone leaves there and God forbid, gets into an accident. They are not the primary responsibility, the party, that would assume that."

Hoffman: "Right and as a matter of fact, you have to have general public liability and property damage insurance not



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less than a million dollars for each occurrence; bodily injury insurance, not less than 500 thousand for each occurrence and property damage for any peril, not less than a hundred thousand for each occurrence and in the aggregate."

Black: "Are they..."

Hoffman: "And those are all requirements."

Black: "All I think those are very reasonable requirements and that should obviously and I'm sure will be strictly enforced. I... I also found out later that if you have a reception, the statue that you've all been, I think... I assume we've all been there, of the Lincoln family, that's removed from that area and there is... there's strict control, strict access control, you don't wander around the Museum sipping your cocktail or your glass of wine. You're limited to specific areas, correct?"

Hoffman: "Yeah. I believe, with the case of Abraham Lincoln Museum there would be in the... I don't know and lack of a better term, not foyer but the general area there..."

Black: "Right."

Hoffman: "...and they do remove the life-size statues..."

Black: "Right."

Hoffman: "...of the... the..."

Black: "And there is security."

Hoffman: "...President and the family."

Black: "There will be security."

Hoffman: "Yes."

Black: "One of the questions I had about the Dana Thomas House because of the carpeting, red wine can be very difficult to

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get out of the carpeting, the director of IHPA told me they will not allow red wine to be served at any reception at the Dana Thomas House because of that, it's only white wine. He also told me something I didn't know. The floors of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library have been sealed to protect them from any spillage and assured me that any spillage could be cleaned up and would not damage the floor in any way, shape or form. The only other question I have and I... I do think that it's been good to and I have no objection with you filing the Motion to reconsider because I think a lot of information has come out. But one question has come up at the last minute, it would appear under this Bill it might be possible to have a political fundraiser at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library."

Hoffman: "It's... it's my understanding that it would only authorize events hosted by corporations and other private parties. I don't believe or I am sure... I am sure that it will not permit political fundraisers at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library."

Black: "All right. And... and I'm gonna take you at your word for that 'cause I... I don't think we should get into the business of doing that regardless of who's Governor or Secretary of State or anything else. I just don't think we should get in the business of holding political fundraisers in the Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library. Let me just ask you one last question. Should this Bill now pass, does that mean the century trophy would revert back to Representative Dunkin?"

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Hoffman: "No. I think that Representative Reitz earns it, he should keep it. I mean, I..."

Black: "Well..."

Hoffman: "...I was... I was off the floor and it amazed me how many 'no' votes were cast against this Bill 'cause it's a commonsense Bill, as you indicated. I think, unfortunately, a Sponsor who really was... thoroughly knew the subject may have carried the day, but he deserves that trophy, he earned it."

Black: "Well, I... I just wanted to make sure that we wouldn't have a passing of the trophy presentation. I... Thank you very much, Representative. I appreciate your forthright answers and it's... it's always good to deal with somebody that knows the subject matter completely. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

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

Black: "Or... or, excuse me, to the Motion. There were a lot of things that I was misinformed about on the original Bill and I... and I apologize for that. And I... it's been a learning process to go through and I'm glad I had the opportunity to go through, but there are still some of us who just have a problem in serving alcohol at various historic sites. But one thing I was not aware of is that the rental of the facility and a... and a, as I understand it, there may even be a commission on... on the sale of the food and beverage. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, we have not appropriated enough money to run it through a fiscal year and without the ability to rent it out, then they will fall short of... of their

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anticipated revenue. So, while I don't think this is a... a simplistic issue at all and some of us will wrestle with it, it... you are faced with the unmistakable fact that if they can't make money by rental and fees, then they don't have enough money to maintain it the way we all want it to be maintained. And as others pointed out to me, we have historic preservation sites that are not open seven days a week and particularly in the summer, like at New Salem, that is... is not acceptable when we get into the Lincoln celebration in just a few years. So, whether you like it or not and you'll all have to vote your conscience, without these kinds of receptions and without these kinds of lease payments or rental payments then the facilities simply will not have enough money to maintain and operate the way that I think we all want them to do so."

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

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. This is, as Representative Black said, a very important Bill for historic preservations. We have sites here in Springfield, the Old State Capitol, Lincoln-Herndon Law Office, New Salem State Park, that are still closed today and will be through the whole winter. We need approximately \$2 million to be able to keep these sites open seven days a week and that's according to the director of Historic Preservation. This Bill, very simply, states it doesn't let any alcohol be sold. All it does is expand who can have these facilities. Right now, it's non-for-profit organizations

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such as American Red Cross or a government entity. What this does... what this Bill does is allow entities such as for-profits, say if IBM wants to come down, have an annual meeting in Springfield, hold a reception at the Museum, they are now allowed to serve alcohol there. If you wanna have a wedding reception at the Old State Capitol as an individual, then you would not be allowed to serve alcohol. This will allow that to happen. And again, I stress that there will be no money taking. This is just for receptions that occur now for non-for-profits. This will allow that to expand. This will allow Historic Preservation to be able to help fund this keeping open seven days a week. And it's a very important Bill. Thank you."

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

Kosel: "Thank you. Will the speak... will the Sponsor yield for the Motion?"

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

Kosel: "I... I..."

Hoffman: "I'll yield."

Kosel: "I have a question for you. Well, you answered Representative Black and said that it was not the intention of this Bill to host political fundraiser or PAC fundraisers at these venues, but it is not explicitly denied in this Bill?"

Hoffman: "I apologize."

Kosel: "You... My question was just answered."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Gentleman from Adams, Representative Art Tenhouse."

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Tenhouse: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Would the Sponsor yield, please?"

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

Tenhouse: "Representative, is it... I'm reading in the fine print here. When you look... if this facility is leased, let's say for instance, for a wedding, this would still not prohibit someone from having a cash bar, is that correct? That's the way it reads. Now, is that..."

Hoffman: "It's my understanding, no cash bar."

Tenhouse: "Okay. Well, we're having a little difference of opinion here, but..."

Hoffman: "Well, it's..."

Tenhouse: "...nevertheless, to the Bill."

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

Tenhouse: "Representative and Representatives, I guess there are two issues here. First of all, we're talking about ex... not just serving alcohol at the... at the Lincoln Library, we're also talking about expanding the serving of alcohol at other historic sites. Now, regardless of whether or not they're gonna be sold or not, I think this is an issue in terms of expansion of that particular activity. Now, ya know, I'm sorry the state's in the financial situation that it is, but I just have a real problem leasing this facility out for really for for-profits or however you wanna say it and being able to use those revenues to help make up the state's shortfall. For Pete's sakes, we're talking about some of the most important historical sites that we have in this particular state, for Pete's sakes. And I just think this is a path that we should not be down and I just have a

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real problem with this Bill. And I would urge Members to vote 'no'."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "Yes. Just to the previous speaker. Currently, you can do it if you're a government agency or a not-for-profit. Just... this just opens it up and no cash sales. There'll be no cash liquor sales. I stand with Representative Brauer and I ask for a favorable Motion or a favorable vote on the Motion to reconsider Senate Bill 2454."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, there's been a request to reconsider the vote by which this Bill failed by Representative Hoffman. This'll be a Roll Call vote. All those in favor to reconsider the vote on Senate Bill 2454 indicate 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? Ron Wait. Representative Black."

Black: "Speaker, before you take the record, let's clarify one thing. We are voting now on the Motion to reconsider. We are not voting on the merits of the Bill, correct?"

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

Black: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Correct. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Motion, there are 73 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no'. This Motion prevails. Mr. Clerk, on the... on the Motion of Concurrences on page 9 is House Bill 1299. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Representative Connie Howard on the Motion. Representative Howard. Representative Howard. Out of the

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record. On page 9 of the Calendar, on the current Order of Concurrences, Representative Gordon has House Bill 1620. Representative Gordon. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Representative, just proceed on the Concurrence Motion."

Gordon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, I move to concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1620. This is the Bill regarding the release of radionuclides now into the water supply that occurred in the nuclear plants in my district. Some changes were made in the Senate. The word 'contaminants' was changed to 'radionuclides' as well as the reporting now goes to the EPA as well as IEMA. I would ask for your 'aye' vote."

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

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

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

Black: "Representative, under existing Federal Law, don't you have to report any release to the feds first?"

Gordon: "There's... there's State and Federal Law regarding this. My understanding is that the EPA... we deal with the groundwater and the NRC requirements deal with what's on top. But there's... but there are reporting requirements for both state and federal levels. We don't have as much jurisdiction as the NRC and the feds do regarding the nuclear plants, but we do have some. And in this situation, the EPA and IEMA can get involved when there... when there's a release such as already occurred at the Braidwood facility."



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Black: "Ya know, I... I find it amazing that France now gets 78 percent of their electricity through nuclear power plants and the United States, although it's in the new energy Bill, we seem not to want to go down that path. One of the words in the Senate Amendment confuses me. It says you must report any 'unpermitted' release. Is there a system by wish... which you can have a permit to release..."

Gordon: "This..."

Black: "...radionuclides?"

Gordon: "Yes, Sir. It specifically... there's a certain... The nuclear plants are allowed to release certain levels of, for example, the element tri... tritium, which is a radioactive substance that's naturally found in water and at a certain level they're allowed to release it. These releases, however, were above that level and that... that's what it... and that is why the word is 'unpermitted', Representative."

Black: "I... but... The Bill gives no... well, obviously, we couldn't supersede Federal Law... it just gives state agencies a position where they will be notified as well as the federal commission, correct?"

Gordon: "Exactly and... and the..."

Black: "All right. Thank you."

Gordon: "Okay."

Black: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentlemen from Cook, Representative Jim Durkin."

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

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

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Durkin: "Representative, the 24-hour notice which must be given to the IEPA and IEMA, is there a provision which will allow the 24 to be extended if, let's say that, they are not aware of... of the release and maybe it was within a week of... perhaps some time after the 24 hours they become aware of the release of this material. Now, they would be... they be in violation?"

Gordon: "I can't hear you."

Durkin: "All right. Let's start again. Now, there is some type of release of this information... of this... these toxic substance..."

Gordon: "No, Rep... I can't... I mean, I can't hear. I can see your lips moving. I can't hear you at all for some reason."

Durkin: "All right. Mr. Speaker, could you..."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, could we get some quiet on the House Floor. Representative Durkin is trying to hear."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is this better?"

Gordon: "Yes, thank you."

Durkin: "Now, it says within 24 hours after a unpermitted release of a... of this radio... I can't even pronounce the word..."

Gordon: "Radionuclide."

Durkin: "Radionuclide from a nuclear power plant. If the... Exelon or the power plant becomes aware of it sometimes after the 24 hours, which they realize that it has been released, are they still in violation? They may not... they may not be aware of it until perhaps a week later, maybe

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two or three days after the release of this... of this toxic substance. Would they be in violation of the Act?"

Gordon: "No, Representative. If they... they don't know, they can't give the information but once they know then within 24 hours the notifications have to be made."

Durkin: "Right. Yes... Yeah. Okay. All right. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking any further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1620?' 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? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1620. Mr. Clerk, on page 9 of the Calendar is House Bill 4135. Representative Naomi Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge the House to concur with the Senate Amendment that is on here. This makes it clear that the amendatory provisions concerning driver requirement verifications and penalties are applicable only to group homes and child care institutions. There was some confusion. It deletes references to day care centers."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentle... the Lady from Cook, Representative Rosemary Mulligan."

Mulligan: "I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. Would the... Lady like to explain her Amendment which she has not approached me on and this... I'm... since I'm the lead Sponsor of this Bill?"

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I'm just trying to wonder what... where she's going with this."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Mulligan, I think we're on page 9, House Bill..."

Mulligan: "Obviously, you had the wrong Bill up there."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "...House Bill 4135."

Mulligan: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "We may have posted the wrong Bill up there. Thanks for bringing that to our attention. 4135. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black. Representative Black. Bill."

Black: "Mr... Mr. Speaker, I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Yes, Sir. State your inquiry."

Black: "All right. We thought there were two Motions filed on this and we had the wrong Bill up. Excuse me. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No further questions. The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4135?' 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's 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4135. Mr. Clerk, on page 10 Representative Fritchey has House Bill 4193."

Fritchey: "I request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Any questions? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House

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Bill 4193?' 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 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4193. Mr. Clerk, on page 10 of the Calendar Representative Jim Watson has House Bill 4222 on the Order of Concurrence. Representative Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with all three Amendments on House Bill 4222 which simply makes it subject to appropriation and also changes the reporting period from twice a year to once a year."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition on House Bill 4222. The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Se.. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Franks."

Franks: "I have a parliamentary inquiry."

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

Franks: "Do we need to separate the question? Are we voting on three separate Amendments? Wouldn't we be doing those separately? ...make that request, if we could separate the question and have individual votes on each Amendment."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Watson, there's been a request to separate the three Amendments and take them one at a time."

Watson: "That would be fine."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "Okay. So, on Amendment... on Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4222. Representative Jim Watson."

Watson: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

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

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

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

Joyce: "Representative Watson, can you tell me what Senate Amendment #1 changed to the original Bill?"

Watson: "Senate... Senate... Senate Amendment #1 was... was, I believe, it was a mistake. It was adopted and then Senate Amendment #2 becomes the Bill."

Joyce: "So, what's it change? Huh? So, did you... So... so, 2 puts the original Bill back in its place as the way it left there?"

Watson: "No. 2 becomes the Bill, but I was told that for procedure we had to go and adopt all three."

Joyce: "I gotch ya. Go ahead. Thanks."

Watson: "Thank you, Representative."

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

Franks: "I'd... I'd like to make a new Motion. I feel it might make it a little easier. Maybe if we can keep 1 and 2 together since they seem to cu... they gut the Bill. Then we can do 3 on its own. But if we can keep 1 and 2 joined."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The request has been made to put both Senate Amendments #1 and 2 together on the Motion. So,

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Representative Watson to further explain Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 4222."

Watson: "Senate Amendment #2 does become the Bill."

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

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

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

Gordon: "Representative, how are you?"

Watson: "I'm great. How are you?"

Gordon: "First of all, why... why are we removing the language about the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority? Do you know why they did that?"

Watson: "I think the... I can't answer... answer that question, why the Senate made those changes. I know they were mostly at the direction of the administration."

Gordon: "It was at the request of the administration?"

Watson: "Correct."

Gordon: "Don't they wanna know? I mean, do... Isn't... I mean, isn't it something that, you know, is necessary to know to study the factors relating to the sentencing of sex offenders to the point of arrest to the imposition of sentencing by the sentencing court and give a report to us. So, wouldn't that... don't you think that would help the new subcommittee that Chairman Molaro has created regarding... with the Criminal Law Committee?"

Watson: "I'm sorry, Representative. What was the question, again?"

Gordon: "I said, isn't it... with... with the information that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority would..."

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would give to the General Assembly about these sentencing factors, the arrests and everything, wouldn't you think that would be helpful to the subcommittee that Chairman Molaro has now created regarding sex offender laws in Illinois?"

Watson: "Do... Representative, I still do not understand what you're asking."

Gordon: "According to my analysis, I have Senate Amendment #2 removes language requiring the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to study the factors relating to the sentencing of sex offenders from the point of arrest through the imposition of sentencing by the sentencing court and present a report to the General Assembly on their findings. Does... does Senate... does Senate Amendment #2 make that change? Is that one of the things that it changes, removes the requirement of the study by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority?"

Watson: "It's my understanding that Amendment #2 does two things: it makes it subject to appropriation and its... and it removes provisions if somebody's already in custody at a mental health facility or state treatment because there's no reason to... to... to track or report those individuals if that's where they're at."

Gordon: "So, it... so, the information about the study with the Criminal Justice Information Authority is still in there?"

Watson: "That is my understanding."

Gordon: "Well, is it... is it the... is it true? I mean, is it there? Did they take it out?"



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Watson: "Not... not... not to my knowledge, no. Does your... does your analysis say that it does?"

Gordon: "Yes."

Watson: "Okay. Then we have a discrepancy. I think, Mr..."

Gordon: "I just... Representative, my concern is that I know that... you had a..."

Watson: "I'll tell you what, Representative..."

Gordon: "...you had a very good Bill because you and I talked about it..."

Watson: "Mr. Speaker, let's pull this out of the record so I can get these questions answered. Maybe we'll carry on tomorrow."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk, on the request of the Sponsor take this Bill out of the record. Mr. Clerk, on the Order of Concurrence is page 11, Representative Holbrook has House Bill 4449. Representative Tom Holbrook on the Concurrence Motion."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 449 (sic-4449) had a small Amendment change over in the Senate to clarify on identity theft if it impaired a law enforcement agency investigation and it had requested the request from law enforcement be in writing and further ask that the notification to the individual will be done immediately after the investigation or when it doesn't interfere. It was supposed to be modeled after several other states' languages they'd adopted and they thought it was a much more clearer and proconsumer. I know of no op... objection. It passed out unanimously out of the Senate and out of the House. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote. Take any questions."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4449?' This is final action. 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, there are 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4449. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 11 on the Calendar on the Concurrences, Representative Golar, Esther Golar, has Sen... House Bill 4727. Representative Golar."

Golar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I move to concur House Bill 4727, the Senate Bill... Senate Amendment, I'm sorry... #1 which stipulates that the ICC... it's the language change in there that the ICC shall suspend or revoke the license of an operator if it finds that one of the four enumerated offenses has been committed. I'm asking for an 'aye' vote on this."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4727?' This is final action. 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 Scully, would you like to be recorded? Representative Cultra, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. The

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House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4727. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Harry Osterman has House Bill 4853 on page 11 of the Calendar. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Harry Osterman."

Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move that the House concur on Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4853. The underlying legislation dealt with lead paint poisoning in a myriad of ways one of which reduced the threshold of weight for a lead-bearing substance. In doing so, it included bullets. So, the Senate on the advice of certain groups asked that that firearms ammunition be excluded. The underlying legislation's important legislation for the State of Illinois, so I agree to go along with Senate Amendment. And I would ask everyone else to do the same."

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

Stephens: "The Gentleman yield for a question?"

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

Stephens: "Are you carrying an NRA Amendment?"

Osterman: "Representative Stephens, you're familiar with the tactics of the NRA and of course, this Bill received 118 votes in the House, went to the Senate and of course, in committee they never showed up there. They kinda worked in the... in the back channels. So, because you and I both know the issue of lead paint poisoning, which affects 16

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thousand Illinois children a year, it is vitally important to deal with it. I'm going along with this Amendment."

Stephens: "Well, let... let... let me be more direct. Are you gonna vote for your own Amendment?"

Osterman: "It's not my Amendment. It's a Senate Amendment, but I am gonna vote for it."

Stephens: "This is an historic day."

Osterman: "It's gonna... it's gonna... it's gonna increase my NRA voting record to .00004."

Stephens: "Tha... Well, that's... that's... that's twice what is was before so congratulations."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking further information, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4853?' This is final action. 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 112 Members voting 'yes', 1 Member voting 'no'. This Bill... The House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4853. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Order of Concurrences on page 12 of the Calendar, Representative Rich Brauer has House Bill 4987. Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Basically, all this Bill... all the Amendment does is define 'behavior analyst'. There were no 'no' votes in the Senate and none in the House of Representatives. So, I'd appreciate a concurrence."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one's seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4987?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed vote '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 Bill, there are 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. The House does concur with House... Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4987. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 12 of the Calendar is House Bill 5506, Representative Art Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Am... I... First of all, I move to concur with Senate Amendments #1 and #2. Senate Amendment #1 removes the opposition by the Illinois Department of Transportation. This original Bill dealt with the issue of the width of recreational vehicles. It goes back several years. Basically, the Amendment #1 just simply makes the definition more clear. It also says that an RV of that width could not travel on a roadway unless it is at least 11 foot wide, 11 feet wide. Senate Amendment #2 simply clarifies that the roadway would have to have marked lanes. That's an initiative of the county highway engineers. So, the two Amendments should remove opposition. I would ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking cl... recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #1 and #2 to House Bill 5506?' This is final action. All

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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's 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This... this Bill, having... this Bill, having received... The House does concur with Senate Amendments #1 and #2 to the House Bill 5506. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 12 of the Calendar, House Bill 5552... 59, Representative Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the organ donation Bill. I... I don't see it up there yet."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "5259."

Hultgren: "5259, yes."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "There we go. Representative."

Hultgren: "We had some discussion about this, previously. There's a very simple Senate Amendment that states that nothing in this legislation so... could be construed to authorize interference with the coroner in carrying out any investigation or autopsy. I would hap... be happy to answer any questions. Otherwise, I would ask for concurrence in the Senate Amendment."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5259?' This is final action. 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 Collins, seek to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record."

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On this Bill, there are 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5259. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 12 of the Calendar Representative Kosel has House Bill 5555. Representative Kosel."

Kosel: "Thank you very much. I would move for the adoption of Senate Amendment #1 and 2. This Bill is a Bill that passed out of here, deals with the consumer bill of rights in dealing with a for-profit water company. The changes that were made in it by the Senate were changes that were suggested by the ICC. It went out of the Senate with no dissenting votes. And I would ask for your approval."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 5555?' This is final action. 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 Black. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendments #1 and #2 to House Bill 5555. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dunkin. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Please proceed."

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Dunkin: "I'm sure if you noticed it, but it is awfully cold in here, Mr. Chair... Speaker. So, if you can talk with our engineer and let him know that it's a little chilly again, unless they're gonna allocate or issue blankets, we'd appreciate it. I have low hair and I'm sure you can identify with what I'm talking about. We need your help, your assistance on adding some heat or turning off the air condition. Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative. We'll do what we can and report it to the building engineers. The Chair recognizes Representative Calvin Giles on a Motion. Representative Calvin Giles on a Motion."

Giles: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I make a Motion to suspend the posting requirement for Senate Bill 860 so that this piece of legislation can be heard in the Elementary & Secondary Education Committee tomorrow at 2 p.m. or immediately following the Session, once we convene that Session."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative, you have spoken on the... with the spokesperson on this on the committee? Have you reached agreement with the spokesperson on the committee?"

Giles: "Yes, I have."

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

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There's... are... We're not aware of this agreement and so can the... the maker of the Motion hold it for a moment so our staffs can talk about this 'cause we have not agreed to this."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Giles."



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Giles: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I spoke to the Minority spokesperson of the Elementary & Secondary Education Committee, Representative Jerry Mitchell, and he confirmed that this is okay to make this Motion at this time."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Parke."

Parke: "Our staff was unaware. We now have signed off and it's fine."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Gentleman moves to suspend posting note requirements for Senate Bill 860. Seeing no opposition, the posting is suspended and the Senate Bill 860 will be posted tomorrow for hearing. Mr. Clerk, on page 13 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution 87. Representative Calvin Giles. Representative Giles. Representative Calvin Giles, you have a House Joint Resolution 87. Floor..."

Giles: "Thank you, Mr. Speak..."

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

Giles: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Here to ask Floor Amendment #2 to be adopted to House Joint Resolution 87. Floor Amendment #2 simply what it does is clarifies that the State Board of Education will administer... will be responsible for facilitating the task force. I ask for the adoption and I will answer any questions at this time."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Motion is to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Joint Resolution #87. 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 #2 is

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adopted to House Joint Resolution 87. And on the Resolution, Representative Calvin Giles."

Giles: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Reso... House Joint Resolution 87 simply what it does is, once again, is establish the task force on reenrolling students who drop out of high school. This is a piece of legislation that is long coming in this state as the number of individuals that drop out of high school increased. We will begin to look at this issue in further detail. This Resolution will address those issues. As we adopted Amendment #1, previously, it added certain individuals to the task force. And I ask for the passage of this Resolution at this time."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "You've heard... The Gentleman moves for the passage of House Joint Resolution 87. 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? Representative Black. Representative Black. Representative Hassert. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this... on this Resolution, there are 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. House Joint Resolution 87 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, on page 10 on the Order... on the Concurrences is House Bill 4238. Representative Mike Boland on House Bill 4238. Representative Michael Boland."

Boland: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Amendment 2 what it basically did was change the Class A misdemeanor on the first offense to and added language that said that if a dog or other animal, without provocation, attacks, attempts to

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attack or injures any person who is peaceably conducting himself or herself in any place where he or she may lawfully be, the owner of such dog or other animal is liable in civil damages to such person for the full amount of the injury caused and sustained."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Should Senate Amendment #2 be adopted to House Bill 4238?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. This is final action. 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's 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4238. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 1135, offered by Representative Cross. House Resolution 1136, offered by Representative Saviano. House Resolution 1137, offered by Representative McCarthy. House Resolution 1139, offered by Representative Flider. House Resolution 1140, offered by Representative Flider. House Resolution 1141, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell. And House Resolution 1142, offered by Representative Saviano."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those appraised (sic-opposed) vote 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it."

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And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Representative Michael Bost. Mike Bost. Mr. Clerk, the committee schedule."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee schedule. Immediately following Session: Child Support will meet in Room 115; Environment & Energy will meet in Room 118; Health Care Availability & Access will meet in Room 122-B; International Trade & Commerce will meet in Room D-1; and Veterans' will meet in Room 114. Thirty minutes following Session: Registration & Regulation will meet in Room 118; State Government Administration will meet in Room 115; Local Government will meet in Room 122-B; Consumer Protection will meet in Room C-1; and Revenue will meet in Room 114."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Currie now moves that we stand adjourned 'til the hour of 12 noon tomorrow, on Wednesday, April 5, when the softball trophy will return to the House of Representatives. All those in favor of adjournment signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned 'til Wednesday, April 5 at the hour of 12 noon. Allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, we stand adjourned."

Clerk Bolin: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Flowers, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Access, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 1038 and House Resolution 1063. Representative

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Osterman, Chairperson from the Committee on Local Government, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 1026 and a Motion to Concur on Senate Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 874. Representative Soto, Chairperson from the Committee on Child Support Enforcement, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' as amended House Resolution 989. Representative Collins, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' a Motion to Concur on Senate Committee Amendment #1 to House Bill 5260. Representative Mendoza, Chairperson from the Committee on International Trade & Commerce, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' a Motion to Concur on Senate Committee Amendment #1 to House Bill 4147. Representative Saviano, Chairperson from the Committee on Registration & Regulation, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2395. Representative Colvin, Chairperson from the

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Committee on Consumer Protection, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' a Motion to Concur on Senate Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4719. Representative Holbrook, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 1029. Representative Reitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' a Motion to Concur on Senate Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4789. Representative McAuliffe, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans Affairs, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 04, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Joint Resolution 110. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 622, offered by Representative Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 624, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 626, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 796, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 857, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act

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concerning education. Senate Bill 882, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 916, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 927, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 946, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Senate Bill 1001, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1028, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 1088, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1089, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1204, offered by Representative Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2654, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning special districts. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."