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Speaker Hannig: "The hour of 9:30 having arrived, the House will be in order. Members will please be in their seats. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center here in Springfield."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most precious and most kind God who is all knowing, everywhere present and all powerful, it is such an honor just to call You God, just to call You Yahweh. I ask Your blessings upon this House and every last one of its Members. I ask You, Father, today that You would give them a divine wisdom, divine strength, that You would give them a heart that is pleasing to You. This we ask in Your Son's name. Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "Amen. And Representative Parke, would you lead us in the Pledge today."

Parke - 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: "Mr. Clerk, would you call the roll for the Attendance Roll Call."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo. Acevedo is present. Bassi."

Bassi: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi's present. Beaubien. Beaubien. Beiser."

Beiser: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser's present. Bellock."

Bellock: "Here."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock is present. Berrios."

Berrios: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios is present. Biggins."

Biggins: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins is present. Black. Black. Boland.
Boland. Bost."

Bost: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost is present. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley is present. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley is present. Brady."

Brady: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady is present. Brauer. Brauer. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan is present. Burke. Burke. Chapa
LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia is present. Chavez. Chavez."

Chavez: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez is present. Churchill."

Churchill: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill is present. Collins. Collins.
Colvin. Colvin. Coulson."

Coulson: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson is present. Cross. Cross. Cultra."

Cultra: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra is present. Currie. Currie. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Here."

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Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico is present. Daniels. Daniels. Monique Davis. Monique Davis. Will Davis. Will Davis. Delgado. Delgado. Dugan. Dugan."

Dugan: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan is present. Dunkin. Dunkin. Dunn."

Dunn: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn is present. Durkin."

Durkin: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin is present. Eddy. Eddy. Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz. Flider."

Flider: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider is present. Flowers. Flowers. Franks."

Franks: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks is present. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey is present. Froehlich. Froehlich. Giles. Giles. Golar. Golar. Gordon."

Gordon: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon is present. Graham. Graham. Granberg."

Granberg: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg is present. Hamos. Hamos. Hannig."

Hannig: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig is present. Hassert. Hassert. Hoffman. Hoffman. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook is present. Howard."

Howard: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard is present. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Here."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Hultgren is present. Jakobsson. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson is present. Jefferies. Jefferies.
Jefferson."

Jefferson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson is present. Jenisch. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch is present. Joyce. Joyce. Kelly.
Kelly. Kosel."

Kosel: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel is present. Krause."

Krause: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause is present. Lang. Lang. Leitch.
Leitch."

Leitch: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch is present. Lindner."

Lindner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner is present. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lyons is present. Mathias."

Mathias: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias is present. Mautino. Mautino."

Mautino: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino is present. May. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "May is present. McAuliffe. McAuliffe.
McCarthy. McCarthy. McGuire. McGuire. McKeon. McKeon."

McKeon: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "McKeon is present. Mendoza."

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Mendoza: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza is present. Meyer. Meyer. Miller."

Miller: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller is present. Bill Mitchell. Bill
Mitchell. Jerry Mitchell. Jerry Mitchell. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt is present. Molaro. Molaro.
Mulligan."

Mulligan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan is present. Munson."

Munson: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson is present. Myers."

Myers: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers is present. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz is present. Osmond."

Osmond: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond is present. Osterman. Osterman."

Osterman: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman is present. Parke."

Parke: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke is present. Phelps."

Phelps: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps is present. Pihos."

Pihos: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos is present. Poe. Poe. Pritchard.
Pritchard. Ramey."

Ramey: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey is present. Reis."

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Reis: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis is present. Reitz."

Reitz: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz is present. Rita. Rita. Rose."

Rose: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose is present. Ryg. Ryg. Sacia."

Sacia: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia is present. Saviano. Saviano. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz is present. Schock. Schock. Scully.
Scully. Smith."

Smith: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith is present. Sommer."

Sommer: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer is present. Soto."

Soto: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto is present. Stephens."

Stephens: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens is present. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan is present. Tracy."

Tracy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy is present. Tryon."

Tryon: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon is present. Turner. Turner.
Verschoore."

Verschoore: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore is present. Wait."

Wait: "Here."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Wait is present. Washington."

Washington: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington is present. Watson."

Watson: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson is present. Winters."

Winters: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters is present. Yarbrough. Yarbrough.
Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge is present. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker.
Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien is present. Black."

Black: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black is present. Boland. Representative
Boland. Brauer."

Brauer: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer is present. Burke."

Burke: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke is present. Collins."

Collins: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins is present. Colvin. Representative
Colvin. Cross. Representative Cross. Currie. Daniels."

Daniels: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Daniels is present. Monique Davis.
Representative Monique Davis. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis is present. Delgado."

Delgado: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Delgado is present. Dunkin. Representative Dunkin. Eddy. Representative Eddy. Feigenholtz. Representative Feigenholtz. Flowers. Representative Flowers. Froehlich. Representative Froehlich. Giles. Representative Giles. Golar."

Golar: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar is present. Graham. Graham. Representative Graham. Hamos. Representative Hamos. Hassert. Hassert. Hoffman. Representative Hoffman. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Jefferies is present. Joyce. Representative Joyce. Kelly. Representative Kelly. Lang."

Lang: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang is present. McAuliffe. Representative McAuliffe. McCarthy. Representative McCarthy. McGuire. Representative McGuire. Meyer. Representative Meyer. Bill Mitchell. Representative Bill Mitchell. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell is present. Molaro."

Molaro: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro is present. Poe."

Poe: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe is present. Pritchard. Pritchard. Rita. Representative Rita. Ryg. Representative Ryg. Saviano. Representative Saviano. Schock. Representative Schock. Scully. Representative Scully. Turner. Representative Turner. Yarbrough. Representative Yarbrough. Joyce."

Joyce: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Joyce is present. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Hoffman is present. Flowers."

Flowers: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Flowers is present.
Representative Kelly."

Kelly: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly is present. Representative Bill
Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell is present."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lyons. Representative Lyons,
would you like to give us the excused absences on the
Democratic side."

Lyons, J.: "Speaker, the only absence on the Democratic side
today is Representative Patterson."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative Bost, would you like to give
us an account on the Republican side."

Bost: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect
that all Republicans are present today."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Bost. And
Representative Turner is in the chamber. Mr. Clerk, would
you add him to the Roll Call."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Turner is present."

Speaker Hannig: "Are there any others who need to be added to
the Roll Call? If not then, Mr. Clerk, take the record.
There are 91 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is
present. Mr. Clerk, read the Committee Reports."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Flider, Chairperson from the Committee on Local Government, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on November 29, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 821."

Speaker Hannig: "All right. Representative Bellock, for what purpose do you rise?"

Bellock: "Thank you very much. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Bellock: "I'd like to ask all the Members to wish Representative Pat Lindner happy birthday today. I don't know where she is now. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Happy birthday. On page 5 of the Calendar, under the Order of Amendatory Veto Motions, is Senate Bill 830. Representative Stephens on the Motion."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could we have some order. Mr. Speaker, House (sic-Senate) Bill 830 was amendatorally vetoed by the Governor. The Bill has to do with adding Bond County to the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority. The Governor amendatorally vetoed the Bill to add two gubernatorial appointments. We agree to that Amendatory Veto that passed the Senate 53 to 0 as an Amendatory Veto. I would ask for your support and be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved to accept the Governor's Amendatory Veto on Senate Bill 830. Is there any discussion? Okay. Representative Holbrook."

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Holbrook: "Thank you, Speaker. We think this is a good compromise. We've added people to this board in the past. We have not adjusted who the Governor's added to it. We think this is a good balance. I don't know of anyone that opposes this Bill at this time, and I support the accepting the Amendatory Veto and hope all of my colleagues will do this. This is a huge economic tool for our southwest Illinois region."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall the House accept the Governor's Amendatory Veto on Senate Bill 830 and shall this Bill pass?' This is final action. Mr. Clerk, all in favor will vote 'aye'; all opposed will vote 'no'. Mr. Clerk, would you call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo. Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Baubien votes 'aye'. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Berrios. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Black."

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Black: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black votes 'aye'. Boland. Boland. Bost."

Bost: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'aye'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia. Chapa LaVia.
Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin. Colvin.
Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross. Cross."

Cross: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'aye'. Cultra."

Cultra: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'aye'. Currie."

Currie: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels."

Daniels: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Daniels votes 'aye'. Monique Davis. Monique
Davis. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dugan. Dugan."

Dugan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunkin. Dunkin. Dunn."

Dunn: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Durkin. Durkin. Eddy."

Eddy: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."

Flider: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'aye'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'aye'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich. Froehlich.
Giles. Giles. Golar."

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Golar: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg. Granberg.
Hamos."

Hamos: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard. Howard."

Howard: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren. Hultgren.
Jakobsson. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Joyce."

Joyce: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."
Kelly: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."
Kosel: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'aye'. Krause. Krause."
Krause: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."
Lang: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch."
Leitch: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lindner."
Lindner: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons."
Lyons, J.: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."
Mathias: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Mautino."
Mautino: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May. May."
May: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe. McAuliffe.
McCarthy. McCarthy. McGuire. McGuire. McKeon."
McKeon: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza."
Mendoza: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer. Meyer. Miller."
Miller: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."
Mitchell, B.: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'no'. Jerry Mitchell.
Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson. Munson."

Munson: "Here... aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'aye'. Myers."

Myers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'aye'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'aye'. Phelps."

Phelps: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe. Poe."

Poe: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard. Pritchard.
Ramey."

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Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reis."

Reis: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'aye'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita. Rita."

Rita: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose. Rose. Ryg."

Ryg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano. Saviano.
Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz votes 'aye'. Schock. Schock. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'aye'. Soto."

Soto: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Sullivan. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy. Tracy."

Tracy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon."

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Tryon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Turner."

Turner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."

Wait: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'aye'. Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'aye'. Winters. Winters."

Winters: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'aye'. Yarbrough. Yarbrough.
Younge."

Younge: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker. Boland.
Boland. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Colvin. Colvin.
Monique Davis. Monique Davis. Dunkin. Dunkin. Durkin."

Durkin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Froehlich. Froehlich.
Giles. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Granberg."

Granberg: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Hultgren votes 'aye'. McAuliffe. McAuliffe.
McCarthy. McCarthy. McGuire. McGuire. Meyer. Meyer.
Pritchard. Representative Pritchard. Rose."

Rose: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'no'. Saviano. Saviano. Schock.
Representative Schock. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who
wish? Does anyone wish to change their vote? So, Mr.
Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 101
voting 'yes' and 3 voting 'no'. And the House does accept
the Governor's Amendatory Veto. And this Bill, having
received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared
passed. On page 5 of the Calendar, under the Amendatory
Veto Motions, is Senate Bill 2477. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I move to
override the Governor's Amendatory Veto on Senate Bill 2477.
The Senate preceded us in this Motion. This is the issue of
the Peoria Public School District. The effort is to make
sure that the public building commission in Peoria can build
some new facilities. Today, 3 thousand of the 15 thousand
students in the Peoria system are inadequately housed. I
know of no opposition to this Motion. And I know that the
people of Peoria are very concerned that these children
deserve an opportunity to be housed in facilities that are
safe that are not subject to a fire or other disasters. So,
I would appreciate your support for my Motion and I would be
happy to answer your questions."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Lady moves to override the Governor's Veto on Senate Bill 2477. Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Peoria, Representative Leitch."

Leitch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to commend the Lady for her very accurate remarks and ask all in the Body to help support this. Some of these schools are over a hundred years old. There's always... also been a commitment by the school board not to increase property taxes. I agree with the Lady, I don't know why anyone would object to this, and I would ask for your support."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong support of this Bill. This is kind of unusual. Frequently, schools are down here and there asking us for more help. They're saying, give them the authority and they'll do the needed things and that just they want the authority then they can provide the adequate building. So it's an opportunity to give local government in this state... in this case a school district the opportunity just to help themselves and that's what we need more of. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall the House override the Governor's Veto of Senate Bill 2477 and shall this Bill pass, in spite of the Governor's Veto?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Berrios."

Berrios: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Black."

Black: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black passes. Boland. Bost."

Bost: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'no'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'aye'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia."

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Chapa LaVia: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'no'. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."

Colvin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross. Cross. Cultra."

Cultra: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'no'. Currie. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'no'. Daniels."

Daniels: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Daniels votes 'aye'. Monique Davis. Monique
Davis. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dugan."

Dugan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'no'. Dunkin. Dunkin. Dunn."

Dunn: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Durkin."

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Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."

Flider: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'aye'. Flowers. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'no'. Fritchey. Fritchey.
Representative Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey passes. Froehlich. Froehlich. Giles.
Giles. Golar. Golar. Gordon."

Gordon: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'no'. Graham. Representative
Graham. Granberg."

Granberg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos."

Hamos: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook. Holbrook."

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Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard. Howard."

Howard: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hultgren votes 'aye'. Jakobsson. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'no'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'no'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Joyce."

Joyce: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly. Kelly."

Kelly: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel passes. Krause. Krause."

Krause: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch."

Leitch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lindner."

Lindner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner... Lindner votes... passes. Joe Lyons.

Lyons. Mathias."

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Mathias: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'no'. Mautino."

Mautino: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'no'. McAuliffe. McAuliffe.
McCarthy. McCarthy. McGuire. McGuire. McKeon. McKeon."

McKeon: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer."

Meyer: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan. Mulligan.
Representative Mulligan. Munson."

Munson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'no'. Myers."

Myers: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'no'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'no'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'no'. Phelps."

Phelps: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'no'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos passes. Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe."

Poe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard. Pritchard.
Ramey."

Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reis. Reis."

Reis: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'no'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose. Rose."

Rose: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg."

Ryg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano. Saviano.
Schmitz."

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Schmitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz votes 'aye'. Schock."

Schock: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'aye'. Scully. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'no'. Soto. Soto."

Soto: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'no'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy."

Tracy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon. Tryon."

Tryon: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon passes. Turner. Turner. Verschoore.

Verschoore."

Verschoore: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'no'. Wait."

Wait: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'no'. Washington. Representative

Washington."

Washington: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters. Winters.
Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, let me interrupt for a second.
Representative Turner, for what reason do you rise? Okay.
We're gonna... he'll go through the Roll Call one more time,
but Mr. Turner wishes to be recorded as 'aye'. Mr. Clerk,
why don't you call the roll a second time for those who..."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner... Turner votes 'aye'. Black.
Representative Black."

Black: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black votes 'aye'. Boland. Representative
Boland."

Boland: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Cross."

Cross: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'aye'. Monique Davis.
Representative Monique Davis. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'no'. Froehlich. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'no'. Giles."

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Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."

Golar: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'no'. Lindner."

Lindner: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joe Lyons votes 'aye'. McAuliffe. McAuliffe.
McCarthy. McCarthy. McGuire. McGuire. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Pritchard. Pritchard.
Saviano. Saviano. Tryon."

Tryon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Winters. Representative
Winters."

Winters: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'no'. Coulson."

Coulson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Coulson votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Have all voted who wish? Does someone
wish to change a vote? Hultgren wishes to be recorded as
'no', Mr. Clerk. Have all voted who wish? Okay.
Representative Hultgren indicated, Mr. Clerk, that he wishes
to vote 'no'. The Gentleman in the back."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hultgren votes 'no'."

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Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Have all voted who wish? Does anyone else wish to change their vote or be recorded? Have all voted who wish? Then on this Motion, there are 82 voting 'yes' and 29 voting 'no'. The Motion, having received the required Three-fifths Majority, the Motion to override prevails and Senate Bill 2477 is declared passed, notwithstanding the Governor's recommendation for change. Mr. Clerk, I understand you have some Resolutions to read."

Clerk Mahoney: "Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 1541, offered by Representative Howard. House Resolution 1544, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 1545, offered by Representative Rose. House Joint Resolution 150, offered by Representative Reis. And House Joint Resolution 151, offered by Representative McKeon. Introduction and reading of House Bills-First Reading is House Bill 5867, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5868, offered by Representative Krause, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation."

Speaker Hannig: "On page 4 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, is House Bill 4342. Representative Jefferson is recognized on the Motion to Concur on House Bill 4342."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. HB4342 concurs... moves to concur with Senate Amendment #4 as it relates to on House Bill 4342. And basically, all House Bill 4342 does is require mobile homes communities to have an adequate water supply for fire safety purposes. This is an agreed upon Bill. This Amendment was added in the Senate

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to bring all parties together on this issue and I would ask for your support. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved that the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 4 to House Bill 4342. Is there... is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 4 to House Bill 4342 and shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. This requires 60 votes and the voting is open. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Berrios."

Berrios: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Black. Black."

Black: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black votes 'aye'. Boland. Boland. Bost."

Bost: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."
Bradley, R.: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady. Brady."
Brady: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."
Brauer: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'aye'. Brosnahan."
Brosnahan: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke. Burke. Chapa
LaVia."
Chapa LaVia: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Chavez."
Chavez: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."
Churchill: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins."
Collins: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."
Colvin: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."
Coulson: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross."
Cross: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'aye'. Cultra."
Cultra: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'aye'. Currie."
Currie: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico. D'Amico."
D'Amico: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels."

Daniels: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Daniels votes 'aye'. Monique Davis. Monique
Davis. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Davis, M.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis votes
'aye'. Delgado. Delgado. Dugan. Dugan. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Dunn."

Dunn: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."

Flider: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'aye'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'aye'. Fritchey. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar. Golar."
Golar: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon. Gordon. Graham."
Graham: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."
Granberg: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos."
Hamos: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."
Hannig: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."
Hassert: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman. Hoffman."
Hoffman: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."
Holbrook: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."
Howard: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren."
Hultgren: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Hultgren votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."
Jakobsson: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies."
Jefferies: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."
Jefferson: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch."
Jenisch: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Joyce."

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Joyce: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly. Kelly. Kosel.
Kosel."

Kelly: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Representative Kosel."

Kosel: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'aye'. Krause."

Krause: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch. Leitch. Lindner."

Lindner: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Mautino."

Mautino: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May."

May: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe. McAuliffe.
McCarthy. McCarthy. McGuire. McGuire. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer. Meyer."

Meyer: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."
Mitchell, B.: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell."
Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt."
Moffitt: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro."
Molaro: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."
Mulligan: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."
Munson: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'aye'. Myers."
Myers: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'aye'. Nekritz."
Nekritz: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."
Osmond: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman."
Osterman: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."
Parke: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'aye'. Phelps."
Phelps: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."
Pihos: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe."
Poe: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard. Ramey."

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Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reis."

Reis: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'aye'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."

Rose: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg. Ryg."

Ryg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano. Saviano.
Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz votes 'aye'. Schock."

Schock: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'aye'. Scully. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith. Smith. Sommer."

Sommer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'aye'. Soto. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy."

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Tracy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'aye'. Tryon."

Tryon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Turner."

Turner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore. Verschoore.
Representative Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait. Representative
Wait."

Wait: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'aye'. Washington."

Washington: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'aye'. Winters."

Winters: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'aye'. Yarbrough. Yarbrough.
Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Boland."

Boland: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dugan."

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Dugan: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Leitch."

Leitch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. McAuliffe. McAuliffe.
McCarthy. McCarthy. McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. Pritchard. Representative
Pritchard. Saviano. Saviano. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Yarbrough. Representative
Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who
wish? Does anyone wish to change their vote? Then Mr.
Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113
voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur
in Senate Amendments #1 and 4 to House Bill 4342. And this
Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby
declared passed. On page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order
of Senate Bills-Third Reading, is Senate Bill 1195.
Representative Fritchey, you wish us to read that Bill? Mr.
Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1195, a Bill for an Act concerning
civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

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Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the Body. Senate Bill 1195 is an Amendment to the Good Samaritan Act. This past summer Governor Blagojevich signed into effect legislation which we had passed last Session which would exempt from liability the two largest organizations certified in first-aid training in this state, the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. This Bill would simply extend that same protection to the National Safety Council which is the third largest provider of first-aid training in Illinois. We know of no opposition. The Bill came out of committee unanimously. I believe it passed out of the Senate unanimously. I'd be happy to answer any questions the Body may have."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 1195. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor will vote 'aye'; all... Excuse me. Did you wish to close, Representative Fritchey?"

Fritchey: "Now... Speaker, inquiry of the Chair. Out of the interest of the time of this Body, is it possible to take the vote like this as a leave... a leave of the Body? I'm simply trying to save 20 minutes or so for..."

Speaker Hannig: "I've been advised at this time just to take a Roll Call, Representative Fritchey. So..."

Fritchey: "Sure. Just trying to help."

Speaker Hannig: "So, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk, would you call the roll?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

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Acevedo: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."
Bassi: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien."
Beaubien: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Beiser."
Beiser: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."
Bellock: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Berrios."
Berrios: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."
Biggins: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Black. Black. Boland."
Boland: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost."
Bost: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley."
Bradley, J.: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."
Bradley, R.: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."
Brady: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."
Brauer: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'aye'. Brosnahan."
Brosnahan: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."
Burke: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."

Colvin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross."

Cross: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'aye'. Cultra."

Cultra: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'aye'. Currie."

Currie: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels. Daniels."

Daniels: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Daniels votes 'aye'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dugan."

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Dugan: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Dunn. Dunn. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."

Flider: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'aye'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'aye'. Fritchey. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."

Golar: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

Granberg: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos."

Hamos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman. Hoffman.
Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hultgren votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Joyce."

Joyce: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."

Kelly: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'aye'. Krause."

Krause: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch."

Leitch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lindner. Lindner."

Lindner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Mautino. Mautino."

Mautino: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe. McAuliffe.
McCarthy. McCarthy. McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer."

Meyer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell. Bill
Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell."

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Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'aye'. Myers. Myers. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'aye'. Phelps."

Phelps: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe."

Poe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard. Pritchard.
Ramey."

Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reis."

Reis: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'aye'. Reitz."

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Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita. Rita."

Rita: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."

Rose: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg."

Ryg: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano. Schmitz. Schmitz.
Schock."

Schock: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'aye'. Scully. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'aye'. Soto. Soto."

Soto: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy."

Tracy: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'aye'. Tryon. Tryon."

Tryon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Turner."

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Turner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait. Wait."

Wait: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'aye'. Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'aye'. Winters."

Winters: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'aye'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Representative Black."

Black: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black votes 'aye'. Dunn."

Dunn: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Hoffman votes 'aye'. McAuliffe.

Representative McAuliffe. McCarthy. Representative

McCarthy. Myers."

Myers: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'aye'. Pritchard. Representative Pritchard. Saviano. Representative Saviano. Schmitz. Representative Schmitz."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Does anyone wish to change their vote before we announce the Roll Call? Then Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting... 1 voting 'nay', and 1 voting 'present'. And the House... and this Bill, having received a Three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 2 of the Calendar is Senate Bill 1269. Representative Beiser, you wish us to read that Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1269, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Beiser."

Beiser: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1269 is cleanup language to the Employee Blood Donation Leave Act, which we passed last year. This Amendment clarify... or this Bill clarifies that the private sector and local government employees may take up to an hour or more with employer authorization to donate blood. I'd be happy to answer any questions or... I'd ask for a 'yes' vote on this."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 1269. Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

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

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Black: "Thank you. Representative, did staff prepare a chart for you on how many hours of leave an employee can take under existing Illinois law? I think you can take off... what, an hour to vote, I don't know how many hours to go to a school parent conference, unpaid leave for a sick child. The list could go on and on and on. Did... I'm just curious, did any of the business organizations come in and say, 'You're creating a bookkeeping problem for me. I mean, I'm trying to keep track of all these people who want time off for various Good Samaritan type things and it could add up to 40 hours a year.'"

Beiser: "No, I have not seen a list. There was not one prepared and I have not been approached by any of the business groups with the concerns that you just mentioned."

Black: "All right. What... it appears from our analysis that the Bill is silent on an issue. Let's say you were in a critical production run and the superintendent or the foreman said, 'I can't let you off today. If I let you off, I don't have anybody to cover and I can't shut down the line. It's a continuous run process, say for asbestos sheeting or not asbestos, obviously, fiberglass sheeting. And if you leave, I have to shut down the line and I just can't do that. It would destroy the product run.' Is that option available to the employer under your Bill? I don't see where it says they have to or that they can't, it just seems to be silent."

Beiser: "It's my impression that, in our analysis, that it has to be agreed to..."

Black: "Okay."

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Beiser: "...by the employer."

Black: "That's the word I was looking into. So, if it's mutually agreeable than the employee can go donate blood."

Beiser: "Yes, if it does..."

Black: "All right. Fine."

Beiser: "Yes, Sir."

Black: "That's the key issue with me. Thank you very much."

Beiser: "You're welcome."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Then Representative Beiser, would you like to close."

Beiser: "No, I'd simply ask for a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1269 pass? All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi. Bassi. Beaubien. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Beiser."

Beiser: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Berrios."

Berrios: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Black."

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Black: "Mr. Speaker, I'm going downstairs to donate blood. Can I vote when I get back? I'll vote 'aye'."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black votes 'aye'. Boland."

Boland: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost. Bost."

Bost: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley. John Bradley. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady. Brady. Brauer."

Brauer: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'aye'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."

Colvin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross."

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Cross: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'aye'. Cultra."

Cultra: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'aye'. Currie. Currie. D'Amico.
D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels. Daniels.
Monique Davis. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dugan. Dugan."

Dugan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunkin. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Dunn. Dunn. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz.
Flider. Flider. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'aye'. Fritchey. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."

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Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."

Golar: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

Granberg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos."

Hamos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert. Hassert.
Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hultgren votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

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Jefferson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Joyce."

Joyce: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."

Kelly: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'aye'. Krause."

Krause: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch."

Leitch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lindner. Lindner. Joe
Lyons. Joe Lyons. Mathias."

Mathias: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Mautino. Mautino. May."

May: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe.. votes 'aye'. McCarthy. McCarthy.
McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon. McKeon.
Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer. Meyer."

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Meyer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. John... Jerry
Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro. Molaro.
Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'aye'. Myers. Myers. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke. Parke."

Parke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'aye'. Phelps."

Phelps: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe. Poe."

Poe: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard. Pritchard.
Ramey."

Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reis."

Reis: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'aye'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."

Rose: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg."

Ryg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz. Schmitz.
Schock. Schock."

Schock: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'aye'. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'aye'. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

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Stephens: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy. Tracy."

Tracy: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'aye'. Tryon. Tryon. Turner.
Turner. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."

Wait: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'aye'. Washington."

Washington: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson. Watson."

Watson: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'aye'. Winters."

Winters: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'aye'. Yarbrough. Yarbrough.
Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes... Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'aye'. Currie. Representative Currie. Daniels. Representative Daniels. Dunn. Representative Dunn. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Representative Currie votes 'aye'. Flider."

Flider: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Flider votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Lindner. Representative Lindner."

Lindner: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons. Representative Joe Lyons. Mautino. Representative Mautino. McCarthy. McCarthy. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Myers."

Myers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'aye'. Pritchard. Pritchard. Schmitz. Schmitz. Tryon."

Tryon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Turner. Turner. Yarbrough. Representative Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Representative Turner votes 'aye'. Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Daniels votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Is everyone recorded that wishes to be recorded on this Bill? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 111 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 the Order Senate Bills-Second Reading, is Senate Bill 505. Representative Feigenholtz, you wish us to read the Bill? Representative Feigenholtz, do you wish us to read Senate Bill 505? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Actually, Mr. Clerk, I understand that this has been read a second time, previously. Is that correct? What is the status, Mr. Clerk, of Senate Bill 505?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 505 is on the Order of Second Reading. This Bill's been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, on the Amendment, Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 505 is a reincarnation of Senate Bill 2445, which passed the House last May. It is a Bill that affects a small business in my district that is trying to become an upscale restaurant with an incidental liquor license that, unfortunately, abuts... there's an alley, there's a footage issue that actually the entrances are about 2 thousand feet apart. There's also an Amendment on

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here that adds a liquor license... another license to something... an establishment in... a restaurant in a spa who wants to serve wine in Representative Rich Bradley's district. Both the church and the school boards have approved it. Everyone's signed off, the aldermen and the principals are all fine with it. And I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. Is there any discussion? All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 505, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Feigenholtz: "I believe I explained the Bill in the Amendment. I'd be... as I said, I'd be glad to answer any questions from any Members."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 505. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor will vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open and Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

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Bassi: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Bassi passes. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Beiser."

Beiser: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'no'. Bellock."

Bellock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'no'. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'no'. Black."

Black: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black votes 'no'. Boland."

Boland: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost. Bost."

Bost: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'no'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'no'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'no'. Brauer."

Brauer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'no'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan passes. Burke. Burke. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'no'. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill. Churchill."

Churchill: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins."

Collins: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."

Colvin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson passes. Cross."

Cross: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'aye'. Cultra."

Cultra: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'no'. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels."

Daniels: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Daniels votes 'aye'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis. Will
Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dugan. Dugan."

Dugan: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'no'. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin passes. Dunn."

Dunn: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'no'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider. Flider."

Flider: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'no'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'no'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'no'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."

Golar: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'no'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

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Granberg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos."

Hamos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard. Howard.
Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Aye... No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hultgren votes 'aye'. Hultgren votes 'no'.
Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'no'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson. Jefferson.
Jenisch. Jenisch. Joyce."

Joyce: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce passes. Kelly. Kelly."

Kelly: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'no'. Krause."

Krause: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."

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Lang: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch."

Leitch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lindner."

Lindner: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'no'. Mautino. Mautino. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'aye.' McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer. Meyer."

Meyer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'no'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

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Moffitt: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'no'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'no'. Myers."

Myers: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'no'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman. Representative
Osmond passes. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'no'. Phelps."

Phelps: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'no'. Pihos."

Pihos: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'no'. Poe."

Poe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'no'. Pritchard. Pritchard. Ramey."

Ramey: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'no'. Reis."

Reis: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'no'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose. Rose."

Rose: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'no'. Ryg. Ryg. Sacia. Sacia."

Sacia: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'no'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz. Schmitz.
Schock. Schock."

Schock: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'no'. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'no'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy. Tracy."

Tracy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon. Representative
Tryon."

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Tryon: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Turner."

Turner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."

Wait: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'no'. Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters."

Winters: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'no'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Just... just to clarify as we begin to go through this for the second time, this requires 71 votes. So, Mr. Clerk, would you read the roll the second time."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Coulson. Coulson. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Dunkin votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Howard votes 'aye'. Jefferson.
Representative Jefferson. Jenisch. Representative Jenisch.
Joyce."

Joyce: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'no'. Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino says... votes 'aye'. Representative
Jefferson. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'no'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Pritchard. Representative
Pritchard. Osmond."

Osmond: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Ryg."

Ryg: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'no'. Schmitz. Representative
Schmitz. Coulson. Representative Coulson."

Coulson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Representative
Mitchell. Representative Mitchell wishes to be recorded as
'no', Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'no'."

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Speaker Hannig: "Does anyone else wish to change their vote? Representative Meyer, you wish to be recorded as 'no'. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Meyer votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Ryg, how would you like to be recorded? The Lady would like to be recorded as voting 'aye'. Representative Ryg... Mr. Clerk, Representative Ryg would like to be recorded as voting 'aye'."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Does anyone else wish to change their position? If not, then Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting 'yes' and 44 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page... on page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, Representative Molaro, you have Senate Bill 948. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 948, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Molaro, you wish to present the Bill."

Molaro: "Thank you. It's my first chance to actually get the microphone in my hand. I... I don't do it from up there, right? Mr. Speaker, I don't do it from up there? I stay here and do it? Okay. So... okay. Just wanna make sure I didn't have to go up there. This is a pretty simple Bill. All it is... is on the... it's on what page on what restaurants can sell and distribute and they can distribute carafes, bottles of alcoholic liquor. And this just comes from the

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Liquor Control Commission. And they're having a little confusion... they said there was confusion as to whether or not alcoholic liquor means bottles of spirits. So, to make sure that there's no confusion, we just puts in the words 'or selling bottles of spirits'. Liquor Commission is neutral. There is no known opposition. And I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 948. And on that question, Representative Saviano is recognized."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I stand in support of this piece of legislation. This addresses a situation has arisen in your... in your more top restaurants and finer restaurants and lounges where there was a gray area existing where they were having a problem determining whether it was legal or not to serve bottle service. So, if you have a big... a party of ten, you might wanna put one bottle on a table and ice the glasses or whatever. The law didn't state clearly if this was legal. And this addresses that specific point and that's why the Liquor Commission is neutral. It clarifies the statute. And I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Representative Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a question?"

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

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Froehlich: "Representative Molaro, is it the practice currently to allow restaurants to serve a bottle of distilled spirits the way they do a carafe of wine?"

Molaro: "Yes. I'm told they've been doing that for 30, 40 years."

Froehlich: "They've been doing it despite the happy-hour law. You're saying that that all we're doing is codifying existing practice, we're not chan... gonna change the existing practice?"

Molaro: "Yes. I mean, exactly what you said is what we're doing, changing nothing."

Froehlich: "Okay."

Molaro: "Just codifying existing practice. What... you know, let me make this clear. They've been doing it 40 years and there's never been a problem. The... the Liquor Control Commission would just like clearer language as to whether or not the words... and this is on page 3 of the Bill..."

Froehlich: "Um hmm."

Molaro: "Where there's the words 'alcoholic... Wait, I'll get the right page for ya. Sorry. I'm sorry. It's on page 2 of the Bill, it'd be line 28 and it says in here and this is... this is what's legal right now. Page 2 line... it starts at line 25..."

Froehlich: "Um hmm."

Molaro: "...you got that, paragraph 6."

Froehlich: "Yeah. Yeah."

Molaro: "This is what's legal in the State of Illinois, 'Selling pitchers or equivalent including now limited to buckets, carafes, or bottles of alcoholic liquor, which are probably

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sold in such manner and delivered to two or more persons at one time.' That's the law in the State of Illinois and has been for many, many, many years. What the... what the Liquor Control Commissioner comes up and says is that when we use the term 'alcoholic liquor', there's other parts of the Code whether or not 'alcoholic liquor' means 'bottles of spirits'. And so, they just need this codified so we can say that alcoholic liquor and bottle of spirits are the same things and that's what they've been doing for 30 years and they're just looking to clarify the language."

Froehlich: "So, has the Liquor Control Commission then already been interpreting the current law to permit the restaurants to serve a bottle of spirits the way they do a bottle of wine?"

Molaro: "The answer is yes. But let me point out that one of the reasons we brought it, of the 20 or so investigators out there, there are two or three that feel that the way it's written that it doesn't cover bottles of spirits. So they have written some tickets, where other investigators have not and there's an open question. So they're looking for us... or Attorney General's opinion and we thought it'd be easier just to change it so there's no confusion."

Froehlich: "I see. Thank you."

Molaro: "You're welcome."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

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Black: "Representative, our staff indicates that what you're attempting to do is already legal under the law."

Molaro: "Okay."

Black: "And the only thing that concerns me is when your staff or our staff calls an agency and says, explain this to us. And they... and the agency does not return our staff calls, I... I find that... what's the proper word, I just don't understand that unwillingness to talk to staff on either side of the aisle. And say, here is the problem and here's what exactly we're trying to solve. And if the Liquor Control Commission brought this forward, I fail to see, even after your discussion with Representative Froehlich, what exactly are we trying to solve here?"

Molaro: "Well, I, you know, I, again... I'll try it one more time. I'm... I'm... since it's a Senate Bill and I'm being told this, right. I know there were many, many meetings with Restaurant Association and the Liquor Control Board and they came up with this Bill. I don't know exactly who drafted it; we have to talk to Senator Cullerton, who's the Sponsor. But what it came to and what I'm being told is that the... as you can read from the Bill, it's pretty simple. They say right now you can sell or bottles of alcoholic liquor. Okay. The question becomes, are alcoholic liquor... bottles of alcoholic liquor and bottles of spirits the same thing? I think it's the same thing. I think any other normal person would think that. So, basically, what it came down to is they've been doing this forever how long this Bill is... I mean, this has been law many, many years, no tickets were given. Somebody came in and said... some investigator wrote

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out tickets and said, we have alcoholic liquor and bottles of spirits in different sections of the Code, so as far as I can read this, I think I should write tickets, other investigators don't. So, we're clarifying it. Now do I think we have to do this? No. But it should either be the Attorney General or us, because they're looking for clarification. So, we're told by the Restaurant Association and anybody else that if we put this in this would clarify what we've already been doing. And that's why we brought the Bill."

Black: "All right. All right. Is this... is this problem being brought about by the Illinois State Liquor Commission or is it a problem that originated in the City of Chicago with one of their people who doesn't agree with what the law's been for years? I... I'm being told that it originated in a problem that occurred in the City of Chicago."

Molaro: "Oh, the problem definitely occurred in the City of Chicago with the investigators... just like anything else. They don't want to break the law like... as Saviano... Representative Saviano said, you're talking about some of the top ten restaurants in the City of Chicago. They're making millions of dollars; they don't want any of their licenses in jeopardy. So they went to the head of the Illinois Liquor Commission, Attorney Generals and they came up with this is the best way to solve the problem. Nobody's trying to pull anything because nobody wants their license in jeopardy."

Black: "All right. Okay. There's nothing in this Bill that says if I'm having a dinner at one of these fine restaurants

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and we don't finish the bottle of spirits that we purchased, this does not allow me to take the bottle of spirits out of the restaurant?"

Molaro: "Oh, no way. No."

Black: "'Cause we did that with wine."

Molaro: "Right. No."

Black: "All right. Then thank you very much."

Molaro: "You're welcome."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Representative Molaro, I... we're still questioning it here and trying to get what you're actually doing here. So, currently, you could get a pitcher of beer, a pitcher of margaritas, something like that on your table, but you can't get like the bottle of tequila?"

Molaro: "No. Well..."

Mulligan: "I mean, I'm not quite sure where you're going with this. That's..."

Molaro: "Well, okay. Yeah, I know and I'm trying not to be confusing, but right now that's what everybody is doing and have done ever since this law passed 20, 30 years ago when we messed around with happy hour. Okay. Well, what we did was, and I know maybe it's not on your computer, this is..."

Mulligan: "This is a first, we should get a picture of this."

Molaro: "...this is... obviously, the only line with... where is it... the underlying word. Okay. So, what it says is that you can sell bottles or serve bottles of alcoholic liquor. Okay. What we're saying is we will... everybody's been selling them, but there were investigators for Liquor Control Commission that said, bottles of liqu... bottles of

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alcoholic liquor and bottles of spirits were two different things."

Mulligan: "So, just..."

Molaro: "All right. Now, but..."

Mulligan: "...give me the definition of 'spirits'. Aside from..."

Molaro: "Spirits is like Jack Daniels."

Mulligan: "Right. Yeah, okay, so..."

Molaro: "I... I'm... I wouldn't really know."

Mulligan: "So, so you could Jack Daniels... or Stoli or something..."

Molaro: "Jack Daniels, tequila, anything that's like, I think, over 40 proof or something like that."

Mulligan: "On the table as..."

Molaro: "Right, on the table. Well, where you're going in... and a lot of these restaurants you come in and what they do in a lot of big restaurants, you come in and you have 20 glasses with setups and they'll put 4 bottles of wine, 4 bottles of tequila, guapa, what's the other stuff... ouzo, stuff like that. And they've been doing this for... as I said, 40 years. So there were a couple of investigators and they've been going back and forth with these restaurant people, Attorney General, and the Liquor Commission and the consensus was the best way to do this was to just add bottles of spirits. And that gets rid of all the confusion."

Mulligan: "So, instead of a pitcher of margaritas, you can now have a bottle of tequila on the table?"

Molaro: "Which is what they had been doing. You're making it sound like they're changing something."

Mulligan: "No, I'm..."

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Molaro: "We're not making a..."

Mulligan: "The people around me are laughing because I'm not normally as much of a big drinker."

Molaro: "Okay. I mean, you keep bringing up tequila, there must be a reason. I'm thinkin' maybe..."

Mulligan: "So, well, they're because of margaritas."

Molaro: "Oh, margaritas."

Mulligan: "That's the... I'm just saying, you know, or some... I'm trying to think of something that you might... like tequila, I think, they do shots. So..."

Molaro: "Well, most of the stuff that you can think of are the after..."

Mulligan: "But I've never... I've never seen that in restaurants where they..."

Molaro: "Well, I mean, sorta the after-dinner drinks where they would come up... but remember, this is happening a lot of upscale restaurants where they have big parties of 12, 14, 30, businessmen coming in..."

Mulligan: "All right."

Molaro: "...and they'll put a bottle of... I don't know... What's the stuff that's..."

Mulligan: "Yeah, 'cause we're used to like a bottle of wine, but I'm just..."

Molaro: "...like sherry..."

Mulligan: "You know, I think what happens is you get to this part of Veto Session and somebody brings up a Bill that is new..."

Molaro: "Right."

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Mulligan: "...that we haven't seen, so we just wanna make sure that we're voting for something..."

Molaro: "That's..."

Mulligan: "...that's interesting."

Molaro: "It's your prerogative and your job, I mean, so..."

Mulligan: "Okay. Thank you. That's all I want."

Molaro: "...I have no problem with that."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? It's Representative Moffitt."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Moffitt: "Representative, just a question I'd like clarified."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "Yes, go ahead."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Moffitt has a question."

Moffitt: "Question for ya. When you made your opening comments, did you say there are no opponents?"

Molaro: "That's what I said."

Moffitt: "Thank you. I was under the impression there was still an opponent to this legislation."

Molaro: "Pardon me?"

Moffitt: "I was under the impression... and our analysis says there is an opponent that ILCAP is opposed. Now is that... can you clarify that?"

Molaro: "Could you say it one more time."

Moffitt: "Is ILCAP opposed or have they removed their opposition? Illinois Church Action Council."

Molaro: "Oh, I would assume... now I have to stand corrected. I would assume they are opposed, ILCAP."

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Moffitt: "That... our analysis says they are and I just wondered..."

Molaro: "Okay. I can't speak to that so if your analysis say they're opposed, I haven't talked to her, then I assume... We're talking about Anita Bedose (sic-Bedell) group."

Moffitt: "Right."

Molaro: "Yeah, I would assume they're... would probably be opposed."

Moffitt: "Okay. Based on your..."

Molaro: "Yeah, so I apologize for that."

Moffitt: "Okay. Based on your comments I thought that was removed but thank you."

Molaro: "No, and you're welcome. You're right."

Moffitt: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Representative Molaro, would you like to briefly close."

Molaro: "Yeah, than... just real brief. We're not changing anything, we're just clarifying something. Liquor Commission and everybody else is... is onboard with this. It passed the Senate, I think, it was 45 to 5, I'm looking here. So, I'd ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Hannig: "So this requires 71 votes. And the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi. Bassi."

Bassi: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi passes. Beaubien."

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Beaubien: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien passes. Beiser."

Beiser: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'no'. Bellock."

Bellock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'no'. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins. Biggins."

Biggins: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins passes. Black."

Black: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black votes 'present'. Boland."

Boland: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'no'. Bost."

Bost: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'no'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'no'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'no'. Brauer. Brauer. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'no'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'no'. Chavez. Chavez."

Chavez: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'no'. Collins. Collins.
Colvin. Colvin."

Colvin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'no'. Cross."

Cross: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'aye'. Cultra."

Cultra: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'no'. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels."

Daniels: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Daniels votes 'no'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis passes. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado. Delgado.
Dugan."

Dugan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'no'. Dunkin. Dunkin. Dunn."

Dunn: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

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Eddy: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy passes. Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz.
Flider. Flider. Flowers. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'no'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'no'. Giles. Giles. Golar.
Golar. Gordon."

Gordon: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes... Gordon votes 'no'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

Granberg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos. Hamos. Hannig."

Hannig: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Hultgren votes 'no'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'no'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'no'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'no'. Joyce."

Joyce: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'no'. Kelly."

Kelly: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel passes. Krause."

Krause: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'no'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch."

Leitch: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'no'. Lindner."

Lindner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'no'. Mautino."

Mautino: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May."

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May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'no'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer."

Meyer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'no'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'no'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'no'. Molaro."

Molaro: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan passes. Munson."

Munson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'no'. Myers."

Myers: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'no'. Nekritz. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'no'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'no'. Phelps."

Phelps: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'no'. Pihos."

Pihos: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'no'. Poe."

Poe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'no'. Pritchard. Ramey."

Ramey: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'no'. Reis."

Reis: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'no'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose. Rose."

Rose: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'no'. Ryg."

Ryg: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'no'. Sacia."

Sacia: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'no'. Saviano."

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Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz. Schmitz.
Schock."

Schock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'no'. Soto."

Soto: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto passes. Stephens."

Stephens: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'no'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'no'. Tracy. Tracy."

Tracy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon."

Tryon: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'no'. Turner."

Turner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore. Verschoore.
Wait. Wait."

Wait: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'no'. Washington."

Washington: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'no'. Watson."

Watson: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters. Winters."

Winters: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'no'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Mr... Bassi."

Bassi: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'no'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Baubien passes. Biggins."

Biggins: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'no'. Brauer."

Brauer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'no'. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'no'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."

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Flider: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'no'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."

Golar: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Hamos."

Hamos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Beaubien, how do you wish to be recorded? The Gentleman wishes to be recorded as 'no', Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'no'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard votes 'no'. Schmitz. Schmitz. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'no'."

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

Molaro: "Well... Yes, at this time I know we could change our votes but I don't know if we have enough time to wait to get 16 or 17, how many I need. At this point, I'll be asking this be put on Postponed Consideration."

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Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, the Bill will be post... put on the Order of Postponed Consideration. Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise?"

Stephens: "An inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker. What is the minimum number of votes required for Postponed Consideration?"

Speaker Hannig: "Forty-seven."

Stephens: "That's when a Bill is to be passed with a 60-vote requirement. This has... this required 71."

Speaker Hannig: "But the rule is still the same for Postponed Consideration, Representative."

Stephens: "I'm glad you... for your clarification."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Thank you. And if you look over on the south side of the chamber, we have our Secretary of State, Jesse White, with us today. And let's welcome him to our House of Representatives. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rules Report. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or Joint Action Motion were referred, action taken on November 29, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'approved for floor consideration' referred to the Order of Resolutions is House Resolution 1504... 1504, offered by Representative Lang and 1545, offered by Representative Rose. Senate Bill 2300, Amendment #3, offered by Representative Lang is referred to the floor and 'recommends be adopted'."

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

Sacia: "Mr. Speaker, a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Sacia: "Earlier today Representative Bellock complimented Patty Lindner on her birthday. But what hasn't been mentioned is we are all now familiar with reverse auction. Patty has perfected reverse aging. And I think not only should she be applauded for that but everyone in the Body needs to know that at her office, thanks to the lovely wife of Kyle Kirts, are some magnificent cookies. And if you haven't tried them, it's an experience to behold. But again, congratulations to Patty Lindner on perfecting reverse aging."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative Lindner, you have on page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, Senate Bill 380. Would you wish us to read that Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 380, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lindner."

Lindner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a Bill that is crucial to the school children of Illinois. My part of it is for the Oswego School District who has already passed a referendum because they have to build 14 new schools. And they are here asking the Legislature for an exception to the debt limitation so that they can do what their voters have already approved. A portion of the Bill is also for Representative Kosel's Lincoln-Way schools that is exactly

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the same situation. Another portion of the Bill is for Representative Bill Mitchell's Village of Forsyth to use revenue from an increase... a voter approved increase in the Municipal Retailers Occupation Tax to help fund public schools. Another is for Representative Deborah Graham's and Karen Yarbrough's district, Oak Park, River Forest and... Elementary School District and River Forest School District 90, that instead of paying the township treasurer to invest their money, they will withdraw and form their own school treasury simply through board resolution. And this authority has already been given to the Evanston School District so there is precedence for this. Another is for Representative David Miller's district, which allows the Ford Heights School District to levy a supplemental tax. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of Senate Bill 380. Is there any discussion? Representative Kosel."

Kosel: "Thank you very much. This Bill... the portion of it that affects mine would affect the Lincoln-Way High School District. It also would affect... Representative McCarthy also has part of this district. They recently passed a bond referendum for over \$200 million and need this Bill in order to be able sell those bonds. I would kindly ask for your approval of this piece of legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Representative Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll keep this quick. There's a portion in this Bill that affects my own home school district where I live and where my kids go, the Oswego

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School District. This would allow their debt limitation to increase. For those of you not familiar with the Oswego area, we are experiencing unprecedented growth. We are a school district that recently passed a referendum with 58 per cent of the vote for the referendum where we will issue \$450 million in bonds so we can construct 14, 14 new school buildings by 2012. This year our school district had an enrollment of fourteen thousand ninety-three kids. When the school district opens in the fall of '07 we believe we'll be at fifteen thousand eight hundred kids. We believe that by 2012 we will have an enrollment of 27 thousand. We are almost, in a way, out of control when it comes to growth. The school district is doing an exceptional job in handling the enrollment but they need this to pass to increase their debt limitation to take... take into account what happened with the passage of our referendum. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion?
Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Lindner, when this Bill started out it was just an single issue for the Oswego District. Is that correct?"

Lindner: "That's correct."

Mulligan: "And at some point, other people came to you and requested that you put different portions on that Bill?"

Lindner: "Yes."

Mulligan: "In committee one of the questions that we had on the Bill had to do with the portion that assists Representative Miller's district, which is a lot more controversial than

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what you were asking for some of the other districts. But many of us supported Representative Miller, mainly because the school district he's asking for is one of the poorest in the state and it's had a number of problems. And because Representative Miller has worked hard in order to assist his district in many ways that a number of us have tried to support but can't always do, but that this was a simple request probably coming off from the fact that they lost property tax money through property tax appeals after the fact, which we've tried to solve in this General Assembly. Representative Bassi's had a Bill; we have not been able to do that. So, what he's asking, although it may seem controversial, is partly because of a situation out of their control for the school district and yet you made the accommodation of putting this into the Bill for him."

Lindner: "Yes. It's my understanding that this school district will go down if this... if his portion of the Bill does not pass."

Mulligan: "Quite frankly, let's talk to this Bill. Quite frankly, in committee many of Representative Miller's colleagues from his side of the aisle were either pulled off the Bill, they removed the targets, and people would not support his Bill. Many of the Republicans, on the other hand, who have worked with Representative Miller and respect him and respect what he was trying to do for his school district supported it and helped get that Bill out of committee. I'm willing to commit my vote again to this not just because it's Representative Cross or Representative Lindner but also because it's Representative Miller who has

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tried very hard to support his district. I would suggest that there may be other people on this, on both sides of the aisle, that would respect the Gentleman and the fact that he has a school district that he's trying to support. It's a very difficult case when we... around the state we're not putting enough money into education and this is one of the poorer school districts in this state. So, I would recommend an 'aye' vote on this Bill, particularly if you respect your colleague, Representative Miller, just as I respect him. So, I would recommend an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative... Representative Miller."

Miller: "Will the... To the Bill. I rise to the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Miller: "I just want to remind colleagues and appreciate the support from Representative Mulligan and Members on the other side of the aisle supporting this Bill out of committee. As many of you know in this chamber, I've fought very hard for the Village of Ford Heights and for education funding and this Bill really does deal with both entities that I've really tried to push. Ford Heights receives a majority of... Ford Heights School District receives a majority of their... their school funding from one entity, Ford Motor Company, that it had received a favorable PTAB for Ford Motor Company but however, has not... however affects the school district. I ask for both Members... and both... Members on both sides of the aisle to support this initiative not just because of Ford Heights, just not because of Oswego, not just because of Oak Park, because it does help all our communities that we've been asked to do a

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numerous issues that may not affect what's in our backyard, but does really help the citizens and the children in the State of Illinois. In lieu of educational funding, which as you know as I've... that I have supported in sponsor, these are... this is another attempt to deal with inadequacy in our funding and we wanna support these type of initiatives. I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Representative Lindner to close."

Lindner: "Thank you very much and thank you for everyone's comments. I think this is a Bill that helps school districts help themselves. And I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 380 pass?' This will require 71 votes. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Beiser. Beiser."

Beiser: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'no'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Berrios. Berrios."

Berrios: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Black."

Black: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black votes 'aye'. Boland."

Boland: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'no'. Bost."

Bost: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'no'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'aye'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke. Burke. Chapa
LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia passes. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'no'. Collins. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin. Colvin."

Colvin: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross."

Cross: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'aye'. Cultra."

Cultra: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra passes. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'no'. Daniels."

Daniels: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Daniels votes 'aye'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dugan."

Dugan: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan passes. Dunkin. Dunkin. Dunn."

Dunn: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Durkin. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz.

Flider."

Flider: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'no'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'no'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey passes. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar. Golar."

Golar: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon passes. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

Granberg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos."

Hamos: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye"

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook passes. Howard."

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Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hultgren votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'no'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'no'. Jenisch. Jenisch.
Joyce."

Joyce: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'no'. Kelly."

Kelly: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'aye'. Krause."

Krause: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch."

Leitch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lindner."

Lindner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias passes. Mautino."

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Mautino: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "May passes. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'no'. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer. Meyer."

Meyer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'no'. Myers."

Myers: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers passes. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz passes. Osmond."

Osmond: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'aye'. Phelps."

Phelps: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'no'. Pihos."

Pihos: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos passes. Poe."

Poe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe passes. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard votes 'no'. Ramey."

Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reis."

Reis: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis passes. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."

Rose: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg."

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Ryg: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg passes. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz. Schock."

Schock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'no'. Smith. Scully votes 'aye'.
Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'no'. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy."

Tracy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon."

Tryon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Turner."

Turner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'no'. Wait."

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Wait: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'no'. Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters."

Winters: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'no'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Cultra."

Cultra: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'no'. Dugan."

Dugan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'no'. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'no'. Gordon."

Gordon: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'no'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'no'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'no'. Mathias."

Mathias: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'no'. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'no'. Myers."

Myers: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'no'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe."

Poe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'no'. Reis."

Reis: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'no'. Ryg. Ryg."

Ryg: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'no'. Schmitz. Schmitz."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Then Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 83 voting 'yes' and 33 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Just let me announce to the Members that are wondering, sometime shortly there'll be some sandwiches... some deli sandwiches downstairs that'll be available for us to eat down there. So, if you're

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thinking about lunch, there is... there is a plan. And I'll announce when the sandwiches are available. We're gonna now go to page 4 of the Calendar, under the Order of Total Vetoes, is Senate Bill 185. Representative Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today I'm asking for your 'aye' vote to override the Governor's Veto on Senate Bill 185. The Bill amends the Water Reclamation District to authorize the Board of Commissioners to set compensation for the officers and members of the board elected in 2006 and thereafter. This Bill already successfully has gone through the Senate. We're trying to do what we tried to do last spring. During the Spring Session, of course, we did have plenty of votes here and in the Senate to accomplish that. This Amendment would allow until January 1, so the next month, they have a month to set the... Board of Commissioners to set this compensation. The clock is seriously ticking on this. We have done this for the DuPage County Board, other agencies within the State of Illinois. There is no state money involved in this situation, it's all self-imposed within the district. And currently, they have not received that increase since the year 2000, so it's been 7 years. So, I certainly appreciate your 'aye' vote and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves to override the Governor's Veto on Senate Bill 185. Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

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Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Black: "Representative, the money to pay these salaries comes from what revenue stream?"

Lyons, J.: "From their own taxes that they impose as a taxing body within the area they serve."

Black: "And is only paid by those people who live in that district."

Lyons, J.: "Correct."

Black: "Okay."

Lyons, J.: "Which is..."

Black: "Now, your Bill... does this mean they will set their salaries for the next millennium or is there a..."

Lyons, J.: "Well, they'd have to come back for us to give them the authority to do this, Representative."

Black: "All right."

Lyons, J.: "They can't change their salaries without us allowing them to do that."

Black: "So, if you're changing the law, is it only for calendar year 2007 that they will be able to increase their pay or does it include calendar year '08, calendar year '09?"

Lyons, J.: "Well, once they raises their salaries would set. They'd be set for... until we allow them to do it again. So, yes, if they increase the commissioners' salaries they would stay their until we... until they ask for another increase."

Black: "All right. So, there is no auto... there's no provision in the Bill that would automatically require us to revisit this pay issue every year."

Lyons, J.: "No, they have... the Bill reads, Representative Black, that they have until the first of January to do this of this

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year, and if they can't get it done by the first of January we have to go back to square one and pass another Bill next year to allow them to do it. So they need to do this in the next month or so."

Black: "Have any governmental bodies served by NWRD (sic-MWRD) taken a position in opposition to the raise, i.e., Mayor Daley. Has the mayor said anything publicly about this particular methodology?"

Lyons, J.: "Representative Black, I have not heard from the Cook County or the Mayor's Office or the City of Chicago. I heard nobody opposed to this... this submission."

Black: "All right. So, obviously... and I don't... it's certainly not your intent, nor anyone else... it's a pay raise Bill. You've been very forthright about that and upfront that the pay raise is not put on the taxpayers of the State of Illinois or any levy that would be paid by anybody in my district. It would be paid by those people who... who use and are in the Metropolitan Water Sanitary District geographic area."

Lyons, J.: "Right. If I'm understanding you, just to repeat what you're saying. This'll be paid for by the people who are the residents of the Water Reclamation District, the area that they serve. There are no State of Illinois funds involved that... there's certainly not... include any other area except who are served by the Water Reclamation District of Chicago."

Black: "Fine. Thank... thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Then Representative Lyons to close."

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Lyons, J.: "I'd appreciate your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "So the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 185 pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding?' This Motion requires 71 votes and this is final action. So, all in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo. Acevedo. Bassi."

Bassi: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'no'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Beiser. Beaubien passes. Beiser."

Beiser: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'no'. Bellock."

Bellock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'no'. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Black."

Black: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black passes. Boland."

Boland: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'no'. Bost. Bost. John Bradley." Bradley, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'no'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'present'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'no'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia. Chapa LaVia.
Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."

Colvin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross. Cross. Cultra."

Cultra: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'no'. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico. D'Amico.
Daniels."

Daniels: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Daniels votes 'aye'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado. Delgado.
Dugan."

Dugan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'no'. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Dunn."

Dunn: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'no'. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy passes. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider. Flider."

Flider: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'no'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'no'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar. Golar."

Golar: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon. Gordon."

Gordon: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'no'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

Granberg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos. Hamos. Hannig."

Hannig: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hultgren votes 'no'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'no'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch. Jefferson
votes 'no'. Jenisch. Jenisch. Joyce."

Joyce: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."

Kelly: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'no'. Krause."

Krause: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang. Lang. Leitch."

Leitch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lindner."

Lindner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'no'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joe Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias passes. Mautino."

Mautino: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer."

Meyer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

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Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'no'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'no'. Myers."

Myers: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'no'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond

Osmond: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'no'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'no'. Phelps."

Phelps: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'no'. Pihos."

Pihos: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'no'. Poe."

Poe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard votes 'no'. Ramey."

Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reis."

Reis: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'no'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita. Rita. Rose."

Rose: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg."

Ryg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz. Schmitz.
Schock. Schock."

Schock: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully."

Scully: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith. Smith."

Smith: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes... Smith passes. Sommer."

Sommer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'aye'. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens. Stephens."

Stephens: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'no'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'no'. Tracy."

Tracy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon."

Tryon: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon passes. Turner."

Turner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'no'. Wait."

Wait: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'no'. Washington. Washington.
Watson."

Watson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters."

Winters: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters passes. Yarbrough. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Beaubien. Beaubien.
Black. Representative Black."

Black: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black votes 'aye'. Bost. Representative Bost.
Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'no'. Cross. Cross.
D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Delgado. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Delgado. Delgado.
Eddy."

Eddy: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Hamos."

Hamos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Schmitz. Rita."

Rita: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Schmitz votes 'no'. Smith."

Smith: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'no'. Tryon."

Tryon: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'no'. Washington. Representative
Washington."

Washington: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'no'. Winters."

Winters: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'no'. Cross."

Cross: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'no'. Representative Bost."

Bost: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'no'."

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

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to change my vote to a 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "How would you like to be recorded, Representative?"

Brady: "No."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Representative Brady..."

Brady: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "...wishes to be recorded as 'no', Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative May."

May: "No."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative May wishes to be recorded as a 'no', Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question... on this Motion, having received a Three-fifths Majority, the Motion to override prevails and Senate Bill 185 is declared passed on 73 voting 'yes' and 43 voting 'no' and 1 voting 'present'. On the Order of Total Vetoes, on page 4 of the Calendar, is Senate Bill 2255. Representative Burke."

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Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 2255, of seeking to override the Governor's Veto, this matter amended the district's Act to include the position of assistant director of personnel in the list of positions exempt from formal service... civil service exam requirements. This basically was a trailer Bill to correct the inconsistency in the district's Act created when the... with the passage of Senate Bill 288 in 2005. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves to override the Governor's Veto of Senate Bill 2255. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? And so, then the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2255 pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding?' This Motion requires 71 votes. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi 'passes'. Beaubien. Beaubien. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock passes. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins, 'aye'. Black. Representative Black. Boland. Boland. Bost."

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Bost: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer passes. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke. Burke. Chapa
LaVia. Chapa LaVia. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins. Collins.
Colvin."

Colvin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross."

Cross: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'aye'. Cultra."

Cultra: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'aye'. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels."

Daniels: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Daniels votes 'aye'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dugan. Dugan. Dunkin.
Dunkin."

Dunkin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Dunn."

Dunn: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy. Eddy."

Eddy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz.
Flider."

Flider: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'aye'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'aye'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich. Froehlich.
Giles. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."

Golar: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg. Representative
Granberg. Hamos."

Hamos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hultgren votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Joyce. Joyce. Kelly."

Kelly: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel. Kosel."

Kosel: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'aye'. Krause."

Krause: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang. Lang. Leitch."

Leitch: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lindner."

Lindner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Lyons. Joe Lyons.
Mathias."

Mathias: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Mautino."

Mautino: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer. Meyer."

Meyer: "Aye."

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Representative Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'aye'. Myers."

Myers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'aye'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'aye'. Phelps."

Phelps: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe."

Poe: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard votes 'aye'. Ramey."

Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reis."

Reis: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'aye'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."

Rose: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg. Ryg. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz. Schmitz.

Schock."

Schock: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'aye'. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'aye'. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'no'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy."

Tracy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'aye'. Tryon."

Tryon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Turner."

Turner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."

Wait: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'aye'. Washington. Washington."

Washington: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'aye'. Winters."

Winters: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'aye'. Yarbrough. Yarbrough.

Representative Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Bellock."
Bellock: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Black."
Black: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Black votes 'no'. Boland."
Boland: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Brauer."
Brauer: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'no'. Burke."
Burke: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia."
Chapa LaVia: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Collins."
Collins: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Dugan."
Dugan: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz.
Froehlich. Froehlich. Granberg."
Granberg: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Joyce."
Joyce: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Lang."
Lang: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons."
Lyons, J.: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Miller. Miller."
Miller: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Ryg."
Ryg: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Froehlich.
Froehlich."

Speaker Hannig: "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 3 voting 'no'. And this Motion, having received a Three-fifths Constitutional Majority, the Motion to override prevails and Senate Bill 2255 is declared passed, notwithstanding the Governor's Veto. Yes, Representative Rose, for what reason do you rise?"

Rose: "Mr. Speaker, is there any way we can get a trashcan in the corner here? We've been asking for one for a long time. We're stuck. We don't have a trashcan. We've been forced to suspend a bag from the stove furnace here. And if we can get a trashcan it'll be really helpful to all of us stuck in the corner. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "On... on page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, is Senate Bill 716. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 716, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This measure is permissive, it would allow all the counties in the State of Illinois to impose cigarette taxes up to \$2 a

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pack. Today, only Home Rule counties, that's Cook County, has that authority. Other counties would like that opportunity as well. The reasons are threefold. First, counties are facing significant budget cuts and the opportunity to tax cigarettes is one way of healing the shortfall, particularly in relation to their responsibilities for health and public safety. Second, an increase in a cigarette tax has the concomitant and happy effect of discouraging smoking, particularly among young people. In fact, a 10 percent increase in the cost of cigarettes leads to a 12 percent reduction in the number of young people who decide to take up smoking. Third, there are counties that surround Cook County. Cook County, as you know, has a \$2 a pack cigarette tax in place today. Many people in Cook County are avoiding that tax by going, for example, to DuPage County or to Will County to buy their cigarettes. So another effect of this measure, should some of the surrounding counties decide to join Cook County and imposing the cigarette tax, is that Cook County will be able better to maintain its own revenue source. This measure comes to us from the Metro Counties of Illinois, some 13 counties that represent 80 percent of the state population. It has particularly strong support from the executives in DuPage County, in Will county, and in Lake County. I reiterate, this is permissive language, there is no tax increase in this Bill, and it does respect the right of our local governments to act in the best interests of their citizens and their responsibilities. I'd be happy to answer

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your question. I'd certainly appreciate your 'yes' vote for Senate Bill 716."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady's moved for the passage of Senate Bill 716. This will require 60 votes. Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, state your inquiry."

Black: "Yes. With the consent of the Body, I would like to suspend House Rule 99, which is the parliamentary authority rule, and ask that under Roberts Rules of Order, if we suspend that rule, that the Chair do a reverse Roll Call, which is permissible if we suspend House Rule 99."

Speaker Hannig: "A reverse Roll Call?"

Black: "Start at the end of the alphabet and work towards the front."

Speaker Hannig: "I don't know that we want to confuse the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk too much, Representative Black."

Black: "I... I..."

Speaker Hannig: "Besides, after they call your name you may be able to go down and get some lunch. So, you may want to consider that."

Black: "So I take it my inquiry is rejected out of hand?"

Speaker Hannig: "Outta... out of order."

Black: "Should... should the parliamentarian address my inquiry or do you... maybe we just should withdraw it."

Speaker Hannig: "No."

Black: "I'll withdraw it."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Did you wish to debate the Bill, Representative?"

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Black: "Yes. Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I find it very interesting when the Majority Leader of this Body, for whom I have great respect and have served with for many years, wants to ride on her white charger to help DuPage County. You talk about the proverbial wolf in sheep's clothing. That raises my antenna. But, perhaps she is motivated to do good things for the people of DuPage County. I have a major cigarette distribution company in my district, so let me say one could find me in conflict of interest. But I have no financial interest in that company whatsoever, and so I intend to vote with my conscience. I have been in that facility many, many times. For many of you, you have never seen how they put tax stamps on cigarettes. It is a unique technology. The cartons are opened. The machine, they buy these huge rolls of stamps from the Department of Revenue, they roll down this line, and the cigarette tax stamps are put on. And if... if it's being distributed in Illinois they go down the assembly line, the carton of cigarettes is then sealed, and then packed and ready for distribution. The people who work there have called to my attention that they distribute these cigarettes in about a dozen states, give or take a few, I... I can't remember the exact number, which means that some of them have to go through the line twice for the excise tax and then the correct state tax stamp. Their question to me, and I... I would ask... would leave this to you an open-ended question, if they have to run those cartons through 20 times, 10 times, 5 times, 30 times, depending on how many counties enact a county cigarette tax, it becomes literally

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impossible with current technology to do that. And it would be far too labor intensive to hire people to put the county cigarette tax on that package of cigarettes and then the distribution becomes a problem because without the appropriate county tax stamp you could not distribute those cigarettes in a county that didn't have the tax, or vice versa. It just simply becomes a logistical nightmare and could very easily cost some jobs in my district that I can very ill-afford to lose. I'm certainly not opposed to trying to help counties, but, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we may need a revenue source. Now, there are those who say we don't, but if you'll look at the budget I think you'll know as well... as well as I do, the state is going to need to find some ability to pay for programs that we've passed in the last 2 years. If you'd look in your legislative tax handbook on page 17, under cigarette tax, the cigarette tax revenue, after the last tax increase, dropped almost a hundred million dollars. So at some point, if 20 counties impose a \$2 a pack tax or a dollar a pack tax you... you've reached the law of diminishing returns. I don't believe DuPage County will recognize anywhere near the amount of money they think they will or they said they will, but I can guarantee you that the state share of that tax will continue its decline. And let's just look where some of that state cigarette tax goes. When that cigarette tax equals \$33.3 million, excess money then goes to the Common School Fund. So we're giving \$9 million a month from the 1985 state increase on cigarettes, we're giving \$9 million a month to the Common School Fund. Now, it will be down in

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'06 and '07 because of the chart that you can readily access. The higher the price of the cigarette the fewer people who will buy them. In Cook County, I'm not sure it's a DuPage County issue, you know that the black market in cigarettes is coming from Indiana. If you live on any border county and you get the cigarette tax to the point where these counties could take it, you will simply lose money to neighboring states. So, the revenue will fall off. My concern is the revenue falls off on a... on a tax that is supposed to go to the Common School Fund, and you could inadvertently damage the amount of money that goes to that fund. I won't sit here and continue to tell you why I think this is bad public policy. Historically, other than Cook County, a cigarette tax is levied and collected by the State of Illinois and used for various statutory purposes that we designate. Now we're going to give the permissive authority to counties to levy up to \$2 a pack on cigarettes. Number one, the people who put these tax stamps on would ask you, 'How do you expect us to do that?', depending on how many counties have that cigarette tax. I would ask you, if that doesn't seem to make any difference to you, what will you do when the general cigarette tax revenue continues to decline? Third, and the most compelling argument that I have, this has traditionally been a source of revenue for the Illinois State Treasury, commonly referred to as a 'sin tax', generally an easy tax to vote for because if you don't smoke, you don't pay the tax. But you're talking state revenues in excess of \$700 million, a decline of about \$80 million from '04 to '05, but it is a considerable amount of

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money. And now you're going to allow some of that revenue to end up in the county treasury rather than the state treasury. I would submit to you that many counties, particularly if they are not on the border, will jump at this opportunity and when the constituents say, 'What have you done?', do you think any county board member is going to stand there and say, 'I raised your cigarette tax. I thought it was the right thing to do and you can hold me responsible.' I've been down this road before with local government officials. What they say is, 'The State Legislature gave me the authority. I didn't want to do it and we've never been able to do it, but they gave us the authority, so it's their fault. But I'm gonna vote for it because we need the money.' My position is the state will need revenue desperately in the next fiscal year. And while I appreciate the concern that DuPage County is facing, they're not alone. And I don't think it's my job to stand here and bail out any county when I know I'm facing the state budget crisis of our making. I have no preconceived notion that I can change your mind on this Bill, but I find it somewhat amusing that the esteemed Majority Leader wants to bail out the hotbed of Republican activity. One can argue whether we have met our voting goals this past election, as we have in the past. But whenever a Democrat rides forth and says, 'I'm here to help DuPage County,' I become somewhat suspicious. If DuPage County wanted to tax cigarettes, why don't they go out to a referendum and become a Home Rule county? It's my understanding, correct me if I'm wrong, I don't live in DuPage County, it's my

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understanding that they've tried to become a Home Rule county and the voters don't agree with that. So, let's get around the voters by having the General Assembly give us taxing authority that we would not normally have. In all due respect to my colleagues in DuPage County, knowing what I have seen in a rather large distribution facility, this becomes cumbersome and literally unworkable. I don't know how you're going to affix the proper county tax stamp on any distributor's capacity to do that and distribute cigarettes in a reasonable fashion. So, perhaps all of our cigarettes will now be handled by a firm outside of the State of Illinois. My district could see a loss of jobs. My state budget that I have to worry about in the coming months could see a loss of revenue. If DuPage County needs revenue they have ready access to go to the voters and ask them to give that authority. I think this is bad public policy. Perhaps good in the short run, my fear is it will have a negative impact on state revenue in the long run. And once this door is open I don't see how you ever, ever close it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "The... the Chair has been advised that there are some deli sandwiches down on the... the reception area on the first floor. They're not to be consumed in this chamber, but if you wish to... to go there and have a sandwich, they'll be available at this time, and that's for the Members. So, Representative Washington."

Washington: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield for a few questions?"

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

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Washington: "Representative Currie, is this not a opt-in or opt-out situation?"

Currie: "The decision would be made by each individual county board whether they wanted to impose a cigarette tax or not and, if so, at what level."

Washington: "So... so, it's easily understood that this is flexibility in government. It's better to have it and not need it than need it and not have it?"

Currie: "Exactly."

Washington: "You know... you know, I... I wanna say that I think it's a good piece of legislation for these reasons. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. My colleague mentioned about a hundred million dollars revenue that the state has lost, but I think his information, though good intentions as it may be, that's a hundred million dollars on the front end. But when you look at... on the back end for the number of health issues such as lip cancer, throat cancer, and secondhand smoke cancer that our people are dying from, and the medical costs of that alone is far greater than a hundred million dollars that we spend in treating problems that are associated with cigarette smoking. Also, I wanted to say that nicotine is the only legalized addiction. Now, had we known what we know now about cigarettes and the conspiracy by the cigarette companies to defraud the American people about the real thing concerning addiction, cigarettes may not even be legal, just as the same that we don't legalize marijuana, we don't legalize meth, and we definitely don't legalize crack cocaine. These are also addiction. Nicotine is an addiction. It is a substance that is proven to cause bad

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health and to cause death. Now, we can't legislate morality. But at the same time, I think that it makes good commonsense government that if a county wishes to protect its citizens... and I know in Lake County we are looking at the question of a county-free... smoke-free county for our particular area. Now, if that be the case, then I see nothin' wrong with gaining revenue to address the health issues for those who either are suffering from things related to cigarettes, whether it be secondhand smoke or whatever, and to give a broader use of sin tax money to make it not a sin to put toward the betterment of better government life in terms of this issue. Also wanted to say that when you look at the opt-in or opt-out, I think the flexibility of choice... when you look at the flexibility between the Federal Government and State Government, that's why it's put into motion, to give State Government the flexibility even though the Federal Government may see it another way. So, I would say to you, Representative Currie, I'm glad to be a part of this initiative. And I hope that my colleagues think hard and long that it's a opt-in/opt-out, it's not forced, and I think we have enough political people who are savvy enough in all level of government to know what's best for the counties that they serve. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Biggins."

Biggins: "Yeah, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this and I'd like to correct the first speaker today on... against this Bill that I am a cosponsor of the legislation. Our technology may be a little lagged or lax yet, but it's...

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my name should be up there and so there is a DuPage County person cosponsoring this Bill. And I do support the opportunity that the county's asking to get permission to possibly enact this tax. This action today does not enact a tax. It just gives them the authority to go ask the question and removes the state from bar... being a barrier to their getting the approval to ask... just to ask a question. So, I'm fully for this legislation, Senate Bill 716."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. First, let me thank the Majority Leader for her sponsorship of this and of course Representative Biggins as well. It's interesting that as I leave this career I'm complimenting the Majority Leader, for so many times we had difference of opinions, but I do have the highest regard for her and of course the Speaker and for Members of your side of the aisle. County government of course has to turn to the Legislature for their authority, and this is one of the examples where we have to do that. Unfortunately, DuPage County is not a Home Rule county, and because of that we have to ask the Legislature for permission to do certain things. Now, people have said that Cook County has implemented the cigarette tax and they did that under their Home Rule authority. We do not, in the collar counties or the rest of Illinois, have that same Home Rule authority. So, we're seeking your permission for our county board to act on this matter on their own volition, on their own will. One of the previous speakers mentioned that some of the

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county boards would duck or shirk from the responsibility. Let me assure you, I have talked to many of the county board members in my own home county of DuPage who will receive this authority, will act upon it, and will take their own individual responsibility, not blaming anyone here but thanking you all for giving them the ability to deal with needed services. So why is this so important to us? Why is the money that we generate from this tax so important to the people that I represent in DuPage County? On average, we have been very good in our various taxation. We don't like to turn to anybody to ask for more authority, but we do in certain circumstances and this is the case. Access DuPage, which is a human service organization, can leverage the \$350 thousand we can receive from this tax and, catch this, Ladies and Gentlemen, can donate over \$20 million in services to the people of DuPage County as a direct result by bringing in various organizations together to grant services, leveraging the \$350 thousand. Our county contribution of \$750 thousand annually to the Human Service Grant Fund leverages over \$17 million in donations in support of nonprofits throughout DuPage County. And, yes, I know there are some concerns about this being a 'state revenue source', but we've already seen that it is a source that counties can rely on. We in the collar counties, and many of our collar county areas join in asking you for this authority, just ask you to give us the ability to make our own local determination through our own local control. I'm joined by Chairman Bob Schillerstrom of DuPage County, thanking those of you for listening to the arguments and

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debates in favor of this. I thank the Majority Leader again for her support. And I implore you, on behalf of the people that need our services, that will receive a direct benefit from this in the human service area, I implore you to please grant us the authority to issue this cigarette tax. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Then Representative Currie, you're recognized to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I am happy to sponsor this legislation to help not only the people of DuPage and Lake and Will County, every county in the state, but to try to discourage people from starting to smoke. Smoking is a serious public health problem and if we permit, that's all this does is permit, counties to deal with cigarette taxes we may end up with healthier, happier Illinoisans. I'd appreciate your 'yes' vote for Senate Bill 716 and I would make one final point, and that is that the Department of Revenue has stepped up enforcement to see to it that people are not avoiding state and local taxes on cigarettes by virtue of buying through the Internet or buying across the state border. We're doing a much better job of protecting the legitimate revenues of local municipalities of Cook County and the State of Illinois. If there are further declines in state revenue, maybe it's a good thing, maybe it means people are less likely to smoke. Please vote 'yes' on Senate Bill 716."

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Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 716 pass?'
All in favor will vote 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. And the
voting is open. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Bolin: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Bassi passes. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Beaubien passes. Beiser."

Beiser: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Beiser votes 'no'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Berrios."

Berrios: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Berrios votes 'no'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Black."

Black: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Black votes 'no'. Boland."

Boland: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Boland passes. Bost."

Bost: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "John Bradley votes 'no'. Rich Bradley. Rich
Bradley. Brady. Representative Brady. Brauer.
Representative Brauer. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke. Representative
Burke. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Chav... Chapa LaVia
passes. Chavez."

Chavez: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Chavez votes 'no'. Churchill."

Churchill: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins. Collins.
Colvin. Colvin."

Colvin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Coulson passes. Cross."

Cross: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Cross votes 'aye'. Cultra. Cultra. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico. D'Amico. Daniels."

Daniels: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Daniels votes 'aye'. Monique Davis. Monique
Davis. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Bolin: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Delgado votes 'no'. Dugan. Dugan. Dunkin.
Dunkin. Dunn."

Dunn: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Dunn votes 'no'. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Eddy votes 'no'. Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz.
Flider. Flider. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks. Franks. Fritchey.
Fritchey. Froehlich. Giles. Giles. Golar. Golar.
Gordon. Gordon. Graham. Graham. Granberg."

Granberg: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Granberg votes 'no'. Hamos."

Hamos: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Hassert votes 'no'. Hoffman. Hoffman.
Holbrook."

Holbrook: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Holbrook votes 'no'. Howard. Howard. Hultgren."
Hultgren: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hultgren votes 'aye'. Jakobsson. Jakobsson.
Jefferies. Jefferies. Jefferson. Jefferson. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Joyce. Joyce. Kelly.
Kelly. Kosel. Kosel. Krause."

Krause: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang. Lang. Leitch."

Leitch: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lindner. Lindner. Lyons."

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Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias. Mathias. Mautino."

Mautino: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Mautino votes 'no'. May. May. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "McAuliffe votes 'no'. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon. McKeon. Mendoza.
Mendoza. Meyer."

Meyer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller. Miller. Bill
Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Bill Mitchell votes 'no'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'no'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Moffitt votes 'no'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Munson votes 'no'. Myers."

Myers: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Myers votes 'no'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Parke votes 'no'. Phelps."

Phelps: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Phelps votes 'no'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Pihos passes. Poe."

Poe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Poe votes 'no'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Pritchard votes 'yes'. Ramey."

Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reis. Reis. Reitz."

Reitz: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Reitz votes 'no'. Rita."

Rita: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."

Rose: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Rose votes 'no'. Ryg."

Ryg: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Sacia votes 'no'. Saviano. Saviano. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Schmitz votes 'no'. Schock."

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Schock: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully."

Scully: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith. Oh, Scully passes.
Smith."

Smith: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Smith votes 'no'. Sommer."

Sommer: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Sommer votes 'no'. Soto."

Soto: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Soto votes 'no'. Stephens. Stephens."

Stephens: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Stephens passes. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Sullivan votes 'no'. Tracy."

Tracy: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon."

Tryon: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Tryon votes 'no'. Turner. Turner. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Verschoore votes 'no'. Wait. Wait. Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters."

Winters: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Winters passes. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

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Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Bassi votes 'no'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Beaubien votes 'no'. Boland."

Boland: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Boland passes. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Rich Bradley votes 'no'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Brauer votes 'no'. Burke."

Burke: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Burke votes 'no'. Chapa LaVia. Chapa LaVia.
Collins. Collins. Coulson."

Coulson: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cultra."

Cultra: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Cultra votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "D'Amico passes. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Dugan."

Dugan: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Dugan votes 'no'. Dunkin."

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Dunkin: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz.
Flider."

Flider: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Flider votes 'no'. Franks."

Franks: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Franks votes 'no'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Fritchey votes 'no'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."

Golar: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Gordon passes. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Graham votes 'aye'. Howard... Hoffman."

Hoffman: "(Inaudible)."

Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Hoffman votes 'no'. Howard votes 'yes'.
Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Jakobsson votes 'no'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Jefferson votes 'no'. Joyce."

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Joyce: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Joyce votes 'no'. Kelly."

Kelly: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Kosel votes 'no'. Lang."

Lang: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Lang passes. Lindner."

Lindner: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Lindner votes 'yes'. Mathias."

Mathias: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Mathias passes. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "May votes 'aye'. McKeon."

McKeon: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "McKeon passes. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Mendoza votes 'no'. Miller."

Miller: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Miller passes. Pihos."

Pihos: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Reis."

Reis: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Reis votes 'no'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Scully votes 'aye'. Stephens. Stephens."

Stephens: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Turner."

Turner: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Turner votes 'no'. Wait."

Wait: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Wait votes 'no'. Winters."

Winters: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Winters passes. Boland."

Boland: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Boland votes 'no'. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Chapa LaVia passes. Collins."

Collins: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Collins votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz.
Gordon."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Gordon votes 'no'. Lang."

Lang: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Lang passes. Mathias."

Mathias: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mathias votes 'aye'. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Miller votes 'aye'. Winters. Winters. Chapa
LaVia."

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Chapa LaVia: "Present."

Clerk Bolin: "Chapa LaVia votes 'present'. Lang."

Lang: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Lang votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Representative
Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Yes."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Moffitt... Mr. Clerk,
Representative Moffitt wishes to be recorded as 'yes'."

Clerk Bolin: "Moffitt votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Are there any further? Have all...
Representative Winters wishes to be recorded as 'no'. Mr.
Clerk, would you record him as 'no'?"

Clerk Bolin: "Winters votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Then Mr. Clerk, take
the record. Take the record. On this question, there are
61 voting 'yes', 55 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present'.
And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is
hereby declared passed. On page 3 of the Calendar is Senate
Bill 1268. What is the status of that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1268, a Bill for an Act concerning
employment. The Bill has been read a second time,
previously. Floor Amendment #1..."

Speaker Hannig: "Proceed, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative
Colvin, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Colvin on the Amendment... on the
Amendment."

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Colvin: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the adoption of Amendment #1, which essentially becomes the Bill, which adjusts the Minimum Wage Act in the State of Illinois. Included in the Amendment to Senate Bill 1268 is four incremental steps to the state's minimum wage over the next 4 years. Starting in July 1 of 2007, the minimum wage in the State of Illinois would rise to \$7.50 an hour."

Speaker Hannig: "Rep... Representative Colvin, I'm advised that you should probably withdraw Amendment #1 and we have an Amendment #3. Okay?"

Colvin: "Your... yeah."

Speaker Hannig: "So, Mr. Clerk, the Gentleman wishes to withdraw Amendment #1. Are there any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Colvin. Excuse me, could you..."

Colvin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Amendment #3."

Speaker Hannig: "Could we hold it up just a second, Representative, so we can make sure everything's in order."

Colvin: "Absolutely."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, Representative McKeon is recognized on Amendment #3."

McKeon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #3 is the product of the subject matter hearing in Labor Committee yesterday. It becomes the Bill. I move its adoption and ask the Members to withhold debate on the Amendment until we move it to Third Reading on the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, if there's no objection, we'll adopt the Amendment on a voice vote. All in favor say 'aye';

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opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Is there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1268, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Colvin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As amended, Senate Bill 1268 makes a change to the Minimum Wage Act in the State of Illinois. It provides for four incremental increases to the state's minimum wage over the next 4 years. Those increments are as follows: on July 1 of 2007, the state's minimum wage would increase to \$7.50,; on July 1 of 2008, the state's minimum wage would increase to \$7.75; July 9... July 1 of 2009, the state's minimum wage would increase to \$8; and on July 1, 2010, the state's minimum wage would increase to \$8.25 an hour. There is a couple other provisions in the Bill. There is a training wage that for the first 90 days of any new hire in the State of Illinois in a minimum wage job, the wage would be \$.50 less for each of those increments that I have mentioned.. aforementioned. The teen wage differential in this Bill would stay the same, that is workers under the age of 18 will be paid a wage that's \$.50 less per hour. It's an... also including in this Bill is that their... it also provides that the training wage of \$.50 less... more the teen wage differential would ever be compounded, so there would never be a time when anyone in

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the employee... at the minimum wage would be subject to \$1 less per hour. It would only be \$.50 if they met both of those provisions in the Bill. There is no cost... the Consumer Price Index attached to this Bill and I ask for the passage of this legislation. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 1268. And on that question, Representative McKeon is recognized."

McKeon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Representative Colvin, for your hard work on getting this Bill passed. Obviously, as Chair of the Committee on Labor, I rise in support of the Bill. The Bill that was proposed by the Governor and passed by the Senate and sent to the House I think is the result of the hard work and leadership of Speaker Madigan, the hard work of Representative Colvin, the outstanding subject matter hearing that we had on Monday of this week for three hours, the Labor Committee yesterday and the input from both sides of the aisle, both Democrats and Republicans, that we were able to do a little bit more with the Speaker's leadership than what the Governor proposed, and the Senate came over. And I want to personally thank Speaker Madigan for his leadership in this area. We made a good Bill an even better Bill. And to those that participated in the negotiations and the outstanding testimony and... and questions from both Republicans and Democrats that... to the extent that we could obtain agreement on that we can incorporate in the Bill. I think, as Representative Colvin will comment on, there's much more

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work to be done that I think we can take the leadership on next year here in the House and... to make this even a better Bill than... than what we will be passing today. So, I want to thank each and all of you and the Speaker for his leadership and Representative Colvin for your outstanding leadership and urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost."

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

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

Bost: "Representative, with the few changes that were brought up on this particular Bill, is there anything that would, say, stop an employer from just simply saying, 'Okay, I will only hire employees that are under 18?'"

Colvin: "It is not the intent of this legislation to create a loophole for employees to hire someone for 90 days. It's my expectation that a good employee who comes into work every day, works eight hours, provides a real value to a company, that we would have employers who would stoop so low as to hire someone for 85 days. I would suspect that they would actually be detracting from their company for all the work and hard work and training and then retraining folks. I don't really see where they would get that much further ahead if they chose to go such. I think would be a despicable route."

Bost: "My question was on the... on the eight... on only hiring people under 18. No. Not on... not on the 90 day as far as the training time, but... but hiring people under 18. Does the Bill actually say that as long as they're under 18 then they can be paid \$.50 less. Is that correct?"

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Colvin: "Well, Mr. Bost, that's actually current law, has been for many, many years here in the State of Illinois."

Bost: "Okay. All right. It's a dollar under current law, correct?"

Colvin: "No, it's \$.50."

Bost: "It is \$.50. All right. Is it... let me ask you this. Do you believe that in a competitive business where we use minimum wage employees, is it possible that those businesses, if they're near the border, might go ahead and shut down and move across the border?"

Colvin: "Ya know, it's interesting in the... in your choice of words and how you describe how we use minimum wage employees, and I think that's really what we're addressing here. Individuals who work at the bottom of the hourly wage scale who every day simply ask for an opportunity to provide for their families, for their housing, their shelter, their education, transportation, to buy food, and to clothe their families. Business use these employees, I would agree with that, too. But I think what's fair in an economy, in the richest country in the world... well, we've seen our economy over the last two decades... over the last two centuries expand enormously. It's not a very heavy lift to ask those workers to be paid a decent working wage. I would agree that, yeah, sometimes when we don't do things it amounts to us using these employees, but I think being treated fairly in a society where costs for bread and milk and food and transportation continues to increase, that we also think about those on the lowest wage earners in our society."

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Bost: "So, let me ask you this. If... if these wages go up, is it your belief that certain businesses, grocery stores, might be the convenient stores, whatever it might be where minimum wage is now being paid at... at the level it is now and it increases, will costs then go up in those stores to offset those prices?"

Colvin: "It's a reasonable expectation. But it's also a reasonable expectation that those costs might go up because it costs more to deliver goods to that store or it costs more to... to purchase milk and bread and those things that they sell in those stores. Labor is a cost in running a business. And what we're trying to be here is strike a balance between business and the employment force so that both can be made whole."

Bost: "What... why do you feel it's necessary that the State of Illinois by itself run out in front on this and not just encourage the Federal Government to raise that minimum wage?"

Colvin: "Because the state is not... the State of Illinois is choosing not to ignore the realities of life, that we face increasing costs for everything. It costs a lot more to buy a gallon of gasoline for me to come down here 200 miles from home than it did a year ago. Having said that and recognizing that real fact, that everyone who uses a car or takes the CTA bus back in Chicago is paying more for that service than they did a year ago."

Bost: "Let me ask you this. Is it your intent then to raise the level at which we... ya know, because quite often someone who earns minimum wage... as you yourself say, and I as well

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agree, you can't support a family on minimum wage, even if you bring it to this level. Now, is it... is it your intent to go ahead and... and because quite often we have public assistance to help those people if they are on minimum wage and that's the only income. Are you going to bring that level up as well?"

Colvin: "I'm not sure I understand your question."

Bost: "Well, let... let me explain to you why I'm... why I'm going down this path. Because I believe, and you may not, but I believe by raising the minimum wage, the person who makes above minimum wage or the person who has their in... their income supplemented by the government... all of a sudden, the dollar that they now receive will be worth less. You can't buy as many goods as what you could before. And if that is the case, what you're going to do is is now those people who are receiving public assistance that are on set incomes, you have now reduced the value of their dollar and make it to where you have attacked them by raising the minimum wage."

Colvin: "Wow. Respectfully, I think your logic might be just a little bit flawed because the dollar that's worth less for someone who makes \$15 thousand a year, it's also worth less for someone who makes \$50 thousand a year. I don't see the correlation..."

Bost: "So... so..."

Colvin: "...of why it only impacts the poorest people who work every day."

Bost: "Exactly. Exactly. So what you're also saying is, is not only is this attack on a person that is receiving a set income, it's also an attack on a person that is of a middle

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income because their dollar is now devaluated and, therefore, they can't purchase as much as they use to."

Colvin: "I respectfully disagree with that logic."

Bost: "Well, I figured you probably would. But I will tell you that the way that... that economics works, if I am in business and I have a cost that goes up, I have to pass that on. Therefore, if I run a business, whether it's a grocery store, whether it's a gas station, whatever it is, I have to now raise my prices. If the person is now making \$9 an hour or \$10 an hour, odds are their wages are not going to go up. If their wages do not go up but the cost of living goes up, they've just got a decrease in the value and what they can purchase with their dollar. So I think this is an attack on the middle income. It is an attack on people on set incomes. And I think that if we would look at this closely, we would allow the Federal Government to do what the Federal Government could do on this issue and not the State of Illinois where we could also have a problem that we deal with when all of a sudden... if you're like my constituents that try to survive with a business here in the State of Illinois and they're competing with those just across the river, they actually now, all of a sudden, they aren't going to employ as many people or they shut down. And if you want an example of that, probably the best example I have is just over... a neighboring district of mine, Chester, Illinois. Chester, Illinois... in the great wisdom of this chamber and the many other Members of... on the other chamber have passed over the years Bills that have increased gas taxes and other taxes to the point that there's not too many gas stations or

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convenient stores right in Chester. Why? Because they're just across the bridge in McBride, Missouri. And you know what? It is most impressive thing about that, that is on a direct route for people traveling to go to work at Menard Correctional Center where, you can't really blame them, our state employees travel across into the State of Missouri, fuel their vehicles, buy their cigarettes, buy many things because we, once again, have chased business from the State of Illinois. The interesting thing about McBride is just up the road there is also a community that is Perryville, Missouri. In Perryville, Missouri, there is very few minimum wage jobs. Why? Because their unemployment rate is about 2 percent. And so, therefore, the employer, to actually get the best possible workers, will go ahead and pay above minimum wage. So I believe that rather than dealing with the minimum wage like this, maybe what we ought to do, Representative and all Members of this chamber should work very hard to create a job opportunities and a business growth opportunity in the State of Illinois rather than driving business out of the state. And therefore, the minimum wage would naturally come up because our unemployment rate would be down to a level where everyone would be encouraged to pay a higher rate. Representative, I thank you for the answering of the questions. I strongly disagree with this. I don't think it's the right procedure, but thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Joe Lyons in the Chair. We recognize Representative Ed Washington. Representative Washington."

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Washington: "Thank you. Would the Sponsor of the legislation answer a few question? Representative..."

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

Washington: "What was your motive... what was your primary motive in comin' up with this type of Bill?"

Colvin: "Primarily is the number of people who work in our society every day, those individuals who are not looking for handouts, those individuals who are at the lowest scale of wage earners in the State of Illinois, that we provide a way for them through the labor force to improve their quality of life. In effect, what we're really doing here is keeping up with the cost of inflation. Making sure by using whatever powers we have in the General Assembly, using the legislative process to include everyone in the scale so that everyone can enjoy some increase in the quality of life in our society."

Washington: "So, would it... would it be fair to say that in your intent and the words of the legislation and even in a scriptural sense, if we may go there, are you trying to say that you're trying to address the problems of the least of these?"

Colvin: "That's correct."

Washington: "Okay. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I wanna say that it is a privilege and an honor to be a part of this Bill because I, too, believe in helping the least of these. But I wanted to say to my colleagues that we think about what we're going to do. That the working poor will always be poor, but they don't have to be a dollar short and a day late, not sentenced to that for the remainder of their life."

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I think when you look at big businesses, I think all of us would kinda find it funny that if we had a member of Exxon in here tellin' us about the effects of a dollar increase of its labor force, how will it cut into his profit margin. When we know businesses have record profit margin and we know at the center of business is the thing called 'greed'. You can never get enough. Enough is never enough. And no matter what you do, you don't wanna share what you got. You see, a lot of small businesses never consider co-op or either profit sharing among its workers to give them greater incentive and a greater connection to runnin' a business, and there's a reason why they don't do that. I think that this is a good piece of legislation because if you look at it, businesses are made stronger by productivity. Productivity is generated by the labor force. And if you got a labor force that's got a dollar more than a day short then you will get more increased productivity, which adds to the profit margin. But I think what we're sayin' here is that those people boast about profits, have to look at restructuring, how to share the profits more so with the workers and give them an opportunity. So, I think this is a good piece of legislation. I think we need to look at it. And I wanted to comment on my colleague's response about the Federal Government. We have shown that if we wait on the Federal Government... there have been in many historical incident to show what happens when we wait on Federal Government. When I think back to the civil rights, which was clearly a violation, and it didn't happen that many years ago, in the '60s, in the '70s, and even in the '80s,

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we were waiting on the Federal Government. And we had a lot of hypocrites at the federal level that never responded. So, once again, we back to a piece of legislation that gives flexibility for us to do the right thing and not wait. We always talk about how far Illinois is behind on certain things. At once now I'm proud to see Illinois take the lead on this. I urge support for this legislation. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative David Reis."

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

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

Reis: "Representative, I... I sat in on yesterday's committee and we talked about the fact that this Bill won't take... won't go into effect until July 1. Is that correct, of 2007?"

Colvin: "That's correct?"

Reis: "We're gonna come in and meet next year, have plenty of time to pass a piece of legislation like this and still have it take effect to July 1. Why is it that we can't wait until next year? The prior speaker mentioned about waiting on the Federal Government. We have a different tone coming into Washington, we all know that. Why don't we wait until the Federal Government comes in with their plan next year? If they don't, then go ahead and pass your Bill. If they do, let's see where the Federal Government comes in at."

Colvin: "Representative, the most I've heard on the issue of minimum wage from Washington, D.C., is that there hopes to be a plan. There is anticipation of a plan. The federal minimum wage has been at the same level for more than a

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decade now. They have not taken much initiative in terms of raising the federal minimum wage."

Reis: "And I understand that."

Colvin: "I would argue and suggest that what we're doing here in the State of Illinois still doesn't put us on par with the biggest state in the nation and their minimum wage. I would also argue that we're not being innovative here. We're not being preemptive. We're simply doing what many other states have taken the courage and developed the political will to do, and that is to raise their state's minimum wage. We have the right. We have the authority. I think we here in the State of Illinois, this is... those of us who listen to our voters... I know in Cook County where there was a nonbinding referendum where more than 85 percent of the people who chose to vote on the issue said that the state needs a minimum wage increase. I would argue and suggest, why wait for Washington, D.C., Capitol Hill? And we've all seen the frustration of gridlock that Washington, D.C., has brought us, particularly when you have a conflict in the Parties in the executive wing and in the legislative wing. Why wait for some uncertainty to happen when we can take a definite action here in the State of Illinois? I take it by your comment that you would support a minimum wage increase."

Reis: "My... my comment is, is we need to be on a level playing field. And I border the neighboring State of Indiana and we've seen it for years where the higher cost of doing business in Illinois, whether it's the workers' comp rates, the transportation costs, the unemployment insurance, and

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now within the last couple of years the minimum wage. And the minimum wage went from 5.15 to 6.50 an hour, which is a 26 percent increase. And now we're asking... or you're asking... proposing that it go up another dollar, which would be a 45 percent increase in just the last 3 years. Now, I also have documentation that surrounding states have increased their minimum wage, they're getting closer to the 6.50 where we're at in Illinois. But now we're gonna bump it up and within a few years we're gonna be at eight and a quarter. And we're just... I sit on the bridges in... in towns close to Indiana and watch the traffic go across every day to the jobs in Indiana. And I just wanna make sure that we stay competitive with our surrounding states, and that's why I feel that this is an issue that should be dealt with by the Federal Government so that all the states in the Midwest are consistent and equal. Now, one more thing. We talked about Medicaid yesterday, providers. They can't pass these costs on. What are we gonna do about the higher costs of... of providing health care to our seniors and our schools and everybody, nursing homes, when they can't pass this cost on?"

Colvin: "I think that concern is very real. And instead of looking for Washington, D.C., to help us with our minimum wage, I think what we really need is to develop the political will on Capitol Hill to get more federal Medicaid dollars to address that problem. Representative..."

Reis: "Why don't we do it in Illi..."

Colvin: "...I would argue that that problem existed before today, in terms of passing those costs on. And I understand... and I

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certainly understand our position. But much like the position that we made in committee yesterday that that's been an ongoing problem for a number of years. It's not a problem that's exacerbated by raising the minimum wage. It's one we have to solve at the federal level as well, getting more of our tax dollars back here to address those concerns."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Marlow, hold your comments. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're having a serious debate on a very important issue. The noise level has gotten a little out of control here. Staff members, if I could ask you to please keep your conversations... Representative Reis cannot hear the responses from Representative Colvin. Please quiet the chamber."

Reis: "And I... I agree with that totally. But not only are we not paying our Medicaid bills, but now we're asking them to pay their... their staff members more. They're not changing the reimbursement rate. I've had an ambulance service that called in, we have a lot of rural ambulance services. They work 72-hour shifts. They have to pay them for the entire 72 hours. Even though they may not go out on call, they have to be there, ready to go out if that alarm goes off. It's gonna cost them an extra quarter of a million dollars with the current staffing levels just to run their rural ambulance service with this... with this raise increase... minimum wage increase. I mean, what do we tell those folks when they can't get anymore money for their trips?"

Colvin: "I'm sorry, if you could repeat that last..."

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Reis: "I mean, what do we tell them when they say it's gonna cost us an extra quarter of a million dollars to provide critical transportation for people when they call an ambulance?"

Colvin: "I understand your position and the point that you're making, but what I have seen and what you have seen, quite frankly, in this country as our economy continues to grow and expand into new areas and new businesses..."

Reis: "We're not talking about new jobs. We're..."

Colvin: "No. Yeah, that's what we are talking about. We are talking about an economy that continues to expand and record profits from companies are all over the country. What we are talking about here are those people who will supply an awful lot of that labor into this market and making sure that they're not left behind and that we take whatever political will we have here in Springfield to make sure that concern's addressed as well. That's notwithstanding your concern. I understand that. And developing the proper empathy to make concerns for all the interests involved here is what we're trying to do, and striking that balance sometimes can be a very difficult thing. But I would strongly object that an increase in the minimum wage disrupts that mechanism when given the history of our economy in this country."

Reis: "Well, I think it's been pointed out several times in the committees you've had and here on the floor already that, you know, my district encompasses all or parts of nine counties. We have not seen the activity... the economic growth activity that you're talking about. It's very

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difficult for our small cafes, our convenience stores, farmers, landscapers, lawn services to continue to pay these higher rates. I simply urge my colleagues to... to vote 'no' on House Bill 1268 as amended. Let's wait until we have time to see what goes on in Congress. We have plenty of time next year to readdress this issue and still have it take effect by July 1 of 2007. And I think that it's prudent that we wait on that so that Illinois remains competitive with our surrounding states on the wages that it pays employers (sic-employees). Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Debbie Graham."

Graham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I stand in support of Senate Bill 1268 and I'm concerned with some of the debate about the effects on businesses. What about the effects on families? This is an opportunity for us to reach back and give those families an opportunity to improve the quality of life for those families. There's an increase in gas, increase of milk, just the daily necessities. And the very thought of holding them down because it's going to cost us a little bit more to... to allow them... to support them... I wouldn't mind going into a restaurant and paying a little bit more for the items that I purchase if it's benefiting families that are working for them. I think it's really important to understand that home health care workers won't get an increase, not unless we vote and give them one; that the childcare workers won't get the increase unless we give them one; that nursing home workers won't get an increase, not unless we give them one. I don't know about you, but

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we're not getting any younger. One day each and every last one of us may be faced with going into a nursing home. I would like for the nursing home care providers to get paid an adequate amount of money to take care of me properly when I get there. My mother is currently in a nursing home and I would like to give those people who work at a nursing home an opportunity to provide more for their families. Just a little bit more here. Six hundred and forty-seven thousand Illinois workers would benefit from a dollar increase of the state minimum wage. Of these, a hundred and eighty-two effected workers are married, a hundred and forty-four thousand are parents, two hundred and sixty-nine thousand Illinois children will benefit from this increase of the minimum wage. Nearly 81 percent of the workers who would be affected by this increase are at least 20 years of age. And I think that it's really important that we set aside all these other menial things. I would be willing to help form a task force to address some of the issues that would affect some of the families because of their income growing... going up and them not qualifying for some of the other pieces. But to make that an excuse as to why we would not raise the minimum wage I think is careless and... and to no end I think it makes us criminally wrong to not do this. So, I would be willing and... and ready to form a task force to increase some of the other benefits that would help those families that have not come out of poverty by increasing this by a dollar. I stand in support. And I wanna congratulate my colleague on his hard work. And all of you, I would urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative David Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Speaker Lyons. I rise in opposition to this Bill and I first would like to call into question some of the terminology used by the previous speaker who said we are giving raises, and that's not the power of this Legislature to give anybody anything. What we're doing is we're forcing the job growers of this state, the employers, we are forcing them to not allow anybody to work at the previous wages. It will not only drive up minimum wages from the current six fifty to eight and a quarter over the next 3 years, because of the wage pressure of the entry level jobs, people that currently are earning seven dollars or eight dollars are gonna also ask for raises. This will lead to wage inflation throughout the state. It is not simply a raise for the minimum wage workers, but changing the entire wage structure of Illinois from top to bottom. In fact, for every dollar that we raise the wage the estimate of the total cost to the employer is about a dollar sixty-five when you include the unemployment taxes, Social Security taxes, Medicaid taxes, and other benefits, for every dollar it goes up a dollar sixty-five. What we're doing here is to lower something that I think is critical to this state, and what we're lowering is the number of jobs. The jobs that we're getting rid of in this vote will absolutely eliminate thousands of jobs across this state, and those jobs are those where the output of the worker may be worth to an employer six and half dollars, it may be worth six and... seventy-five or seven dollars. Starting next

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July 1, that employer will not be allowed to hire somebody if he thinks that they are only worth to his business seven dollars an hour. It will be illegal for them to offer those jobs. So those jobs, unless the worker has managed to improve his skills, to improve the output of his labor, those jobs will disappear. They will not be in Illinois anymore. Where they will be is across the state lines. We are increasing jobs not in Illinois, but in every state around us that will have a more competitive environment for their workers. Employers are not forced to pay seven and half dollars. If they don't see a value out of the labor that they're hiring, they won't hire 'em. So we are... again, we're not adding jobs. And that's the people that I am speaking on behalf of, is all the people that won't have the jobs that they used to have. The effective date of this Bill is next July 1. I urge this Body to consider very carefully whether the Federal Congress and the President, who have both endorsed a raise in the federal minimum wage, if that is not the more appropriate program for this state to follow. We do not damage our state economy if every state around us raises the minimum wage under the federal Bill. For Illinois to stand alone in the Midwest with this kind of raise will drive out the lower value jobs, the lower productivity jobs, and Illinois will suffer. I stand to support the invisible people of Illinois, those who have not had the opportunity to work for a wage that they might be willing to take. But at six and half dollars, next July 1 it will be illegal for them to work for that level. They can work for seven dollars and those jobs will disappear.

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Employers do not have to pay seven fifty. They can simply not hire a person. That is the crux that we have. There won't be many people that will come and tell you in your office or over the phone, 'Thanks, guy. You just eliminated my job.' 'Cause those jobs won't develop. They'll disappear slowly. The jobs won't be added on the second shift or a third shift. They will be added in other states where they can pay what the job is worth, not in Illinois. I urge the defeat of this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hannig is in the Chair. Representative Monique Davis is next on the list. Representative Davis."

Davis, M.: "Yeah, thank you so much. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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

Davis, M.: "Representative Colvin, do you have the numbers of working people who are homeless? Do you have any of those figures where people are going to work every day and yet do not earn enough to rent housing? Do you have those numbers?"

Colvin: "I don't have those numbers in front of me. But as we've been negotiating and debating this Bill, those folks who advocate for the rights of the homeless and those who are working, who are supporting this Bill have given me estimates in the tens of thousands across the State of Illinois. Those who work hard, depending on where they live, work at the minimum wage who can't afford housing or decent housing and who, in fact, work every day. Maybe they don't work quite 8 hours but they're working at the minimum wage, but have to live in shelters."

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Davis, M.: "Thank you. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. First of all, some people may not know that earning \$7.50 an hour means a mere \$300 per week. Forty hours of work for 4 weeks earns you \$12 hundred. And with that a person is expected to do all of the things that many of us have to do: try to pay rent, buy groceries, pay for transportation, clothing, food, and shelter. Seven dollars and fifty cent an hour or \$300 per week. Businesses increased after we passed the last minimum wage. In the State of Illinois, there was an increase in the number of businesses because they knew they could get workers here. They know that workers will be there when they are paying at least a fair wage. It is interesting to me that some of my colleagues who voted 'no' on freezing electric rates are opposed to an increase in the minimum wage. They don't want to freeze a corporate company's income but you want to freeze the income of people who are earning a bare living, barely. Who are these people? Do we know any of 'em? Do we care about them? Are they the people that wait on us in the restaurants? Are they the people that ring up your groceries in the grocery store? Are they the people that take care of your babies in childcare centers? Are they the people perhaps who keep the facilities of restrooms clean? Are they the people that carry your luggage at the airport? Can we do without the service that they provide? Can we decide that corporate America... or do we decide that the millionaire businessman's income must continue to triple but the person who is doing most of the work should earn the very least? And you know what I say? If a company... if you can't afford to pay 'em,

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shut down. Let your neighbor open up that new business. He'll open it up and pay somebody a fair wage. It is truly disheartening... it is really disheartening when we want to say to those people, 'Just wait. Just wait and things will be... get better.' They will get better if we increase that minimum wage. I commend the Sponsor for bringing this Bill forward. I commend the Governor for promoting this issue. Sometimes college students, college students who must buy books that cost eighty and hundreds of dollars, sometimes more than a hundred dollars, they earn a minimum wage. They work 40 hours. They're willing to take \$300 a week. I think it's a win/win situation if we vote 'aye' on this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Sacia's recognized."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I was not going to speak on this Bill and I heard a very distinguished Gentleman stand up and... and question the motives of the Sponsor, and certainly his motives are very, very meritorious to help the least. He then went on to talk about business and how small business and large business are greedy, greedy, greedy. What troubles me about that is I honestly don't believe that that Gentleman for one minute meant what he really said that all businesses are greedy. I, for one, had the privilege of starting a small business in 1997. I asked for no help from the government. My wife, my son, and I started the business. It is now a \$5 million a year business, employs 14 people, everybody is paid between 10 and 25 dollars an hour, and I never asked for any help. And I don't say it to

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boast. I say it because competing in an economic environment in this great nation, capitalism is alive and well. I just heard a very distinguished Lady stand and talk again against business, the greedy, big business monsters out there. I have a business back home that contacted me that said, 'Jim, if this Bill passes... I employ 10 people at minimum wage. I will have to lay one of them off.' So with all the merits of this wonderful proposition of the Sponsor, and I certainly condemn (sic-commend) the Sponsor. I know his motives in his heart are correct, but he's putting 1 of 10 people out of work. I ask this Body to remember, we are not a socialistic society. We are a capitalistic society. We are based on offering good jobs to good people that will stand up and do the best they can. Yes, I, like every one of you, want to see everybody have a living wage. Six-fifty an hour is not. Seven-fifty an hour is not. Eight-fifty an hour is not. But it was never meant, nor was minimum wage designed, to be necessarily the living wage. It was a substitute. And I heard a very distinguished Lady recently talk about what 70 hour... or what 7.50 an hour gives you a month, \$300. That's if you work 40 hours. I grew up working 60 to 80 and I'm not ashamed of it. I can do it today. And I think there are others that are out there who want to get ahead, who will work hard to get ahead, who will recognize that those that try to build businesses, try to put people to work are not out there totally greedy. If they create a good business they want to share the wealth that they have obtained with the least among them. This is not good legislation, Ladies and Gentlemen. I don't expect

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to change anybody's vote, but when people stand up and portray business as greedy and not wanting to help lesser people, that, Ladies and Gentlemen, is flatly wrong. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Chapin Rose. Representative Rose."

Rose: "Thank you. I hate going after Representative Jim Sacia. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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

Rose: "Representative, is the CPI component still in this Bill?"

Colvin: "No, it's not."

Rose: "What... what was done in its place or was anything done in its place?"

Colvin: "We have instituted four incremental increases to the minimum wage starting in the year 2007, on July 1, at 7.50, going incrementally after the first dollar increase, one quarter for the three subsequent years, at a final rate of 8.25 an hour."

Rose: "And that ends in 2010?"

Colvin: "Yes, Sir."

Rose: "Which would be an election year. Yes?"

Colvin: "Is it?"

Rose: "Yes. Representative, what's the effective date of this legislation?"

Colvin: "Excuse me?"

Rose: "What's the effective date of this legislation?"

Colvin: "July 1, 2007."

Rose: "July 1. Then why don't we wait to see what happens with the Federal Government? Those of us who live in border

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communities, bordering Indiana, why don't we wait and see? I guess my offer, Representative Colvin, would be this. If the Federal Government does not act there's plenty of time in the Spring Session before July 7 for us to act. I'd support you in that. But why... why do we have to do this today?"

Colvin: "Representative Rose, respectfully, I think one or two of your colleagues asked that question and I answered it."

Rose: "Well, in..."

Colvin: "But I would also, if I could add, that the federal minimum wage is currently \$5.15 an hour. I don't think it's reasonable to expect that the Federal Government will raise the minimum wage \$2.35 in the next six months."

Rose: "Well, but by the next six months we'll know for certain."

Colvin: "Two dollars and thirty-five cents. We'll know what they... they will take some action. It's my hope that they will and they'll help those states that have a lower minimum wage or a minimum wage that's currently at 5.15 or any other state that has a minimum wage that's less than what the Federal Government will propose."

Rose: "And I guess I don't disagree with what you're saying, Representative. But my point is, we will know for certain what they did or did not do before this Bill will take effect anyway. So, from my vantage point, many of us could stand in support of this if we see that the Federal Government has not acted or whatever they did, but we would know that certainty what is coming down the turnpike at the federal level. And... and I guess it would be different if your Bill had the effective date of January 1. And with

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that, I'll close my comments. But again, I would simply offer... because frankly, I would hope that we'd reinstate the CPI component. I've said for a long time that the CPI component actually makes sense. But the... the bottom line is we have plenty of time in the Spring Session to gauge what happens nationally and then to react if necessary, and at that point in time I'd be happy to work with you. But right now, Representative, I wish you the best on the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Delgado."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I rise for legisla... legislative intent on Senate Bill 1268. And before I begin on the legislative intent, I want to say that I am in full support of this legislation and its development of the legislation because any longer wait for our families one month, help explain that to our self-assuring, backpacking, hardworking moms and dads who are out there, trying to figure out how they're gonna cover next month and the month after that. Any actions we take here in Illinois will be actions that should've been taken place many years before. But, Representative Colvin, I'd like to ask you some questions for legislative intent. And so, I'd like to begin with could this... that 90-day probationary wage proposal with the overall legislation, would that have an unintended consequence of creating a permanent subminimum wage for day and temporary workers and other contingent workers?"

Colvin: "The intent of this legislation is not to create a subminimum wage for contingent workers, nor is it in anyway to prevent temporary workers or street corner day laborers

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from receiving the same minimum wage as workers who have completed the 90-day period."

Delgado: "How would the phrase 'initially employed by the employer' be applied for a day or temporary laborer who's assigned work through an agency of either one client company or many client companies?"

Colvin: "I wanna make it real clear for the record that the probationary wage provision of this Amendment does not apply in the following circumstances. First, if an employee is working for a day and temporary staffing agency and is assigned to work at multiple companies, that employee is not to be considered a new employee at each company. That employee's employment will begin from the point the employee began working at the day and temporary staffing agency for the purposes of this Amendment. Conversely, if an employee works at a single company but through a multiple day and temporary staffing agencies or switch back and forth between a company or a staffing agency, the employee would be considered a continuous employee of the company and staffing agency for the purposes of this Bill."

Delgado: "Hey, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a very important question. Wouldn't the probationary wage be an incentive for employers to hire a worker, especially a temporary worker, for only 90 days in order to replace the worker with another employee at the lower probationary wage?"

Colvin: "It is not the intent of the General Assembly to create an incentive for employees (sic-employers) to displace workers after the 90-day period solely for the purpose of replacing that worker with a new worker who they can pay at

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the lower minimum wage for 90 days, nor is it the intent of this Amendment to create a loophole whereby employers can attempt to create a class of permanent employees in training."

Delgado: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, many of you know me as having quite a few stops in my career. And I stand before you today in my last week here as a House Member to inform you that I also was a coordinator and a dispatcher for a day labor service in my college days. I worked for a company called Just Jobs and one of my biggest employers was a major company that we all know called Montgomery Ward and many others. And let me help you understand that I was always informed and instructed that whenever we had a new... an employee who was about to get gobbled up by the company and offered full-time position that we would try our best to move that employee to another temporary service, to another temporary job so that we could continue to keep that employer's income coming into the staffing agency because at that point if that company hires that employee that money would go directly into their pocket. So, let me help you understand from a practical standpoint. It is very important that we also take into account that individuals that work in staffing agencies and day labor are gonna be tremendously and unequivocally affected by this legislation. And I look forward to seeing a trailer Bill to this legislation when I stand with a strong 'aye' vote understanding the need to keep dollars in the consumer's pocket, which will make Illinois stronger and make sure that

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our consumers have dollars to spend. I rise in support.
And, Representative Colvin, thank you for your answers."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm gonna start this off by saying I intend to vote for this. And the reason I intend to vote for it is about 2 years ago I did a survey in my district and the problem I think in my district, although people that probably answered the survey do not understand the repercussions on business of what we're doing, I think that they looked at it and said that the total amount of money that is in minimum wage was not enough to... for a person to live on. But what I want to go into at this point about this Bill in particular and the minimum wage has to do with what this Governor has done for business, or not done for business. First of all, the timing of when he decided to announce this was rather creative. He has created press releases and very creative accounting. He has totally decimated the Workforce Investment Board in Illinois, which is charged with job retraining and making Illinois a viable workplace. So, not only will you not get retraining, he has cut community college money, which is the designated retrainer under the Workforce Investment Board. So where you... people would go to get training to have jobs, he's wrecked that. He's raided funds, which we continually come before JCAR. We have to raise fees for those funds, which are passed along to people. So what happens is, business is fleeing Illinois. So on one hand, we're gonna raise the minimum wage, on the other hand, we're not providing jobs. We don't have adequate transportation, we don't have

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adequate funding for housing, and we certainly don't have adequate job training. He cut that immediately in coming in. And in today's newspaper, the Journal-Register (sic-State Journal-Register), it explains how Illinois must return 7.7 million in federal funding receive... received for job retraining programs after two reviews found serious problems with the way it was administered. There will be a Bill introduced now because we have to repay that money before the end of the year or we face serious penalties. This Governor has repeatedly not understood how business and labor work together, how to create jobs, and yet he goes out as a campaign promise at the tenth hour and talks about raising the minimum wage. I must compliment the Speaker for coming up with a more interesting Bill, the one where we would have a designated amount, although the timing of it is also interesting going up to the 200... 2010 election. That people need that amount of money to live on because in our area, particularly in Chicagoland area, you can't even find a studio apartment for under \$500. So how does someone that does not make enough support their family, live, and try and pay for things. On the other hand, you can't do a Bill like this and not have jobs. Somewhere, if he ever goes on the second floor, perhaps this Governor oughta rework how he works workforce development. Perhaps he oughta prepare Illinois to compete with other states, because in the coming years we're gonna have more retired people than we have people working. And the states that have adequate job training, adequate education, and adequate coalition between jobs and labor will be the ones that can afford to keep

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their seniors and to have jobs in Illinois. Instead, he takes one or two figures and says that Illinois has increased jobs. He forgets to deduct the jobs that they lost in Illinois. So all of you that are voting for this, and I think it should've come at the end of this coming Session because there are things this Governor needed to do in order to prepare the state for these jobs, start thinking about how you're gonna work in order to make sure that business and labor works together and that the Governor starts leaving the money where it is and doesn't lose federal funding because they don't know how to do accounting and don't know how to do job programs and how they fund community colleges and can't put on a new room that would train people because they won't fund out of money which they take for pork rather than putting it back into the community college fund, the people that are online to get some kind of additions to their community colleges that have been there for 4 years. Creative accounting, creative press releases does not create jobs. So while I support the fact that people cannot live for what's going on, I think everybody better get real about what we're doing in Illinois and what this Governor isn't doing for jobs."

Speaker Hannig: "So I have four additional Representatives wishing to speak: Representative Lang, Eddy, Black, and Flowers. And I'd suggest that perhaps after that we could go to a Roll Call. So, Representative Black, you're next to speak."

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

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

Black: "Representative, and I know you're well-intentioned and certainly well-meaning on this Bill. How many people does this impact? Do you have any rough figure?"

Colvin: "Yes, I do. This legislation immediately will impact 308 thousand workers directly. One hundred and forty-four thousand of those workers, by the way, are parents. Eighty-one percent of those workers are adult folks over the age of 18."

Black: "All right. I... I'm quoting from an article that was written by the Associated Press that appeared in the News-Gazette, a paper out of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, Sunday, November 26, that will verify your figures. It said, 'The state has no official statistics on how many people earn minimum wage in Illinois. Governor Blagojevich's administration cites estimates from the increase proponents who say 308 thousand Illinoisans make between 6.50 and 7.50 an hour.' So I appreciate your forthright answer. Now let me ask you this. If you're currently making 8.85 an hour and this Bill should be enacted into law, does it not stand to reason that you are not gonna settle for 8.85 an hour the next time your contract or negotiations comes up?"

Colvin: "I think it would be... are you talking about a union negotiation?"

Black: "In other words, this would eventually put pressure on all wages, whether you're making \$12 an hour or \$17 an hour, because the bargaining chip will be my people are only making 35 percent more than minimum wage. We will not

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settle a contract for that figure. That stands to reason, doesn't it?"

Colvin: "As a nonlabor leader, I can't really speak to whether or not it stands to reason."

Black: "All right. Well, historically... historically, that is one of the reasons... you know, when I see the AFL-CIO... and I grew up in a blue collar town. I... I've known leaders of the AFL-CIO, leaders of the UAW. I've worked along side of them. I've had some support me, I've had some not. But they tell me in unguarded moments... and I'm not gonna quote their name or anything else. They tell me why they support this Bill. They don't represent people making minimum wage. Very, very seldom will you see a UAW local, a Teamsters local, or an AFL-CIO local representing people who are making \$6.50 an hour. But why... why do they support it? They'll give you all of the Charles Dickens theories, all the, 'My goodness, our heart, our empathy goes out to them and we're all for them.' Let me ask you a question. If they're all for the person making minimum wage, why aren't they in the union? Why are the apprentice programs generally don't reflect anybody of color? Good... good question. Sometime you and I are gonna have to talk about that. You know, it's unfortunate... well, let me ask you another question. On the south side of Chicago not long ago, a Wal-Mart store was preparing to open. It was not in the city limits of Chicago. As I understand it from the press reports, it was right across the street. How many people showed up at Wal-Mart and applied for those jobs?"

Colvin: "There were thousands."

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Black: "Thousands of people showing up to apply for jobs at minimum wage or slightly above. Then the City Council of Chicago said, 'Uh uh. Hey big box stores, hey Wal-Mart, hey Menards, hey Lowes, hey Costco, hey Sam's Club, any of you big box retailers, you wanna build a store in Chicago you're gonna pay 10 bucks an hour and \$3 an hour benefit package.' Passed the city council by a substantial margin. What did the big box stores tell the City of Chicago?"

Colvin: "Oh, I'm sorry. That they were..."

Black: "What... what..."

Colvin: "That they were gonna have a challenge locating in the City of Chicago."

Black: "Well, I don't think... maybe... you may have talked to them personally, I didn't. The press reports I read said there's no challenge."

Colvin: "Well, personally... quite frankly, I did talk to them."

Black: "Okay."

Colvin: "And they didn't... they didn't swear that they weren't coming and they didn't swear that they were coming. But they said it would be difficult to come."

Black: "I'll... I'll give you that. I did not talk to them. The press reports that I read simply made it very clear they weren't coming. They would not locate there. And as I recall, they said something to the effect, 'Would you rather have 6 thousand jobs at 6.50 an hour or no jobs at \$10 an hour?' The mayor vetoed that. I find that very interesting. The mayor of Chicago vetoed a living wage ordinance and the City Council of Chicago could not override the mayor's veto. So the mayor evidently saw something that

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some of us see. You can price yourself out of an entry level job market, and that's what we're talking about. Don't... don't try and convince me that the bulk... we're only talking about 308 thousand people in a state of 12 million. So don't sell me the package that men and women who are raising families of four, five, six children are making minimum wage and that's all they'll ever make. A minimum wage is an entry level job and once you get some skills and once you learn to show up every day and once you find out what it takes to move to the next one, that's what you do. You don't... you're not supposed to be stuck in that minimum wage job forever. Let me quote from a column written by Thomas Sowell. This appeared in the Commercial-News paper in Danville, Illinois, on June 21. Mr. Sowell is a gentleman of color. He is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. Bear with me while I quote from this column. The title is 'Minimum Wage Laws Cost Jobs'. I quote from his column, 'The middle age single mother struggling to make ends meet while working at a minimum wage job has become a staple of journalistic tales. In reality, data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that only about 2 percent of the workers who are 25 years old or older hold minimum wage jobs, but you would never guess that judging by the media hype. In general, people earning the minimum wage have been a declining proportion of the population during the last quarter century. In absolute numbers, they have declined from 7.8 million people to just over 2 million people, even though the population as a whole has been growing.' He goes on to discuss what some of the

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difficulties may be with an ever-increasing minimum wage. It has been pointed out that this Bill doesn't go into effect until July 1. This Amendment has been drafted in the last 48 hours. I don't know what's the hurry. What, did the Governor scare you? The Governor... do you really believe the Governor's gonna have a Special Session over Christmas? He's never been in Springfield over Christmas. How would he find the place? Is he here today? I've served here enough years, when a Bill like this the Governor would be on the floor and working the Bill. Where is he? Is he in Springfield today? I will try to do this as calmly as I can. I grew up in a family of self-employed people. My grandfather started a business. It was a heating business. He dealt in coal and he installed coal furnaces. My father took that business over. My brother runs that business today and his son, my nephew, is now beginning to run it more and more. Over 77 years of a small family-owned business. Many of you who will vote for this job (sic-Bill), and excuse me if I... if I misrepresent your position of the facts, many of you who will vote for this job (sic-Bill) have never owned or operated a business. You have never met a payroll. I've watched my father go to the bank, I often went with him as a young lad, and watched him borrow on accounts receivable to make the payroll. I watched my father not draw a paycheck some weeks because his paycheck would have to go into the payroll account so he could pay the people who worked for him. And he never paid minimum wage, never. You sit there year after year after year and you try to make this a philosophical battle between people

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who care about little people and people who don't care about little people. You all care about the person struggling and obviously Republicans don't. I get tired of that misconception. I get tired of that political BS. You come in my district and I'll show you my family and they care enough about people that they have put their money and their effort and their energy into helping people for over 77 years. They create the jobs. They pay the taxes. They pay payroll taxes. I've seen my father keep people on his payroll to paint the garage at the business just so he wouldn't have to tell 'em he had no work and they wouldn't get paid. It's tough to run a business today. And what really worries me and what irks me about this whole process, this concept wasn't good enough for the City of Chicago. The mayor of Chicago said, and I... I can't quote him so I'm paraphrasing, it doesn't make any sense to run jobs out of the City of Chicago. We will make accommodations and we'll do the best we can. In summation, somebody talked about corporate America. This doesn't have anything to do with corporate America. Most corporations are at or above this wage level. And they said, 'Somebody in my neighborhood will open a business.' Come to my district. You won't find a drugstore open in a small town. When I grew up, every small town had a Rexall Drugstore. Every small town had a hardware store. Every small town had a movie theater. Every small town had some kind of retail business. They're all gone. They can't compete with the big box stores. They can't compete with the... compete with the Cineplex's 30 miles away. So slowly but surely we're seeing those jobs

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disappear because we in small town rural America could not meet the wage scale of the bigger corporate businesses. So, the ma and pop stores declined. My first job was working for Harry Kimmett. I was 14 years old, I got \$.50 an hour, and my job was to stack returnable milk bottles and soda pop bottles in the back of his store. He operated a little store that basically sold milk, bread, soda pop, soup, and convenience items. Harry's been out of business probably more than 50 years. What you really oughta concentrate on though, and I know you... I know we won't, everybody has their mind made up. I got a letter from a YMCA director. He posed the question... he has 45 part-time employees to run a 15 or an 18 hour day at the local YMCA. He said this Bill will negatively impact me. I will have to lay some off. I'm in the social service business. I don't have a product that I can raise the price. I can't raise the membership fee. I could, but at some point the membership fee will discourage people from joining. And he has a very active program where he gives scholarships to children from families who can't support the membership. So what do you expect me to do? What do you expect our senior citizens center to do? They don't have a product. They don't have a taxing base. You're going to force them... there is a limited number of dollars for social service agencies to meet payroll. If they can't meet that payroll they either reduce their services or they lay people off, one of the two. Representative, let me ask you one last question. Historically, agricultural workers have not been included in minimum wage statutes. Are they included in this?"

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Colvin: "Whatever the law and how the Minimum Wage Act..."

Black: "Okay."

Colvin: "...currently reflects agricultural workers, there has been no change."

Black: "I... I thought that was the case and I appreciate that, because agricultural seasonal work is very different. Ladies and Gentlemen, this Bill does not take effect until July 1. The Amendment has been rushed through. I... I... actually, I think it's a fairly reasonable Amendment as I looked at it. But when all is said and done... and I can't say it as eloquently as Jim Sacia but I've been in the shoes of Jim Sacia. I've seen, I grew up, and I've lived the agonies of a small business person. And until you've walked in those shoes you have no idea how difficult it is, in the current business climate with extreme and extensive competition for those consumer dollars, how difficult it is to be in business today. My respect and admiration go to those who fight that battle every day. My compassion for people is just as deep, if not more so, than yours. But the only thing that I owe people is an opportunity. Do away with discrimination, do away with artificial barriers, do away with all of those things that have inhibited opportunity and we will begin to see how efficiently the free market system can work. I'm just a little shocked that we're only gonna raise the minimum wage. Why don't we regulate the top wage? Why don't you say, 'Hey, that... that utility executive is making \$26 million'? Why don't you amend this Bill and say, 'Uh uh, you can't make \$26 million'? I see some of the lawyers over there saying, 'Hey

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now, let's not be foolin' around with what I make.' But if you can mandate the minimum wage why don't you mandate the maximum wage? Why don't we just say free enterprise doesn't work and we're not gonna follow that structure anymore and we are gonna tell people what they make in all categories. I don't care whether you're a machinist, a millwright, you're cooking hamburgers or french-fries. We are gonna tell everybody what they make. Is that what you want? That's the way you're headed here today. I'm surprised you didn't put a limit on maximum income. If you wanna rush to judgment there's no way we can stop you. But this will not have the desired effect that you think and I find it... I'm incredulous that the mayor of Chicago vetoed the living wage ordinance and then comes out in favor of this statewide minimum wage Bill. Why does he favor the statewide Bill? Because it doesn't put Chicago at a disadvantage. And that's why we should wait for the Federal Government... the presumptive Speaker Nancy Pelosi said raising the minimum wage will be her first priority and President Bush has already gone on the record in saying if they put it on his desk he will sign it into law. Oh, no. I live on the Indiana border. After this goes into effect in July some of you give me a call in August and September and I'll show you the businesses that will close between July 1 and Labor Day. And if you don't think that won't happen, give me a call, I'll take you around my district and show ya."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I recognize the concerns of those who have defended business

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and have been concerned about the future of business, their ability to hire people, their ability to pay wages, et cetera. And so, I mean no disrespect to them when I say we've heard some of this doom and gloom before. Every time a Legislature, whether it be a State Legislature or the United States Congress, has raised the minimum wage dozens of people will stand up and make these same sort of speeches about doom and gloom, about how terrible it is for business. Here in Illinois we raised the minimum wage not too long ago. There's no evidence that this was bad for business, cost them some... a few dollars perhaps. No evidence it cost anyone their jobs. No evidence that businesses closed up left and right as a result of it. And I dare say, when we passed the first minimum wage in this country, whatever year that was, people made the same speeches. And yet, there's no one today that's opposed to this Bill who would stand up and say we oughta do away with the minimum wage, period. You're just against this raise in the minimum wage. But the history of this is you have always been so and you will always be so, and this doom and gloom really doesn't play out in the real world as you would like it to. So, I understand your concerns, those of you who are opposed to the Bill, but I don't think they're well-founded. We just finished a statewide election where the two gubernatorial candidates had an entirely different view on the minimum wage. The candidate who won was very much for this minimum wage increase, the candidate who lost was not. The candidate who won won overwhelmingly. And the people of Illinois, in polls I have seen and in a most recent

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nonbinding referendum, have been very clear that the people of Illinois are for an increase in the minimum wage because they believe that the... that the people on the lowest end of our pay scale in the State of Illinois aren't able to take care of themselves or their families. Is it supposed to be a living wage, as someone asked. I'm not sure it is. But we surely should have a minimum wage that reflects the changes in our society and our responsibility as Legislators to help the very lowest among us be able to buy food, to clothe their children, et cetera, et cetera. So this is in some ways about some very basic human needs. And to say, well, we gotta put this business concern before the people of our state, I say that I think you have some misplaced priorities. Let me thank the Sponsor for his hard work in this Bill. He's worked very hard. Let me thank the Speaker for helping to broker the Bill as it is today. There are substantial changes from the original Bill. These substantial changes, while not supported by business in its current form... business will tell ya, 'Well, this could be a lot worse for us. The original Bill was a lot worse. This is a Bill that if we have to live with, far better than the other alternatives.' And the truth of the matter, Ladies and Gentlemen, is that if we're going to pass a minimum wage Bill this Session or in the Spring Session, this Bill is the best deal business is going to get. So all this discussion about let's do it later, let's see what happens, this is the best deal that business is going to get. It's not going to get better. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, this Bill is our opportunity to be leaders, leaders in this region of the

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nation, leaders for the whole nation. The United States Congress may or may not do this, and if they do it they may or may not do it to this level. We know that for the last several years they have lagged behind us in Illinois. Governor Blagojevich has been a leader in this area. The General Assembly has been a leader in this area, and we should continue to be that leader. This is our opportunity to make a strong statement to the people of Illinois that we care about their ability to take care of their families. We hear a lot on this floor about that and we hear a lot on this floor about family values. If a wage that enables you to feed your children isn't a basic family value, I'm not sure what is. This is a very important Bill for our General Assembly, for the people of our state, and I strongly urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Gentleman yield for a question?"

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

Eddy: "Representative, over the last three days I've learned a great deal regarding your intentions and really kinda the effect of minimum wage increases and quite frankly, I really think that you have some of this right. I really think that there could be a positive effect, maybe more money in the economy. I'm very concerned, as the previous speaker, because I am on a border area of the state. But I don't wanna go there, that's been covered. What I wanna make sure we understand is that there may be a consequence or two to this minimum wage increase without waiting, that is

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unintended. I have a concern regarding the qualification of some folks for programs that they are now qualified for that this wage increase could cause them to disqualify for. I brought this up in committee and since that time have done some research. And there's a real possibility that single parents that use Head Start, because Head Start is indexed to the federal minimum wage, could lose those services. I'm concerned about that. Have you... have you thought more about that issue and what that could mean? Not just to those who rely on Head Start for childcare, but for other federal programs that could be affected by this."

Colvin: "To address your specific question about Head Start, I, too, found out an interesting fact that with respect to an increase in the minimum wage, any child that is currently in a Head Start program would not lose those benefits. Once a child is in they're in for life, regardless of... ya know, and to the point that they move on into kindergarten... regardless of the fact that they get an increase in their salary or they win the lottery, that child literally cannot be taken out of the Head Start program."

Eddy: "Once they're in. But those people... those folks who are not in it and they want to qualify, there could be a negative effect on... on those individuals."

Colvin: "And what con... further, in my research, like you, what I have found out is that one of the initial things this Congress plans to do when they convene in January is address that problem because of the fact that so many states have taken the initiative to raise their minimum wage. Minimum wage is being discussed in more than a dozen state houses

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around the country right now. Having said that, Congress has become very sensitive to the issue that that circumstance can address and it's my understanding that it's a problem that they intend to address immediately."

Eddy: "Well, I appreciate that because I don't think it's your intention, it certainly wouldn't be the intention of those who support your initiative, that anyone would lose those types of programs. You know, leaders... and the word 'leader' has come up on several occasions in Illinois being a leader. If we're gonna lead we need to lead responsibly. We need to make sure that as we lead we don't leave people behind in any way, shape, or manner. I think, and this is my personal opinion, for us to lead without knowing, especially on some of these issues, is a little bit... just a little bit irresponsible in the fact that there is nothing lost by waiting. There is nothing lost by making sure. There's nothing lost by coming back to this Body in the spring. This is not an effective date until July of next year. And we would know for certain that we would not lose any programs for any of our populations that they count on. This isn't something that has to be done now. This is something that has to be done because we're here for three days and we have some... some veiled threats over our heads. Leaders lead responsibly and make sure that people aren't disenfranchised, unintended consequences occur and we sometimes get caught in that. I would just caution us. I would caution us. For anyone who loses those kind of services that they need, they will have us... they will have us as the reason. And I... I'm sorry I misspoke. Not loses,

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but does not qualify for. And I would feel badly about that and I don't think that's your intention. I would caution us to take a step back, relax, use our head on this, and lead in a responsible manner and wait to see what the Federal Government does. Thank you. I do appreciate your indulgence. And... and I really do think you're trying to do the right thing, but we need to do it the right way."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Colvin to close."

Colvin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I... I just wanna... Mr. Speaker, real briefly, I just wanted to just redress a couple of concerns that I heard during the debate here on the floor. First, I wanted to address the comments made by Representative Sacia. I don't think there's anyone here who has more respect for Representative Sacia than I do. And listening to his concerns and his causes, I have to honestly tell you, I have a great amount of respect for his diligence, his intelligence, and his articulation, particularly on this issue. I would also like to point out that sometimes I think we get a little carried away in the spirit of debate here. And I don't think anyone here, and certainly not myself in any discussion with any business group, with any Legislator, in any committee hearing, and certainly not here on the floor today, but I haven't characterized any business interest as greedy. Greed is not the motivation for what we're doing here today. Whether you call it living wage or minimum wage, what we're trying to do is create a minimum standard of living here in the State of Illinois, doin' it the best way we know how, and that is increasing it at the very bottom level so that all of us can

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prosper just a little bit more here in our economy. You know, I consider this Bill a win/win in so many situations. It is... I don't think it's unreasonable for anyone to think that people who'll get an extra dollar, who those who rate and earned the minimum wage, are gonna be running to Michigan Avenue to Gucci or to any of the stores down there. They're gonna spend that money right there in their community, buying the basic necessities of everyday life. And I can't ignore the comments that Representative Graham made because the people we're talking about here are the people who take care of our parents, like her mother, those who take care of our children, who cut our grass and clean our homes. We are talking about people who every day, 40 hours a week, who do most of the jobs many of us wouldn't want to do nor would we want our children to grow up and do. But the fact of the matter is, someone's gonna do that work. And what minimum standard of living we create, the political charge we take to create that minimum standard of living is important to me. It's important to me. I understand the... the logic behind waiting for the feds, but I would rather take that time to wait and see how the feds would react to some of the things that Representative Eddy has talked about, Head Start and making sure that children don't get costed out of the program. Let's use that time to wait and see what the Federal Government does. And if they do not do the job let's see what we can do here in the State of Illinois to make sure that any child who deserves and needs Head Start will always have that opportunity. You talked about Illinois being a leader, and I will also suggest to

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you in doing my own research that when Illinois raised the minimum wage to 6.50 an hour, you know what the State of Wisconsin did less than a year later? They raised the minimum wage to 6.50 an hour. Because I disagree with the logic that good workers are gonna be running from Illinois. No, they're gonna be coming to Illinois. We wanna improve the quality of our workforce by raising the minimum wage. Let's continue to play 'follow the leader' here in the Midwest. Just like they did on the west coast when California raised its minimum wage, the highest minimum wage in the country in the most populace state in the country, and then what you saw less than a year later, the neighboring State of Oregon and the state that... that borders Oregon, Washington State, also raised their minimum wage to compete with the minimum wage that was offered in California. Economically, those people who make that argument that people gonna flee the state, personally, with no disrespect to anybody, I simply think is flawed. And we have to continue to be the leaders on the issue of creating a... a living standard here in the State of Illinois. Lastly, I would like to thank the Speaker and all those folks, particularly the Speaker who rendered his ear and his office to the business interests in the State of Illinois, taking out the CPI Index and creating the incremental steps over 4 years so business can plan and invest to cover those costs for their employees, making sure that the 18-year-old standard that's 50 cents less remain as part of the Minimum Wage Act, and that's in the original Bill. These are the concerns of business. They came in and told the Speaker

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these are the things that were important to them. Didn't mean they were gonna be in support of this Bill, but they did support it. With that, I wanna thank you very much and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "So, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' This requires 60 votes. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Bolin: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Bassi votes 'no'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Beaubien votes 'no'. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Bellock votes 'no'. Berrios."

Berrios: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Biggins votes 'no'. Black."

Black: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Black votes 'no'. Boland."

Boland: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost."

Bost: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Bost votes 'no'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."
Bradley, R.: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."
Brady: "Yes."
Clerk Bolin: "Brady vo..."
Brady: "No. No."
Clerk Bolin: "Brady votes 'no'. Brauer."
Brauer: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Brauer votes 'no'. Brosnahan."
Brosnahan: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."
Burke: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia."
Chapa LaVia: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Chavez."
Chavez: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."
Churchill: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Churchill votes 'no'. Collins. Collins."
Collins: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."
Colvin: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."
Coulson: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross. Cross. Cultra."
Cultra: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Cultra votes 'no'. Currie."
Currie: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

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D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels."

Daniels: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Daniels votes 'no'. Monique Davis. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Bolin: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dugan."

Dugan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunkin. Dunkin. Dunn. Dunn. Durkin."

Durkin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Durkin votes 'no'. Eddy."

Eddy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Eddy votes 'no'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."

Flider: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Flider votes 'aye'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Franks votes 'aye'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Pass."

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Clerk Bolin: "Froehlich passes. Giles."
Giles: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."
Golar: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."
Gordon: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."
Graham: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."
Granberg: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Granberg votes 'no'. Hamos."
Hamos: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."
Hannig: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."
Hassert: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman."
Hoffman: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."
Holbrook: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."
Howard: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren."
Hultgren: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Hultgren votes 'no'. Jakobsson."
Jakobsson: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies."
Jefferies: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

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Jefferson: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Jenisch votes 'no'. Joyce."

Joyce: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."

Kelly: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Kosel votes 'no'. Krause."

Krause: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch."

Leitch: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Leitch votes 'no'. Lindner."

Lindner: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Lindner votes 'no'. Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Mathias votes 'no'. Mautino."

Mautino: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer."

Meyer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Meyer votes 'no'. Miller."

Miller: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'no'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Moffitt votes 'no'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Munson votes 'no'. Myers."

Myers: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Myers votes 'no'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Osmond votes 'no'. Osterman."

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Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Parke votes 'no'. Phelps."

Phelps: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe."

Poe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Pritchard votes 'no'. Ramey."

Ramey: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Ramey votes 'no'. Reis."

Reis: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Reis votes 'no'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."

Rose: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Rose votes 'no'. Ryg."

Ryg: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Sacia votes 'no'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "No."

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Clerk Bolin: "Schmitz votes 'no'. Schock."

Schock: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Sommer votes 'no'. Soto."

Soto: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Stephens votes 'no'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Sullivan votes 'no'. Tracy."

Tracy: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon."

Tryon: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Tryon votes 'no'. Turner."

Turner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."

Wait: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Wait votes 'aye'. Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters."

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Winters: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Winters votes 'no'. Yarbrough. Yarbrough.
Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Cross."

Cross: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Cross votes 'no'. Dunkin. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Dunn."

Dunn: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Dunn votes 'no'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "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 74 voting 'yes' and 43 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 3 of the Calendar, Representative Will Davis, you have Senate Bill 821. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of that Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 821, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Will Davis, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Davis on the Amendment."

Davis, W.: "Mr. Speaker, I think there... I think there is a third Amendment. Is there a third Amendment?"

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, are there... could you advise us if there are other Amendments filed? Why don't we take this out of the record, Representative, until we... we get it sorted through?"

Davis, W.: "Okay."

Speaker Hannig: "On page 4 of the Calendar is House... is Senate Bill 2684. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of that Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2684, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill's been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Colvin, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Colvin. Okay. Let's take... take that out of the record. Oh, wait a minute. Is the Gentleman in the chamber? All right. Well, let's take it out of the record momentarily. On page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, is Senate Bill 2608. Representative Currie. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2608, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This measure would extend for 2 years the Licensing Practice Act for doctors, for MDs, and also for environmental health practitioners. I would be happy to answer your question and

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I think that you'll agree with the doctors and the environmental health practitioners that it is a good idea to make sure that licensure programs do not lapse."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2608. Is there any discussion? Representative Miller."

Miller: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady will yield."

Miller: "Just wanted to know what the genesis of this is and why..."

Currie: "Well, as you know, these Acts sunset periodically, so we want to make sure that the licensing program remains in place."

Miller: "Okay. It's my understanding that it... it... the license renewal is 10 years."

Currie: "Well, in the past there has been a custom of doing licensure renewal for that period of time, but no where is it written that it should be that long. And in these days with rapid changes in technology and other kinds of activities, maybe it would be a good idea to keep our oversight on a shorter timetable."

Miller: "Okay. As far as... but there has been no problem. This is basically just, instead of the Act lapsing and you have a bunch of unlicensed doctors out there, this basically will keep the practice going until some type of..."

Currie: "Keeps the practicing going for 2 more years, during which time if there are changes in the nature of that practice we might want to address legislative changes. The Nurse Practice Act comes up for its sunset very shortly also

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and maybe we would wanna look at these items as a kind of package."

Miller: "Last question. What... you had said extension for 2 years versus 3 years. Like, dental licenses are renewed every... every, I think 3 years, maybe 2 years, I don't know."

Currie: "Well, my..."

Miller: "But as opposed to something like that. Is there any thought on that? I renewed mine... so."

Currie: "Good. And I'm glad that you'll stay current if we pass this Bill."

Miller: "All right. Thanks."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Tryon, were you seeking recognition?"

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Tryon: "I am a licensed environmental health practitioner so I am not positive if I have a conflict, but certainly I would like to err on the side of caution there and be recording my vote as a 'present' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Representative Black."

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

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

Black: "Representative, let me follow up on what Dr. Miller... excuse me, Representative Miller was talking about. Historically, these have been extended out 10 years. Now, our staff tells me that this is 2 years because the Speaker wants to revisit the Medical Practice Act. My question is,

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couldn't he revisit a particular portion of the Medical Practice Act even if it had been extended 10 years?"

Currie: "Of course we could, Representative. I think the idea here, however, is perhaps a 10-year extension for any of these practice Acts might be longer than we ought to leave them untouched. When there is a sunset coming along, when you're looking at a drop-dead date, it tends to focus the attention, our attention and the attention of consumer groups and of the... of the group that is... whose practice is being regulated. And as I say, there are many technological and other changes going on in the medical profession and it might be a good idea for us to have a clear cut opportunity to address the need for changes in a shorter interval than 10 years down the road. There are no changes... no substantive changes in the practice Acts for either of these environmental health practitioners or for the medical profession."

Black: "I... and I do understand that and thank you for reinforcing that concept. But the 2 years would not be tied... let's see, I'm trying to think ahead 2 years. Oh, an election year, but that really had nothing to do with reopening the Medical Practice Act."

Currie: "No."

Black: "All right. I didn't think so. And I apologize for even thinking that. I don't know what gets into me sometimes. When... when did the doctors renew the... their licenses? What month? I assume it's coming up shortly."

Currie: "I don't have that information."

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Black: "Have we... are we prepared... is the Department of Professional Regulations prepared... I'm trying to think. I thought over the past it was staggered so that all..."

Currie: "I think that might be right and nothing in this legislation would change that."

Black: "Okay. So you don't anticipate that as result of this law all doctors would get 45 days notice to renew their license?"

Currie: "No, I do not."

Black: "All right. Fine. Thank you. As always, I can't find any fault with your answers, even though I try as hard as I can."

Currie: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Hannig: "I see on the... in the back of the chamber our Comptroller, Dan Hynes, has joined us as well, so we'd like to acknowledge his presence. Welcome to the Old State Capitol. Is there any further discussion on Senate Bill 2608? Representative Currie, would you like to close?"

Currie: "Just to say, I appreciate your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Hannig: "So the question is, 'Shall House... shall Senate Bill 2608 pass?' This requires 71 votes. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Bolin: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien. Beaubien. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Black. Black. Bo..."

Black: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Black votes 'aye'. Boland."

Boland: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost."

Bost: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Brauer votes 'aye'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke. Burke. Chapa
LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins. Collins.
Colvin. Colvin."

Colvin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross."

Cross: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Coulson passes. Cross votes 'aye'. Cultra."

Cultra: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Cultra votes 'aye'. Currie."

Currie: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels."

Daniels: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Daniels votes 'aye'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Bolin: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado. Delgado.
Dugan."

Dugan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunkin. Dunkin. Dunn.
Dunn."

Dunn: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Durkin. Durkin. Eddy."

Eddy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."
Flider: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Flider votes 'aye'. Flowers."
Flowers: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."
Franks: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Franks votes 'aye'. Fritchey."
Fritchey: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."
Froehlich: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles. Giles. Golar."
Golar: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."
Gordon: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."
Graham: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."
Granberg: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos. Hamos."
Hamos: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."
Hannig: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."
Hassert: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman."
Hoffman: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."
Holbrook: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

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Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hultgren votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Joyce."

Joyce: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."

Kelly: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Kosel votes 'aye'. Krause."

Krause: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch. Leitch. Lindner."

Lindner: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Mautino."

Mautino: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon. McKeon. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer."

Meyer: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Munson votes 'aye'. Myers."

Myers: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Myers votes 'aye'. Nekritz."

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Nekritz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond. Osmond."

Osmond: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke. Parke. Phelps."

Phelps: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe. Poe."

Poe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Pritchard votes 'aye'. Ramey."

Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reis."

Reis: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Reis votes 'aye'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."

Rose: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg."

Ryg: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano. Saviano. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Schmitz votes 'aye'. Schock."

Schock: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Schock votes 'aye'. Scully."

Scully: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Sommer votes 'aye'. Soto. Soto."

Soto: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy."

Tracy: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Tracy votes 'aye'. Tryon."

Tryon: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Tryon votes 'present'. Turner. Turner.
Verschoore."

Verschoore: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."

Wait: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Wait votes 'aye'. Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Watson votes 'aye'. Winters."

Winters: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Winters votes 'aye'. Yarbrough. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Beaubien. Beaubien.
Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Burke votes 'aye'. Collins."

Collins: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Collins votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dunkin. Dunkin. Durkin."

Durkin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Giles. Giles. Leitch."

Leitch: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Leitch votes 'aye'. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Parke votes 'aye'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Turner. Turner."

Turner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Turner votes 'aye'."

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Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

Clerk Bolin: "Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Aye."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative..."

Clerk Bolin: "Dunkin votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "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 Three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Colvin, you have on page 4 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 2684. Mr. Clerk, would you read that Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2684, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Colvin, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Colvin on the Amendment."

Colvin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the adoption of Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2684. This is an issue that we've been dealing with for the last 2 years here in the General Assembly. It essentially deals with the fact that there are oftentimes a lot of parole violators who are sitting in county jails around the State of Illinois incurring great costs to local government, particularly county governments. What the Bill... what the underlying Bill initially provided is that the State of Illinois would

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compensate local counties for half of the costs of incarcerating these state parole violators. That was the initial intent of the Bill. And after much negotiation over 2 years, we finally got an agreed Bill with the Illinois Department of Corrections, the Governor's Office, the State's Attorneys Offices, along with here in the General Assembly in both chambers where the Bill passed unanimously last spring. The Governor, in his work with the state's attorney, identified a flaw in the Bill and there was an Amendatory Veto. We were set to accept the Governor's Amendatory Veto until there was some concerns raised that in the way the Amendatory Veto was written the Governor may have possibly exceeded his constitutional authority to make such an Amendment. Essentially, in dealing with that Amendatory Veto issue, all it really did was move part of the language in the Bill from one subsection to another subsection of the criminal... of the, excuse me, of the County Jails Act dealing with the issue of speedy trials. As far as the technical issue, it's been resolved to the satisfaction of the Cook County State's Attorney, the Governor's Office, the Corrections, and those who have negotiated on the Bill. We know of no objection to the Bill. As I said, it passed out this spring unanimously both out of the both House and Senate and it simply addresses the Amendatory Veto, which amounts to a technical change in the language. I'll be happy to answer any questions on the Amendment or wait 'til Third Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion on the Amendment? Then all in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The

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'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2684, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Colvin."

Colvin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the aforementioned reasons and explanations, I'll be happy to entertain any questions regarding the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman... the Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2684. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Then hearing none the question... the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor will vote 'aye'; all opposed will vote 'nay'. And the voting is open. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Bolin: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Bassi passes. Beaubien. Beaubien. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Black. Black. Boland."

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Boland: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost."

Bost: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Brauer votes 'aye'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Chavez. Chavez.
Churchill."

Churchill: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins."

Collins: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin. Colvin."

Colvin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross. Cross. Cultra."

Cultra: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Cultra votes 'aye'. Currie."

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Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels."

Daniels: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Daniels votes 'aye'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Bolin: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dugan."

Dugan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunkin. Dunkin. Dunn."

Dunn: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."

Flider: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Flider votes 'aye'. Flowers."

Flowers: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Franks votes 'aye'. Fritchey. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Bolin: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles. Giles. Golar."

Golar: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg. Granberg. Hamos."

Hamos: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hultgren votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch. Jenisch.
Joyce."

Joyce: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."

Kelly: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Kosel votes 'aye'. Krause."

Krause: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch. Leitch. Lindner."

Lindner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias. Mathias. Mautino."

Mautino: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May."

May: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer. Meyer."

Meyer: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Munson votes 'aye'. Myers."

Myers: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Myers votes 'aye'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Parke votes 'aye'. Phelps."

Phelps: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

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Pihos: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe."

Poe: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Pritchard votes 'aye'. Ramey."

Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reis."

Reis: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Reis votes 'aye'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."

Rose: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg."

Ryg: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Schmitz votes 'aye'. Schock."

Schock: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Schock votes 'aye'. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Bolin: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Sommer votes 'aye'. Soto. Soto."

Soto: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens. Stephens."

Stephens: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy."

Tracy: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Tracy votes 'aye'. Tryon. Tryon. Turner."

Turner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."

Wait: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Wait votes 'aye'. Washington. Washington.

Watson."

Watson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Watson votes 'aye'. Winters."

Winters: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Winters votes 'aye'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Black. Black. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Cross. Cross. Dunkin.
Dunkin. Giles. Giles. Granberg."

Granberg: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Jenisch. Jenisch.
Leitch."

Leitch: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Tryon. Tryon. Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Washington votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who
wish? Representative Black, do you wish to..."

Black: "Aye."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black wishes to be recorded as
'aye', Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Black votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who
wish? And Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question,
there are 112 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this
Bill, having received a Three-fifths Constitutional
Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read the
Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson
from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measures

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were referred, action taken on November 29, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'direct floor consideration' for Amendment #3 to Hou... Senate Bill 821."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. We're gonna return to page 3 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 821. And, Mr. Clerk, what is the status of that Bill now?"

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 821, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Will Davis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Davis on the Amendment."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We ask for a Motion to adopt Amendments both 2 and 3 to the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, why don't you tell us what Amendments have been approved so that..."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "So, Representative, what's your desire on Amendment #2?"

Davis, W.: "Well, Amendment #2 is essentially the Bill, so we can move on #2. And then Amendment #3 is just..."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay."

Davis, W.: "...a small technical change to the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "To adopt 2 and 3? Okay. So the Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

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Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Will Davis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Davis on the Amendment. This is a technical Amendment, Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Right."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 821, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 821 is a Bill that authorizes the creation of a Riverdale Development Authority to spur redevelopment of approximately two square miles of vacant and underutilized brownfield property adjacent and between the CSX and the IHB rail yards in the Village of Riverdale. This area has declined steadily over the last two decades and has been subject to environmental contamination over a much longer period. This legislation is modeled after recent legislation that was passed here in the spring to include the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority and the Southwest... Southwestern Illinois Development Authority Acts as well. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Village of Riverdale is a community in my district, a small community, a struggling community. But the way I see it, they've decided to try to

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take the bull by the horns and to try to take their destiny into their own hands. And they sought the creation of this development authority specifically to try to develop two miles... approximately two square miles of land that exists between two major rail yards in the village to do a lot of what is now popular rail-oriented development. I feel that this... this presents a unique opportunity for the village to really try to bring themselves up and to try and not to be so heavily reliant on the state for resources, and we know how difficult resources are here in the State of Illinois to come by. So they're trying to do it on their own and they sought the creation of this development authority to offer them the tools and the... and the ability to be able to do this. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 821. Now, this will require 71 votes. Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

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

Black: "Representative, just one quick question. You adopted both Amendments, correct?"

Davis, W.: "Yes, Sir."

Black: "And 3 was the technical Amendment?"

Davis, W.: "Yes, it was."

Black: "All language regarding TIF districts was removed from the Bill?"

Davis, W.: "Yes."

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Black: "But this is simply the Riverdale Community Redevelopment Act, correct?"

Davis, W.: "The Riverdale Development Authority."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much, Representative. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. We've passed something similar to this I believe last spring. If we can, without undue stress on the state budget and other important items, help the Gentleman with an economic development issue in his district, I certainly stand in support of what he's attempting to do and intend to vote 'aye' to help him do that."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Representative Davis to close."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've been around the room and I've talked to several Members... many Members here who said that they could support this type of development. I do appreciate it and I know the Village of Riverdale appreciates the support that this chamber has given them and the tools that they will... the tools that are necessary so that they can be a... a self-sustaining village and to be able to do some good things to help their residents. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 821 pass?' All in favor will vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Bolin: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Beiser."

Beiser: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Black."

Black: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Black votes 'aye'. Boland."

Boland: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost."

Bost: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Brauer votes 'aye'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke. Burke. Chapa
LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Chavez. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin. Colvin."

Colvin: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross. Cross. Cultra."

Cultra: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Cultra votes 'aye'. Currie. Currie."

Currie: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels."

Daniels: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Daniels votes 'aye'. Monique Davis. Monique
Davis."

Davis, M.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Bolin: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dugan."

Dugan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Bolin: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Dunn."
Dunn: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Durkin."
Durkin: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."
Eddy: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."
Feigenholtz: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."
Flider: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Flider votes 'aye'. Flowers."
Flowers: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."
Franks: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Franks votes 'aye'. Fritchey."
Fritchey: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."
Froehlich: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles. Giles. Golar."
Golar: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."
Gordon: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."
Graham: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."
Granberg: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos."
Hamos: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig. Hannig."

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Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hultgren votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch. Jenisch.
Joyce."

Joyce: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."

Kelly: "Present."

Clerk Bolin: "Kelly votes 'present'. Kosel."

Kosel: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Kosel votes 'aye'. Krause."

Krause: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch."

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Leitch: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lindner."

Lindner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Lyons. Lyons. Mathias."

Mathias: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Mautino. Mautino. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe. McAuliffe.
McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer. Meyer."

Meyer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

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Mulligan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Mulligan votes 'present'. Munson."

Munson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Munson votes 'aye'. Myers."

Myers: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Myers votes 'aye'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Parke votes 'present'. Phelps."

Phelps: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Pihos votes 'present'. Poe."

Poe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Pritchard votes 'aye'. Ramey."

Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reis. Reis. Reitz."

Reis: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Reis votes 'aye'. Reitz. Reitz. Rita. Rita.
Rose."

Rose: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg."

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Ryg: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Schmitz votes 'aye'. Schock."

Schock: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Schock votes 'aye'. Scully. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Sommer votes 'aye'. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Sullivan. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy."

Tracy: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Tracy votes 'aye'. Tryon."

Tryon: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Turner. Turner. Verschoore."

Turner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Bolin: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."

Wait: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Wait votes 'aye'. Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Watson votes 'aye'. Winters. Winters. Winters."

Winters: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Winters votes 'aye'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Burke votes 'aye'. Cross. Cross. Giles. Giles.

Jenisch. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mautino."

Mautino: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mautino votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Bolin: "Rita votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "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 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Three-fifths Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 5 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, is House Joint Resolution 148. Representative Colvin. Representative Colvin, you're recognized on House Joint Resolution 148."

Colvin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 148 deals with the very urgent need for national security concerns. Essentially, what the Bill simply does is urges the State of Illinois, through the use of federal transportation dollars, to reinstate the conductor on CTA trains. We now live in a heightened state of security here in the United States of America. Homeland Security.. the Federal Government's response was to create the Department of Homeland Security. Through the Department of Homeland Security there have been a number of grants to enhance security for some of America's most vulnerable access points for terrorist of activities. In the City of Chicago and what we've seen in other countries, in England, in Spain, where terrorists have chosen to attack mass transit systems for attacks, I think it's reasonable to think that a conductor on the trains in the City of Chicago, specifically on the Green and Blue Lines which run underground through the City of Chicago and when those trains are in the tunnels.. and FBI and CIA reports have indicated that's when

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terrorists would most likely strike a mass transit train, is when they're in a tunnel where it can create the most damage... to have conductors on those train lines. If for no other part of the day, during the rush hour when in Chicago an eight-passenger rail car can have as many as a thousand people. Earlier this summer in the City of Chicago we saw in a situation where there was a fire as a result of an accident in the one of the tunnels. And there were several hundred people underground and a train filled with smoke. And the motorman who also operates the doors was the only individual in which was able to give instructions where the emergency hatches are, how to proceed down the tracks without electrocuting themselves. And so, Ladies and Gentlemen, all this Resolution does is urge the CTA to take under advisement the institution of the conductor on a number of the rail trains in the City of Chicago. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Lang in the Chair. Representative... Thank you so much. Pleasure. Representative Colvin moves for the passage of House Joint Resolution 148. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, those in favor shall vote 'yes'; those opposed shall vote 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Senate Bill 490, Representative Hannig. Mr... sorry. Representative Bost."

Bost: "Mr. Speaker, just an inquiry real quickly of the Chair. Earlier today the Secretary of State was here and we recognized him. And a little later on was the Comptroller Danny Hynes, and we recognized him. The President of the

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Senate came in and he didn't get recognized. Is there a problem? I just... I just wanna make sure because, ya know, we wanna always have peace with the other chamber and, ya know, I don't want anybody to be offended."

Speaker Lang: "Had I been in the Chair he might've been recognized, Representative."

Bost: "I understand that."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Representative Hannig. Mr. Clerk... Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 490, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. The Bill has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Hannig, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hannig. Mr. Hannig, your microphone's not on."

Hannig: "Now we're on. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. The Amendment becomes the Bill, and so could I ask the indulgence of the Body if we could just adopt the Amendment and then we could debate the Bill on Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Is there objection? Seeing none, those in favor of the Amendment shall say 'yes'; those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 490, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House.

This Bill comes to us at the request of the Department of Employment Security. They have a program where they provide job training for people who have lost their job because of foreign competition. This is a partnership with the Federal Government. Recently, the Federal Government has come in and taken a look at the program and there's been some disputes as to what the State of Illinois may or may not have done. And in any case, they've come to some conclusion where the Department of Illi... where the State of Illinois has agreed that they would put an additional \$7 million into this fund that would be available for training the people who have lost their jobs because of foreign competition. Now, they did have some money available that they could put into the... into the program initially, but it's important that they find a means to get the additional \$7 million into the fund before the end of the calendar year. Now, there's a bond fund that was created a few years ago to keep the... the balance in the Unemployment Trust Fund at a high enough level to make the payments to unemployed people, and there's an excess of about 7 million's there that we don't believe that we'll need in the foreseeable future. This Bill would authorize the State of Illinois to use that money to put it into this fund that would be used for the training of people who lost their jobs because of foreign competition. It would also say that when the State of Illinois and the Department of Employment Security collects penalties and interest from businesses, that that money would then go into

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this bond fund so that in the end that would all be repaid. So, it's really an effort to find a way to avoid any additional penalties or sanctions by the Federal Government. It's a way that ensures that we can have the money available but it will not hurt the unemployment fund or anyone at all. I'd be happy to answer any questions and I'd ask for your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hannig has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 490. And on that Motion, are there any... is there any discussion? Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman yields."

Black: "Representative, I look to you for guidance on appropriation matters. What is the State of Illinois... can you in plain language tell me what is the State of Illinois Master Bond Fund?"

Hannig: "Yeah, that... that's the... a fund that we had created a few years ago when the unemployment fund was low. Business and labor came together and they agreed that we should sell some bonds, we should ensure that the balance in that Unemployment Trust Fund would be a high enough... at a high enough level that we could... that we could make the payments. Now..."

Black: "So the word 'bond'... so that there's no confusion, the money in this fund could not be used then to fund outstanding capital projects?"

Hannig: "No, Representative, that's not at all what it is for."

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Black: "Okay. All right. When did this... when did this discrepancy come to light? This obvious disagreement between the Federal Government and the State of Illinois?"

Hannig: "Representative, I'm not certain of the exact date, but it... but it only came to us in the last few days. But obviously, there's been an agreement made between the State and the Federal Government and if we do not deposit this money, the 7 million, into the fund by the end of the calendar year we would... what we would face additional sanctions and penalties."

Black: "Would it be safe to say that we might be able to delay payment to Medicaid providers but you don't delay payment to Uncle Sam?"

Hannig: "I don't think we delay payment to Uncle Sam under any circumstances. You or I or the State of Illinois."

Black: "Thank you very much, Representative. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, to the Bill. The first I had heard of this problem was in today's Springfield Journal-Register (sic-State Journal-Register). And my golly, in a matter of hours we are addressing the problem. The power of the press never ceases to amaze me. But the real issue... and I'm not... I'm not taking it out on Representative Hannig. I'm not taking it out on Representative Lang, the Speaker at this particular point in time. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll read the newspaper article and you read Amendment you come back to what some of us have been saying and some of you on that side of the aisle have been saying privately for some months, what's going on in State Government? Who is running the ship of

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state? We shouldn't have to pay this back. We should... we should be able to use this money for the purpose to which it was intended. There's nothing more important than someone who's been laid off because of offshore competition than the Trade Readjustment Act. I've had hundreds... I wish I didn't, but I've had hundreds of workers in my district who have gone back to school and gotten extended unemployment benefits because they have lost their job do to unfair offshore competition. It's extremely important to people who've lost their job, that being the Trade Readjustment Act. And here today we discover that we have not administered the program to federal standards, we did not file proper paperwork in a timely fashion. So instead of being able to use the money to benefit those people who have been unfairly laid off because of offshore competition, instead of being able to use that money for that purpose we now have to pay it back to the Federal Government because no one is paying attention to the business of running this state. And my question to all of us, if the Govern wo... if the Governor won't govern then it's time to hold him accountable. I don't know why we don't substitute Motion this Bill and make him pay the \$7 million because he's the ultimate responsible party. Let him take it out of his campaign fund. We could then use the \$7 million to help workers unfairly targeted by offshore competition instead of having to now use this money and pay it back to the Federal Government because of incompetence. He should've been given a training wage 4 years ago. And I wonder if any of you would've voted to let him have his full wage because 4 years

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later he's still in training. We still make mistakes and we still have to pay our hard earned dollars back to the Federal Government, because whatever you want to call it, it's incompetence. No one is running the ship of state. The time for campaigning is over. Move to Springfield, roll up your sleeves, work with the General Assembly. Quit trying to govern this state by press release. Because Uncle Sam has told you today, we aren't accepting your press release. We'll accept a check for \$7.7 million. Well, congratulations, Governor. I should paraphrase a remark that I have permanently written and attached to my desk with scotch tape, but I will give attribution to Steve Brown. I think it was a brilliant statement. I won't repeat it, I don't wanna... I don't wanna embarrass the man. But it's time to figure out... Governor, your training stage is over. You're about to embark on your second term as Governor of one of the largest states in the United States. It is time you assumed that office and it is time you assumed the responsibility of governing. You can't hide behind press releases on this one. You got caught, you got stuck, and you cost us money we shouldn't have to pay back. And if you wanna set things right with the taxpayer, pay it outta your campaign fund. The days of your TV commercials are over. Shame on you. This shouldn't have to happen."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "I don't know. Some of our Members wanted to know if Steve Brown can answer a question because his name was used in debate, but I won't go there. Representative Hannig..."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman will yield."

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Mulligan: "Thank you. I... I have a few questions. I brought this Bill up during the minimum wage discussion, only I didn't mention you by name and I didn't mention the Bill. But I find it extremely interesting... and although it's always hard to follow Representative Black, I think we need to ask some questions. First of all, in the newspaper article it states that the state got 52 million between October 2003 and November 2005 for a program intended to train unemployed workers and help them find new jobs after losing their positions to foreign competition. Could you tell me what agency received those funds?"

Hannig: "Well, Representative, the agency that we're talking about in this Bill is the Illinois Department of Employment Security."

Mulligan: "Did that go through the Workforce Investment Board or did that just... is that just separate funding that we received?"

Hannig: "Representative, I'm not certain how the money flowed to the State of Illinois."

Mulligan: "During that time the Governor also originally, when he came in, cut back on programs for retraining, particularly the private ones. The state ones, which have proven not to be as effective compared to private ones, were... we had this discussion when we discussed the budget in those years that the Governor cut back on those funds. Yet, it appears that they took \$52 million from the Federal Government for job training and didn't administer it correctly. My understanding about this 7.7 million that we have to suddenly pay back before the end of the year is that

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this is a settlement, this is not the amount that actually was misspent but this is a settlement with the Federal Government, and if we don't pay it back..."

Hannig: "So... so... often is the case, Representative, there was a... there's a dispute that exists. The Federal Government says they think we owe some money, we say we don't think we owe some money. There's an agreement that's made and we agree that we would put \$7 million back into the fund... into the fund to train people by the end of the year. So, that was the agreement that was reached."

Mulligan: "So we're not giving it back to the Federal Government, we're giving 7.7 million back to job training?"

Hannig: "We're putting it into the fund where the Federal Government would say we overspent and where we would say we don't believe we did but we'll settle for \$7 million."

Mulligan: "All right. Well, 7.7 is not 7."

Hannig: "Okay, 7.7."

Mulligan: "It's almost 8."

Hannig: "Okay."

Mulligan: "And that's how the Governor usually does accounting, but it's not usually how you do accounting."

Hannig: "We need... we need the authority by this Bill for the additional 7 million."

Mulligan: "All right. So, if we do not pay it back by the end of December does that negate the agreement and we have to pay more or we have to pay into the Federal Government? What happens?"

Hannig: "So two things could happen if the feds say that we're in default with this agreement. One is that some businesses

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could lose their tax credits. And secondly, we could have to go back to some of these individuals who they would claim we overpaid and ask them to give the money back. So... so those are the options."

Mulligan: "Well, I would suggest that some of the Members look up this article in today's State Journal-Register. One of the comments was, 'The state approved payments for degrees in training programs that were redundant, at one time granting \$20 thousand for computer software training for a worker who already had college degrees in computer software and computer science.' It would be interesting to know who that person was. Also it would be interesting to know what the Governor's going to do to rectify job training in Illinois since he just raised the minimum wage. And it would also be interesting to request an audit on the Workforce Investment Board and the WIA funds we've gotten from the Federal Government. I would presume there might be a problem there, having served on that board for a while and watching what he did for it. So, I mean, in order to... we're kind of having our feet held to the fire. It's vote for it now or we may have a different amount that we have to pay. Is that correct?"

Hannig: "We could have some repercussions occurring to employees who have been laid off or to businesses in the State of Illinois."

Mulligan: "And what's this..."

Hannig: "I don't... I don't disagree with what you said about wanting to get to the bottom of it, Representative."

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Mulligan: "No, I think it just falls for you to have to rectify their mistakes."

Hannig: "Well, Representative..."

Mulligan: "And unfortunately, it's a Governor from your Party so you find yourself out there having... although those of us on our side don't usually get too much say on the budget, you have find yourself in the tough position of standing up and passing this."

Hannig: "Well, Representative, we're looking at a time frame where we're only in Veto Sessions typically for six days and we... we need to address this issue before we adjourn. And that's... that's really, ya know, so that we can talk all we want to about whether the Governor's responsible or irresponsible, but will we be responsible and do what we need to do, which is..."

Mulligan: "And so, Representative, when approximately did someone from either the Governor's Office or the Department of Employment Security apprise you of the fact that obviously they'd been audited, which takes a while, and obviously they struck a deal, which takes a while, and obviously they have to pay money, and now we're doing it at the tenth hour?"

Hannig: "Well, Representative, I mean, I don't think this... we were only Session for this week and two weeks ago. So..."

Mulligan: "I understand that, but they must've known about it for a little while."

Hannig: "Yeah, I think they made the first payment back in the summertime when... the money that they did scrape together."

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Mulligan: "I see. Well, they scrape money together in some odd ways. You never know. It's really interesting though. What fiscal year is this going to be attributed to? This fiscal year or is it gonna be..."

Hannig: "Well, Representative, they would... they would make... they would deposit the money in the fund before the end of this calendar year, before the end of this year, and then it would be repaid by the agency in the next 5 years."

Mulligan: "Are employers going to be asked to pay any more into the Unemployment Fund because of this?"

Hannig: "Not because of this, but there could be sanctions on employers if we don't act on this Bill."

Mulligan: "So the government's agencies mismanagement of federal funds would penalize business and employers in Illinois. Is that what you're telling us?"

Hannig: "I'm saying that potentially if the state doesn't act to rectify the problem the Federal Government will... will get the money out of the hides of businesses and citizens, people who are laid off."

Mulligan: "I don't think it's the Federal Government. I think that's a misstatement. The Federal Government may be getting it but it's because the Governor's agency misapplied the money to certain people that weren't entitled to it. So I don't think that's the way we're looking at this."

Hannig: "Well, I'm just saying that the..."

Mulligan: "You're looking at it entirely different."

Hannig: "The choices that we have are that we can do this Bill, as much as we maybe don't like to, and... and rectify and ratify the settlement with the Federal Government or we can

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do nothing and then we can allow the Federal Government to do what they feel they need to do in order to make the situation... to get the money that they feel needs to go back into this fund. So..."

Mulligan: "I think that what I'm going to ask our staff to do is to request both an audit and the paperwork behind this. I'm sure it will take heaven and Earth moved in order for us to get it because they're not usually forthcoming with these things, but I'd like a list of the businesses this was misapplied to. Because who are they and who are the people that got money that they weren't entitled to and why didn't they do it and why did Employment Security give it to them? I think these are questions that our great person that sticks up for the low-income person in Illinois should answer, the Governor and his agencies, because I think this is really very interesting. And I think the fact that they've covered it up until now is very interesting. And I think the people that have constituents in their communities that need this job training, legitimately need it, should be asking these questions, not just us. Because where did that money go to and how much really was misappropriated that we're just settling for \$7.7 million? Is JCAR going to have to vote on anything that's going to raise any fees or do anything to cover the money that's being taken out of that? Because \$7 million taken out of a fund and moved around that was misappropriated has to be paid back somehow. How do we pay this back?"

Hannig: "So what the agency has suggested is that the money that they collect from... from businesses who pay their

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unemployment taxes late or the interests that they collect, that they would use that revenue stream to pay this fund up, to put the money back into the bond fund. But the Federal Government... and that'll take about 5 years. But the Federal Government says we need to put this money back by the end of the year. So, we developed... the agency has developed this mechanism to satisfy the Federal Government before the end of the calendar year."

Mulligan: "Well, I guess it's very interesting 'cause it was proven in this last election that people don't really read the newspapers. What they do is they listen to commercials. And I suppose if the Governor takes some of his millions from his campaign fund and runs a commercial and says this never really happened people will really believe it. But quite frankly, I would think we need a few more audits, not that he hasn't messed up a lot of audits already, but when you take job training dollars and you misappropriate them and you... and then you turn around and you say that their the minimum wage for the poor guy, I think you're not telling the truth. I think you're really stretching the truth a whole lot and that your agencies are run inefficiently. And I'd like to know what businesses that weren't entitled to this money received it, and I think that we will request that and if we don't get it then I think we'll FOIA it, because I think this is a real interesting list of people. I know it's difficult for you to stand up and do this and you probably were told at the last minute. But I will tell you, in the coming year we better have longer appropriation hearings and we better have some good answers because this

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is a really interesting, and I use that word as... because I could think of some less appropriate words to use, that you're suddenly being called on to come up with a settlement of \$7.7 million, or otherwise we have to pay more. And I'd like to know what businesses got this money or what people got this money because it appears from the State Journal-Register that some of this money went to individuals. Who are they? Who were they? What favored person gave money to this contribution to get these? And why are we screwing around with not getting the federal funds? We don't get enough federal funds back in Illinois. My feeling is this was totally misappropriation of money and this guy does not know what he's doing, his agencies do not seem to work efficiently, and something better be done before we start voting on another budget."

Speaker Lang: "Further discussion? Seeing none, Representative Hannig to close."

Hannig: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. The simple truth is that we don't have a lot of options before us as we come to the end of this calendar year. The Federal Government and the State of Illinois, after a dispute, have come to a resolution which requires that we put \$7.7 million into a fund to train people who lose their job. We put 700 thousand in it. We need 7 million more. Most of us who've been around the process awhile know there isn't, ya know, \$7 million laying around in too many places. So this is the mechanism where we can deal with the... and ratify the arrangement that we made with the Federal Government where we can keep the problem from getting any

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worse. So we can criticize the Governor I suppose if that what's you feel you need to do to vote for this Bill, but don't make things worse by voting against the Bill. I'd ask for your 'yes' vote and I... and I pledge to work with you in the future. So, please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lang: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor shall vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Bassi votes 'no'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Bellock passes. Berrios. Berrios. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Black."

Black: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Black passes. Boland."

Boland: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost."

Bost: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Bost votes 'no'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."

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Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Brady votes 'no'. Brauer."

Brauer: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Brauer votes 'no'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke. Burke. Chapa
LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Chapa LaVia votes 'no'. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Churchill votes 'no'. Collins."

Collins: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin. Colvin. Coulson.
Coulson."

Coulson: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Coulson votes 'no'. Cross. Cross. Cultra."

Cultra: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Cultra passes. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels."

Daniels: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Daniels votes 'no'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Bolin: "Monique Davis votes 'yes'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Bolin: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Delgado. Delgado.
Dugan."

Dugan: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunkin. Dunkin. Dunn."

Dunn: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Dunn votes 'no'. Durkin."

Durkin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Durkin passes. Eddy."

Eddy: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Eddy passes. Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz. Flider."

Flider: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Flider passes. Flowers. Flowers. Franks."

Franks: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Franks votes 'no'. Fritchey. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Fritchey passes. Fritchey votes 'aye'.
Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."

Golar: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

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Granberg: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos. Hamos. Hannig."

Hannig: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert. Hassert. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren."

Hultgren: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Hultgren votes 'no'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jefferson votes 'no'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Jenisch votes 'no'. Joyce."

Joyce: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."

Kelly: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Kosel votes 'no'. Krause."

Krause: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Krause votes 'no'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch. Leitch. Lindner."

Lindner: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Lindner votes 'no'. Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Mathias votes 'no'. Mautino."

Mautino: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Mautino passes. Mautino votes 'aye'. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon. McKeon. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer."

Meyer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Meyer votes 'no'. Miller."

Miller: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Bill Mitchell votes 'no'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Jerry Mitchell passes. Moffitt. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Moffitt passes. Molaro."

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Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Mulligan votes 'no'. Munson."

Munson: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Munson votes 'aye'. Myers."

Myers: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Myers votes 'no'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Osmond votes 'no'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "Pass."

Clerk Bolin: "Parke passes. Phelps."

Phelps: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Bolin: "Pihos votes 'no'. Poe."

Poe: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Poe votes 'no'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Pritchard votes 'no'. Ramey."

Ramey: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Ramey votes 'no'. Reis."

Reis: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Reis votes 'no'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

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Clerk Bolin: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."
Rita: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."
Rose: "No."
Clerk Bolin: "Rose votes 'no'. Ryg."
Ryg: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."
Sacia: "Pass."
Clerk Bolin: "Sacia passes. Saviano. Saviano. Schmitz."
Schmitz: "No."
Clerk Bolin: "Schmitz votes 'no'. Schock."
Schock: "No."
Clerk Bolin: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully."
Scully: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."
Smith: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."
Sommer: "No."
Clerk Bolin: "Sommer votes 'no'. Soto."
Soto: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."
Stephens: "No."
Clerk Bolin: "Stephens votes 'no'. Sullivan."
Sullivan: "Pass."
Clerk Bolin: "Sullivan passes. Tracy."
Tracy: "No. No."
Clerk Bolin: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon."
Tryon: "No."
Clerk Bolin: "Tryon votes 'no'. Turner."

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Turner: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."
Verschoore: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."
Wait: "No."
Clerk Bolin: "Wait votes 'no'. Washington."
Washington: "Yes."
Clerk Bolin: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."
Watson: "No."
Clerk Bolin: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters."
Winters: "No."
Clerk Bolin: "Winters votes 'no'. Yarbrough."
Yarbrough: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."
Younge: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."
Mr. Speaker: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Bolin: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Bellock."
Bellock: "No."
Clerk Bolin: "Bellock votes 'no'. Berrios."
Berrios: "Aye."
Clerk Bolin: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Black."
Black: "Inquiry of the Chair. Inquiry of the Chair."
Speaker Lang: "Mr. Black. We are still in the middle of a Roll
Call, Mr. Black."
Black: "I just got my Medicare card. Show a little respect,
will you please? I'm using trifocals now. Inquiry of the
Chair."
Speaker Lang: "State your inquiry."

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Black: "This has an immediate effective date?"

Speaker Lang: "This Bill has an immediate effective date."

Black: "The parliamentarian does not agree with my interpretation of the rules. I did not think you could put a Bill on Postponed Consideration at this particular point in the biennial session, but the parliamentarian does not agree and has showed me in the rules that you can. How many votes does this take to put on Postponed Consideration?"

Speaker Lang: "Forty-seven, Sir."

Black: "Forty-seven? Then I vote 'no'."

Clerk Bolin: "Black votes 'no'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Burke votes 'aye'. Colvin. Colvin. Cross."

Cross: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Cross votes 'no'. Cultra."

Cultra: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Cultra votes 'no'. Delgado. Delgado. Dunkin.
Dunkin. Durkin."

Durkin: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Durkin votes 'no'. Eddy."

Eddy: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Eddy votes 'no'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."

Flider: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Flider votes 'aye'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Hamos. Hamos. Hassert.
Hassert. Leitch."

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Leitch: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Leitch votes 'no'. McKeon."

McKeon: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'no'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Moffitt votes 'no'. Parke."

Parke: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Parke votes 'no'. Sacia."

Sacia: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Sacia votes 'no'. Saviano. Saviano. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Sullivan votes 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Hamos. Mr. Clerk, Representative
Hamos."

Clerk Bolin: "Hamos."

Hamos: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Hamos votes 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, Representative Delgado."

Clerk Bolin: "Delgado votes 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Beaubien changes his vote to 'no'.
I'll get you all. Remain calm."

Clerk Bolin: "Beaubien votes 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Who else? Representative Dunkin votes 'aye'."

Clerk Bolin: "Dunkin votes 'aye'."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Munson changes her vote to 'no'.
Representative Biggins..."

Clerk Bolin: "Munson votes 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "...changes his vote to 'no'."

Clerk Bolin: "Biggins votes 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Are there further changes? Representative
Jefferson changes his vote to 'aye'. Representative Chapa
LaVia changes her vote to 'aye'. Representative Colvin
votes 'aye'. Are there further changes? There are 65
voting 'yes' and 50 voting 'no'. And the Chair recognizes
Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you put this on
Postponed Consideration?"

Speaker Lang: "The Bill shall be put on Postponed Consideration.
Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Senate Bill 2300?"

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2300, a Bill for an Act concerning
revenue. The Bill has been read a second time, previously.
Amendment #1 was adopted in committee."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hannig in the Chair."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3... Floor Amendment #3 has been
approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang on Amendment #3."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. Amendment
#3 is a technical Amendment. I move passage."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor
Amendment #3. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The
'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any
further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2300, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, I think we all know what this Bill is and does. We've talked about it for a long time. For those that don't remember the background, 3 years ago the General Assembly passed and the Governor signed a Bill to deal with dramatically escalating property taxes, particularly in Cook County. To do this, we passed a Bill that put a 7 percent cap on the taxable portion of assessed valuation increases. This has had significant impact on many areas, particularly of Cook County. In my district, my homeowners have saved in the last 3 years thousands of dollars on the average in property taxes. This Bill would renew that. The original Bill had a limit of \$60 thousand in exemptions... the original Bill that we... that was on the floor previously had a limit... with the 7 percent would have a maximum limit of \$60 thousand. The Amendment we added to the Bill in committee takes it back to 20 thousand, which was the amount under the current law. So this Bill is basically the same as the current law other than the fact that it allows for notice to taxpayers as to whether the impact of this Bill is a positive for them or a negative for them. Ladies and Gentlemen, in my district this is a must. Without this Bill, real estate taxes in my district may go up 30 percent. There are others in this room who face that same issue. When we last voted on this Bill many of you voted against it simply because it didn't

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impact you. Some of my friends from downstate Illinois said, 'Well, it doesn't impact me. Let me avoid this Bill altogether.' But that was a cynical approach, frankly. It ignores the fact that we have a title of 'State Representative'. We represent everyone in the state. And if there's no harm to your constituents why not help others who can get harm... or who can get help from it? This is an opt-in Bill. Your county can be in the Bill or not be in the Bill. There's no harm to your county if they are not in the Bill. It does not affect your taxpayers if you... if your county is not in the Bill. All we're trying to do here is take care of some of the sticker shock that accompanies huge and rising property tax assessments. Well, for those who say, 'Well, watch out. There's a shift here to business,' and the truth is there is a small shift to business, but a couple of things need to be said about it first. If this Bill were to pass, business would pay a little more than they might have without it, but they're going to get a tax cut with this Bill, according to the Civic Center Federation, the tax cut that businesses will get will be less. But without this Bill the homeowners and the property owners in my district and many of yours will have dramatically higher income taxes. So we're comparing dramatically higher in... I'm sorry, property taxes. So we're comparing dramatically higher property taxes for some, to others who will get a smaller cut. Over the last 20 years the share of the full property tax burden in my county, Cook County, has skewed dramatically. It used to be pretty even between business owners and residential owners, but over the

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last few years this line has crossed and now every year a higher and higher share of the property tax burden in my county is paid by residential taxpayers and a lower and lower portion of that total tax bite is paid by businesses. We all recognize that businesses have to flourish, but we cannot continue in my district and many of yours to sit idly by and watch homeowners, particularly seniors, have to sell their homes because they can't pay their property taxes. Something needs to be done about it. This Bill will accomplish at least a small step toward helping. If we do not pass this Bill and property taxes are allowed to rise precipitously, they will; and in my district we'll see 20 and 30 percent property tax increases. Please help the constituents in my district, at no harm to the constituents in your district, by voting for this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2300. And on that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Sullivan."

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

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

Sullivan: "Representative, I know we have debated this quite often, but I do have a couple questions to refresh everyone's memory. You said that your... people in your neighborhood saved upwards of thousands of dollars. Where'd that money go? I guess more to the point, is this a savings or did the total tax burden go down throughout the district?"

Lang: "Well, you know the answer to that question, Representative. The answer is 'no', the total tax burden

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did not go down. But the residential taxpayers in my district saved considerable sums of money over the last 3 years. And yes, there is a shift to business, but the most recent report of the Civic Federation, who I think we all believe is a fair-minded body, has indicated that without this Bill businesses will get a tax cut and with this Bill businesses will get a tax cut."

Sullivan: "Would the tax cut be greater or lesser with this Bill?"

Lang: "Again, Representative, you know the answer to that question. The tax cut will be less for businesses if we pass this Bill."

Sullivan: "Okay."

Lang: "But if we fail the tax... pass this Bill or if we pass this Bill homeowners are gonna have higher taxes to pay."

Sullivan: "Well, let's for a minute go away from businesses and... and such. What happens to a senior citizen on a senior freeze? Do they pay more or less taxes under this Bill?"

Lang: "In a similar way to businesses, their tax bill will go down, but not quite as much, Sir."

Sullivan: "So this Bill will actually lower the... the taxes on a senior freeze program?"

Lang: "No, it does not lower the taxes on the freeze."

Sullivan: "So they will actually pay more taxes... senior citizens under the senior freeze program that are eligible will pay more taxes under this Bill than they otherwise would have."

Lang: "Slightly more. That's correct, Sir."

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Sullivan: "What about renters? Someone that rents... a building that is above five units, would they pay more or less property taxes than otherwise they would have?"

Lang: "Are you talking about renters who have leases that are tied into property taxes?"

Sullivan: "Yes."

Lang: "If there is such a lease, I presume that a landlord might raise their rent to cover those taxes. But let's..."

Sullivan: "What happens..."

Lang: "...but let me rephra... let me answer again by saying that commercial property taxpayers, because of the smaller... dramatically smaller increases in their assessed valuations are going to find that in many cases they have cuts. And so, what we're gonna have are smaller cuts."

Sullivan: "Representative, if a school district... Okay, sorry, Representative. I had a bad battery there. If a school district is already at their maximum tax rate, and we now know that this Bill will force tax rates higher, what happens if they're at their maximum tax rate? Can they recoup those dollars or are those dollars lost to schools?"

Lang: "First, let me correct you by saying that in Cook County the tax rate is continuing to go down, it's not going to go up."

Sullivan: "But the tax rate is higher than it otherwise would have been. So, the possibility does exist because in committee one of the people that work for the schools had indicated that they are already at their maximum tax rate and that this Bill will force them to lose money. What about... well, you know, the other thing is you've made this

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permissive, so another county can opt-in to this where their tax rates are not going down. Most tax rates throughout the state are going up. So, in a general question, what happens if you cannot go beyond your maximum allowable tax rate? Would a school lose... actually lose tax dollars in that case?"

Lang: "If a county chooses to do it, if it's a non-PTELL county, the answer to your question might be 'yes', but that would be the calculation that the county board would go into before they made the decision. So that wouldn't be a decision we would be making here, Representative. That's made on the local level."

Sullivan: "Okay. Than... thank you, Representative. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this Bill has been debated off and on for the last 3 years. It's really simple. We paid the University of Illinois over a hundred thousand dollars to do a study to come up with the winners and the losers and what this Bill does. Simply put, if you are not eligible for this exemption you are going to pay more in taxes. That includes farmers, that includes renters, that include seniors and quite honestly, and I know the Representative does not wanna say this, schools can lose money under this Bill. What the study that the University of Illinois did and showed is that people in poor communities where their appreciation of their homes are not going up, specifically the south side of Chicago, paid more in overall taxes. They had more losers on the south side under this Bill. Folks, we've all heard the story of Robin Hood. Under... the story of Robin Hood, they steal from the rich and give to the

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poor. Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a reverse Robin Hood by taxing the poor and giving it to the rich. If you want to vote for a tax increase on people that cannot afford it, vote for this Bill. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Fritchey: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I have spoken to most all of you at some point in time about this issue. I will tell you that there is not a distant second in priority to the people that live in my district to this issue. We can discuss the nuances of the tax law and the ramifications. There's arguments that are logical and valid on both sides of this. I have had countless people over the years literally come to my office in tears because they are gonna be forced out of their homes. The overwhelming, if not unanimous, support of this from Cook County is a given. I'd like to address my comments to those of you that don't live in Cook County. If you don't live in Cook County this legislation has no impact on you. There's nothing in this Bill that talks about Cook County. This legislation is opt-in. It gives a county the opportunity to avail themselves of this relief if they so choose. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you've been here long enough you have put forth legislation or supported legislation that's important to your district and to your residents and to your neighbors and you have asked us to help you. Many of you have come to me, you've come to my colleagues saying, 'John, this doesn't impact your district but it's very important to my district. Can you please help

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me?' In fact, since this Legislature met in this building originally, that's what men and women have come to do. They've come down here to advocate on behalf of their residents, on behalf of their constituents, on behalf of their voters for issues that are important to them. Those of you that don't live in Cook County, a 'no' vote here does not hurt the City of Chicago government. It doesn't hurt Cook County government officials. You are not striking back at anybody. A 'no' vote on this Bill is hurting homeowners, it's hurting residents, it's hurting families. On behalf of the Sponsor, on behalf of myself, on behalf of those Legislators that are in the affected area, we are asking you for a very simple thing. Give us the opportunity to empower our local government to take action that we believe will help our residents. You have come to us in the past asking the same thing of us. You are going to come to us in the future asking the same thing of us. You have often talked about local control and the concept of the people closest to the impact taking leadership and taking responsibility. If we enact this in Cook County, Cook County officials are going to have to stand before the voters and, for better or worse, accept responsibility for their action. And I will tell you that they will be met with overwhelming support by the voters in Cook County. Ladies and Gentlemen, forget about property tax issues. Think about in terms of local controlling. Think about this in terms of fairness. Give us the opportunity to do what we think we need to do for our homeowners, for our residents. This doesn't impact you. Please keep this in mind for the times that we've been there

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for you in the past. Please keep this in mind for the times when you are going to come to us in the future for help in your backyard. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield for a couple questions?"

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Eddy: "Representative Lang, a couple of quick questions regarding the impact on schools. First of all... and the previous speaker did allude to the fact that this is an opt-in, which I understand. It is an opt-in. And in a way it directly affects taxpayers in the area you opt in, but in another way it affects everyone because as we impose these caps in areas where there... the school districts are dependent on the foundation level. In those areas where school districts are dependent on the foundation level the need for additional general state aid increases because those districts are not accessing the amount of local taxes they can because they are in some way limited in doing so. So, I guess my point is, it is a local option but it is a statewide issue because it's necessary to generate additional dollars at the state level to replace what would have been generated locally had we allowed that levy process to take place."

Lang: "Was that a question?"

Eddy: "I mean, do you understand it that way? Do you understand that... that the formula that we have for schools is an equalizing formula that as you cannot access local EAV the formula replaces those dollars? So while the argument is

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true that this is an opt-in, it affects everyone. There is less money available for special education. There's less money available for other types of programs that we'd like to fund because more general state aid is necessary to put into the formula."

Lang: "So as you know, Representative, there's a hold harmless in the state aid formula for GSA. And because of that, if this causes those kinds of shifts, it's going to be made up."

Eddy: "Exactly. You made my point. It's made up with revenue that otherwise would have been created locally through the natural increase in the EAV. And I'm not saying we don't need to do something about it. We need to do something about this. There's absolutely no question. The previous speaker that mentioned that this is the number one issue in his district, this is an issue that we have ignored too long. We've put Band-Aids on it. We've tried to come up with solutions and every time we try a solution like this we cause a gusher somewhere else. It's the... it's the money... it's the pot of money we need to educate our children that's being affected. And I would only... I would only state that in two ways this is negative towards school funding. First of all, because you can't access that money on the front end. And on the back end, when it comes to the amount that you receive in general state aid, that pot is gonna be less because we're not accessing the amount that we could through the levy process on the front end. We need reform. We need real reform. We need it now. You're not wrong, but this is the wrong solution. In my point of view, if you're

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interested in school funding reform and doing more for our schools, we need to force the issue, and the way to force the issue is to reveal the flaws in the formula. We need to reveal the flaws in the system, not continue to find these fixes. All due respect to what you're trying to do, I understand it. I know the urgency of the situation for you, but this is not the right fix. I'd urge a 'no' vote and I wanna work hard next spring on a real solution to this problem and not another Band-Aid that falls off. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Krause."

Krause: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I rise in strong support of Senate Bill 2300. I think that the Sponsor has laid out very well what is at issue here, what is in the Bill, the fact that we have had this discussion, and certainly we've had this discussion in the Revenue Committee with a number of hearings. And I think it has been also stated by those who've risen in support of this Bill that it is discretionary. And for the hundred and two counties in the State of Illinois, they can determine, just as we decided on the cigarette tax, that they are the boards... the county boards can determine if they wish to act. It is within their power. But for those of us in Cook County, this Bill takes on a very big importance and has a relevance to all of us. For those of us in northwest suburban Cook County... the Civic Federation letter, which was given to those Members of us on the Revenue Committee, state that with the 20 thousand exemption level, which is what is contained in this Bill, without the cap in northwest

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suburban Cook County we will see a 24.3 percent increase. The letter from the Civic Federation goes on and states that with the 20 thousand exemption, if the Cook County board acted, in fact there comes a much lower increase. As was pointed out by the Sponsor, the commercial properties in Chicago are estimated to see a medium tax cut of 4 percent, even if the 7 percent cap is continued in its current form. And it further says that the effect of the 7 percent on the vast majority of taxpayers with a senior freeze has been simply to reduce their tax cut. I am sensitive to all the discussion that has been made, but I think it has been pointed out that indeed for those in Cook County, without affecting other counties that choose not to enter or to opt-in to it, that this legislation is needed. And I join with others in urging a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Scully."

Scully: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in strong opposition to this Bill. Several speakers have already spoken to the issue that this is functionally a reverse Robin Hood Bill. It is forcing the people whose properties didn't go up in high value to provide tax relief to the people whose property went up substantially in value. Several minutes ago Representative Fritchey made the statement that he is confident that there is unanimous support in Cook County for this Bill. I strongly disagree with that statement and I have had certain disregards. South suburban Cook County. Well, pretend that south suburban Cook County doesn't exist. And in speaking within the past couple of minutes to the other Legislators from

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south suburban Cook County, we are very much aware of what this Bill does. This Bill shifts the real estate tax burden to south suburban Cook County. This Bill depresses the overall assessed valuation for a taxing district. This Bill forces each of those taxing districts to charge a higher tax rate. That higher tax rate is then passed on to all of the taxpayers, including taxpayers like me whose property didn't go up by 7 percent last year. Six months ago I rose in strong opposition to this Bill. I said that this Bill is not even a Band-Aid, it is a shot of morphine. The tax system is still very sick. This merely deadens the pain. I ask you for your support again to oppose this Bill, to strike down this Bill, and to work with the other Legislators, like Representative Eddy, like Representative Sullivan, like Representative Miller, and like Representative Lang, for a true rural state tax reform. I ask you to oppose this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Thank you. Would the Sponsor yield for a couple of quick questions?"

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

Lang: "Of course."

Froehlich: "Representative Lang, do I stand... understand correctly? For people on the freeze in Cook County, if this Bill passes their taxes will still decline."

Lang: "That is correct."

Froehlich: "Okay. And would you agree with me that it's a little strange to say somebody's a loser if their taxes are gonna decline under this Bill?"

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Lang: "I think you're only going to say that if you're trying to spin this in a certain direction. People... business taxes will continue to decline under this Bill as well, just not quite as much as they might have. Compare and contrast that to homeowners in your district and in my district who are not on the freeze who are gonna be paying through the nose if this Bill does not pass."

Froehlich: "And is it true that tax rates will decline if this Bill passes in Cook County? Tax rates will still decline."

Lang: "Tax rates are going down in Cook County. Yes, Sir."

Froehlich: "Okay. To the Bill. Today we voted for a cigarette tax hike that DuPage County wanted greatly. We voted for a Bill and I voted for a Bill that our friends from Peoria needed. We voted for a Bill to help school districts in different parts of the state. I'm just asking, as Representative Fritchey did, now my colleagues outside of Cook County to show us the same kind of consideration that we did when I voted for the DuPage County cigarette tax, for the Peoria schools, and for the different school districts around the state. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we have now have had two personal pleas from residents of Cook County asking you to help them by voting 'yes'. Well, I stand up to join Representative Scully and ask as a personal plea, I don't really go for these things but this happens quite a bit in the chamber it seems, I'm asking as a personal plea to vote 'no' on this Bill. I think that the operations that become legal under this Bill,

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as I quoted the first time we debated this Bill 6 months ago and 3 years ago, allow homes that are worth more to pay less than other people, and I just think that is inherently unfair. There is a mechanism in this Bill because of the way the 7 percent moves up that your house could be worth more and you could pay less than your neighbor whose house is worth less, depending on where they start at the base rate in the beginning. I think Representative Eddy's comments about your school districts, especially those that are at their maximum taxing rate, are very, very important and we should all remember those. I really would just ask you, vote on the merits of this Bill. Do not vote on personal pleas from me or from anybody else. I hope I don't offend the other two Members by saying that, but look at the merits of the Bill and vote that way. I wanna tell ya, maybe I should vote 'present' because I had assessor of the lands people out in my office over the last summer and they explained to me that I was a loser under the Bill. Well, I know a lot of people in my neighborhood that are losers under the Bill. But on behalf of my wife and my family, I'm voting 'no'. I don't think it's the right thing to do. Property taxes, we do need to look at them. But this Bill is... I think it's truthfully just a charade. I don't know how you reduce assessments 7 percent and also you have a 35 percent increase. That doesn't seem to make sense to me algebraically. But I do want you to look at just the Bill itself, discard any personal pleas, vote on the merits and I think if you do that you'll be voting 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Osterman."

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Osterman: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I speak today not for myself as a homeowner with my wife, but for my constituents who wanna stay in my community. And unlike some characterizations about the wealth and the wealthy people that this Bill affects, this affects working class people, this affects senior citizens, this affects parents, this affects people that want to live in their communities. All of us have constituents and neighbors that are part of their church, part of their school. They raise their families in their homes. The people in the communities that I represent that are affected by these large increases, this is not the first time these assessments have gone up 50, 60, 70 percent. Many cycles have raised their property tax rates. These are Illinois residents, Illinois citizens, and they're here today and they're asking for your help. As the millions of people in our state that were affected by the minimum wage were watching the action of this Body earlier today on the minimum wage vote, I will tell you the people in Cook County, homeowners that have to make decisions this spring about selling their homes because they can't afford the high property tax bills, they look to us for leadership to help them stay in their homes. So while we solve the issue of education funding, which I wanna deal with, let's give these people the chance to stay in their homes until we take on that tough issue. I wanna put this in context a little bit for a constituent of mine. One of them was on the front page of the Sun-Times yesterday, a gentleman who owns a home with his family and he's got a \$2 thousand increase in his

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property tax bill. Another long-time resident who owns a two flat with her husband, their property tax bill is gonna go up \$5 thousand. With this legislation they're only gonna get a \$12 hundred break. They're still gonna have to pay that additional \$37 hundred, \$38 hundred additional in property taxes. They'll be paying 78 hundred to 8 thousand dollars in property taxes. Repre... people in Representative Fritchey and Lang's and many of our districts still will pay more with this assessment cycle, but we will get some break. Now, many people have said, well, why don't they want to sell their homes and take the profit? Where are they gonna go? The people in my community wanna stay in my community. They've been part of making it a great community. I ask you today to think about those Illinois residents that are watching our actions that need assistance to stay in their communities and stay in their homes. I ask you to support this legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Biggins."

Biggins: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First a question of the Chair, if I might."

Speaker Hannig: "State your question."

Biggins: "I'm listed as a cosponsor of the Bill that's up for debate right now, but I am not and I know that the slip has been filed to remove my name as a cosponsor. But I'd like my colleagues to know that I'm not in favor of this legislation and I'm going to speak against it. So I know they can't change the board but I wanted to make... bring that to your attention, if I might."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Biggins."

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Biggins: "The... I have a question of the Sponsor, Representative Lang. What is the position of the Cook County Assessor on this piece of legislation?"

Lang: "Cook County Assessor's Office was in support of the original Bill that had a \$60 thousand cap on the cap. And that was a piece of legislation that arguably some of the folks that have been opposed to the Bill when they talk about it's for the wealthy, arguably that was for more wealthy people. They are not so big on the Amendment that was added to this Bill to put a \$20 thousand cap on the cap only because they wanted to provide more relief not because they don't think relief needs to be provided."

Biggins: "So, you agree that the Cook County Assessor is in opposition to this Bill?"

Lang: "I agree only that the Cook County Assessor wanted a larger cap on the cap."

Biggins: "So since the Cook County Assessor was the originator of the 7 percent solution as he so labeled it and I supported it when it was first introduced, because I thought it had promise to it. I was glad to support that, but I'm taking a different position on this Bill because I think it's proven that it's not working. And let me tell ya some of the things about it that is not working. It's not an equitable piece of government assessment legislation. Assessments by law are supposed to be a certain level. In Cook County for residential properties it's 16 percent. But it's also supposed to be equitable and there are some townships that are assessed at 13 percent, 12, 11, 10, 9, et cetera. So, this Bill creates in Cook County a den of inequity on home...

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homes assessed valuations, but will distort valuations on... most favorably towards the people who have spoken first on this Bill this afternoon. People from wealthy districts, people that are in places in Cook County, and I represent part of Cook County, 40 percent of my district's there, and they have varying values there. But they... they want an assessment policy that is equitable, that doesn't favor people 'cause they happen to have more wealth than others, that doesn't take away an assessment exemption or devaluation downward because of the location of where they are. That's why we created the originally... the senior homestead exemption, the senior citizen homestead exemption of \$15 hundred that applied to all seniors, but everybody got the same. It's not now, we're creating somebody an exemption because they have wealthier homes. That's not... as the people that have spoken on this floor have so evidently revealed themselves from Cook County, the rich get richer and the others are looking for a tax policy that gives them a chance to compete more equitably and build up their neighborhoods as well and that's what tax policy should be. And while I'm not gonna support this Bill, joining my friend, the Cook County Assessor, who had a good idea and this has been a little bit of change in that idea and I'm not going to support this Bill today."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative McAuliffe."

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

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

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McAuliffe: "Representative Lang, if this Bill does not pass, how high can some of these taxing bodies or property tax values go up would you think?"

Lang: "Well, the Civic... Federation in their study would indicate that median property taxes in Chicago might go up as high 36 percent and... and many, many individuals substantially higher. In the north suburbs, we're talking about 25 to 30 percent and again, many much higher. And even in the south suburban areas, and you've heard a couple of... you've heard a couple of Representatives opposed to this Bill from that area, there will be substantial increases in property taxes. Whereas, the Civic Federation will tell you that even in those south suburban areas there would be a median decrease in property tax assessor... tax bite of maybe 3 to 5 percent even in those areas."

McAuliffe: "Thank you. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. This... last couple of months I was doing my door-to-door walking, I gathered over a thousand petitions for this tax cap. Before I even had a chance to say anything, all they talked about was, we need to keep the 7 percent tax cap. I have working-class families in my district: policemen, firemen, teachers... teachers, nurses. Some send their children to parochial schools, some send 'em to public schools. What they're trying to do is make ends meet, trying to save some money so their children will have money to go to college. And if we don't pass this Bill today as a Body what we're gonna do is we're gonna force these young families to either cut further or to take money out of their savings account that they're planning on to send their children on to college and have to

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pay their property taxes next August. Next year will be a very, very bad year for the people in the City of Chicago and Cook County that they have to dip further in their pockets or have to borrow money to pay their property taxes and also for seniors that are just a little bit above the senior citizen exemption, they make a little extra money. We tell everyone, save some money when you retire. Well, they may make a little bit more money that doesn't qualify them to go into the senior freeze program and I met these people face to face. And this is gonna be an undue burden on them. So, I ask all my colleagues throughout the whole state, whatever region yours at... you represent, please support this 7 percent tax cap 'cause it is needed and it is wanted. And I promised people in my district that I would fight on the House Floor for them. And thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Miller. Okay. Miller passes. Representative Mathias."

Mathias: "Three years ago, we heard these same arguments on both sides, both pro and con, for whether we should pass this Bill. We did pass it in the General Assembly and the result of our passing this Bill 3 years ago, taxes have been froze... assessments have been limited to the 7 percent per year. But they didn't go away. Those 7 percent are still out there, they were deferred for future... in the fact... for... into the future. If we fail to renew this Bill, it would've been worse than if we had not passed it in the first place because all of those deferred assessments will now be added back to people's tax bills and they will in effect, I think,

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be worse off than if had we not passed it. We did hear these arguments 3 years ago and we decided after hearing these arguments that this was a good idea and we passed it and it's the law and people have benefited over the last 3 years. Now, to reverse that would, I think, talking about equity that one of the former speakers talked about... about equity. I think that would be the most gross inequity is to make those people now suffer not only the normal increases in assessments in the future but also have to pay for the recaptured assessments that were deferred under the previous Bill. So, I strongly urge everyone here to think about that. We're not just starting at ground one, we've... this General Assembly took an action and now we're trying to reverse that action to the detriment of many people. And just like the other previous Representatives have talked about or some of them, I've also gone through my district and you know, it's... this is not a secret. The number one question that people ask me, what are you gonna do about property taxes? And when I explain to them that this Bill is going to expire, they've all urged me, you need to do something to make sure that this Bill continues on into the future. We're only asking, again, for another 3-year extension. Maybe during those 3 years more figures will develop, more studies will be done and we can determine what in effect is good or bad. And maybe some of these other... discussions will take place regarding school funding and then we can solve that issue. But in the meantime, we can't allow the people that have benefited over the last 3 years to suffer in the future because we don't extend an action

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that we ourselves took in this General Assembly. So I urge an 'aye' vote from my colleagues."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to this legislation as I did 3 years ago. And in listening to some of the... some of the discussions that we've had over the past 40 minutes here, I think a lot of our Members don't quite get the difference of the distinction between rising assessments and the tax rates themselves. When you start talking about numbers, we start losing some people. But in effect, as those assessments rise or the available wealth in that area rises, the tax rates will tend to fall. So, when we pass this Bill we actually held up the amount of tax rates artificially. It wasn't deferred, it was shifted. Someone always pays. In this case, we gave to some of the areas which had greater wealth or greater, faster growing property wealth and that came from 290 thousand residential property owners and businesses who are in slower growing areas. So please understand that. That's the reality of the Bill. That's what it does. Someone wins, someone loses. The U of I study showed this. Representative Sullivan, as a tax assessor, explained it very well. As the assessments grow, those rates will fall and they fell at a lesser rate in the City of Chicago because of the Bill that was passed. So please keep that in mind when you vote on this. There is a problem that's out there that we need to address. The University of Illinois came up with some suggestions after the issuing of the reports and maybe we oughta look at

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those. But for that reason, I rise in opposition to this Bill and I simply ask for a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have a... where's the Sponsor. There he is. It's so dark back there I can barely see you. Can you tell me what is the formula or the process that the Cook County Assessor uses to evaluate property such as a townhome, a condo, or a home?"

Lang: "In Cook County, the Cook County Assessor looks at every piece of property. In fact, they have a website now where they have a picture of every piece of property and they try very hard to get uniformity and of course, it's not perfect."

Dunkin: "Sure, but what is the formula? They use a... an algorism? Do they use some form of mathematical equation that's regressive, that is what? What is his specific mathematical science to assess us? If anyone knows here, because I'm trying to figure out what his method is in assessing property."

Lang: "Well, firstly, with all due respect, that question's a little beyond this Bill but I'll do my best to answer it. They use sales prices and comparables. And so, if you were contesting your assessment, you would do comparables. And so, if you... there are two houses like yours on either side of you that are exactly the same, we would expect all three homes to be assessed the same."

Dunkin: "Is it arbitrary? Is it artificial or how is he coming... In other words, I mean, we've heard the arguments for the last several years here. I supported the original Bill. I

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voted against it or at least I was present in the last Session. I'm trying to figure out the best panacea. If... if this is the answer here in Springfield with us putting a property tax cap where there are some inherent problems, because it's not... it's not an equalized assess... assessment of all the properties. In other words, everyone is not getting hit the same or being evaluated the same. But I'm still confused after all these years of this particular subject and being down here, what mathematical assessment formula that is applied when the assessor makes decisions on what houses are gonna be at what assessed... new assessed value."

Lang: "Much of it is done by value, much of it is done by comparing it to other houses that have sold of similar value and of similar size in a similar neighborhood."

Dunkin: "Another question. As a result of the rapidly increase in market values in the open market, what has the assessor done to show sensitivity to those who continue to live in quickly gentrifying neighborhoods?"

Lang: "Well, this is more of a question for the assessor. But this is... this, Representative, with all due respect, is not a forum to discuss the work of the Cook County Assessor. I suggest you make an appointment with him and go see him. I'm not here to discuss the work of the Cook County Assessor, because no matter what formula he uses, no matter what system he uses, good, bad, indifferent, right, or wrong, it is an absolute fact that there are wildly, geometrically increasing property tax assessments all over Cook County."

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Dunkin: "Here's another question. And I will make an appointment to see him."

Lang: "I'm sure he'll be happy to see you, Sir."

Dunkin: "I wish I would've seen him before this piece of legislation because in my area I'm having a very, very difficult time understanding or at least articulating myself, even individuals who are... some individuals from the property tax appeals board and understanding that assessment formula. And I guess, if we pass this measure here and the Governor signs it et cetera, is this a Band-Aid approach or is this really gonna stop or give some type of understanding... depth of understanding to how or if it's even... how the assessor's assessing values and one, how he's doing it? And more importantly, what's the equal approach across the board in Cook County of sharing the burden? Given that, I... some of us here in this building are not strong enough to vote for a property tax increase... excuse me, a tax increase or make other decisions... to make other decisions constitutionally that can change the way we fund education for example."

Lang: "Representative, I completely agree that we need a bigger and better approach. But this is the approach that's on the table today. And furthermore and more important, this is the current law of the State of Illinois. Your tax... property taxpayers are living with this law today. And if we allow this to expire and not renew it, your property taxpayers will be hurt. I can't state it any more simply than that."

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Dunkin: "It is the current law, you're correct. Our renters, our businesses, some of the individuals who are in some of these... these affordable or Section 8 type mixed income co-ops, how are they impacted by such a measure? Because some of the studies... I'm not sure, I don't know every finite detail of every single study. I guess what I'm trying to figure out because I'm getting both arms. I'm getting the push back on both ends of this spectrum here, but no one's able to give me a concrete or finite answer on the way of assessments and how they're placed. And quite frankly, I was under the impression that the assessor was gonna do the heavy lifting on the way in which he assesses values or at least give us some clarity on the formula that he's utilizing to make such decisions."

Lang: "Well, as far as I am aware the Cook County Assessor is open and available five days a week and sometimes on Saturday morning. So, my suggestion is you go see him, Representative. But whether you see him or you don't, the question we all must ask ourselves is, what impact does the failure to pass this Bill have to John Doe and his wife and his three kids in our communities? And if you can truly answer that it won't have a negative impact on them then you'll have one vote. But if you can't answer that, if you do not think that they can afford to have us not renew this then you'll have a different answer."

Dunkin: "I would like to know once we extend this assessment... property tax... or excuse me, this cap, will there be due diligence from the assessor's office, from us as state-elected officials, some of the experts in particular, some

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of the Sponsors made on this Bill to come up with a more fair way in which we assess property values across Cook County, especially in some of the hot areas and.. or are we gonna be back here asking for another extension of a Band-Aid approach towards such a measure of an artificial, some would say, or an arbitrary, some would say, way in which we assess values? Do you have an answer of that?"

Lang: "I can't answer for the Cook County Assessor. In fact, there are a hundred and one other county assessors; I can't answer for them either. All I know is, Representative, is what's before us. We have a law in place and if that law is allowed to disappear, the people in my district are gonna get very badly hurt. And I would say that quite a few people in your district are going to get very badly hurt as well."

Dunkin: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "We've got two more speakers and the Chair would suggest that after that we would just go to the Roll Call then. So, Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong support of this Bill and I would like reflect back on some comments that some... Representative up from the northwest side of Chicago and from the Representative who represents Buffalo Grove in Cook County said about how this piece of legislation is really not about rich people. There's been someone walking around saying, oh, this is going to help the rich people in your district. Well, that's really not the case at all. It's going to help people in middle America who are trying to pay off their children's college bills and

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save a little money for other things. It's going to help the elderly who do make just a little... a bit too much money and can't take advantage of some of the exemptions that we have. There have also been some speakers here on the floor who've talked about structural reform and the big picture. And as Representative Lang, the Sponsor of this Bill, said, 'The reality is like many realities in this chamber that right now this is the Bill we're voting on.' And I hesitate to think some of the previous speakers would even consider voting for really true structural reform because everybody knows what that means. This is a very, very complex Bill, but one of the things that I agree on is that we do have a deeply flawed property tax system. This Bill, the one that we're about to vote on, however, it doesn't hurt it and it doesn't help it. For rural Legislators in the room or people outside of Cook County, there's no bleed into your districts. This is strictly about Cook County. And I... we help you out, we vote on a lot of legislation that helps people in your area that has no effect whether it be positive or negative on Cook County, because this is about our constituents and the people of the State of Illinois. And I... I ask you to consider the human face on this, Representative Osterman mentioned this earlier. We all have constituents who have lived in our districts. They were not real estate speculators. They came into our communities to support our communities. They've been there for decades. They've watched the turnover. Their income has not increased, but they don't want to leave. And if we do not

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pass this Bill, I am going to lose a lot of my neighbors.
So, I encourage you to vote 'aye' on this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "This... since the last speaker, I'll be as quick as I can. What... You don't skip... Well, the only thing I will have to say about Lou Lang, when he was questioned by a bunch of the speakers, he did answer and it's very tough when you're the Sponsor, someone asks a question you have to give a tough answer, he gave it. There's no doubt that everybody on this side of the aisle or that side who spoke against the Bill, I have to say they were right. Everything they were saying was right. And then you've got the problem that Lou was saying and what the other Representative said, they're right, too. It will hurt a lot of people. So, the only thing I can look at why I think you should vote 'yes' on the Bill at the end of the day is it's been around for 3 years. Representative Mathias almost said it best. We've been doing this for two and a half years, it's helped a lot of people and it really hasn't hurt anybody that much. Someone said, well, it's just a Band-Aid. Well, what are we gonna do? Wait for us to do something about school funding? We're gonna actually all of a sudden come up with some reg... we've been trying to figure out school funding since Bill Black was a young boy. I mean, and we haven't got to it. This really doesn't hurt anybody that much. It helps a lot of people. The Amendment that the speaker put on even hurts those people even less. This is even a better Bill than when it came over from the Senate. It helps a bunch of people, it doesn't really hurt anybody. It is only a Band-

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Aid. And for those of people who are in pain and one of the Representatives said, it's really like giving morphine. Well, when someone's in a lot of pain, what's wrong with a little bit of morphine to take away that pain? So, I urge an 'aye' vote and let's move this thing forward. Thanks."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay, Representative Fritchey. Representative Fritchey, for what reason do you rise? I think Representative Fritchey has the same request. Representative... Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Mr. Speaker, my name was used in debate. I move the previous question."

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

Fritchey: "Thank you... thank you, Speaker. With all deference to the Gentleman from Danville, I did try to defer to him to let him speak. My name was used pre... numerous times in debate. Ladies and Gentlemen, and I know everybody's anxious to get out of here and I appreciate that, but just as you want people's attention when it's an important issue to you, I appreciate and we appreciate your attention on this. There's been a lot of misinformation that's gone back and forth, but as Representative Molaro said, a lot of accurate information, too. People talked about this Bill being a Band-Aid and that we need a more permanent fix. Ladies and Gentlemen, I've been a lead Sponsor of House Bill 750 trying to fix education funding, trying to fix property tax assessments in this state. We've tried for a more permanent fix. This Bill is a rare commodity in

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Springfield. It is a high-profile Bill that's not driven by special interests. This Bill is not about utilities, it's about homeowners. It's not about racetracks, it's about families. It's not about tobacco companies, it's about neighborhoods. Ladies and Gentlemen, this has nothing to do on its face with the issue of taxes or right or wrong. Ladies and Gentlemen, give us the opportunity to take care of things for us at home. I've stood there and I've voted on Bills for truck drivers, for coalminers, for Southwest Development Authority, for issues all over this state that you've come to me on, you've come to my colleagues on. You say, 'John, this is important to us, help us.' Give us the opportunity to help our families, our homeowners in this neighborhood. Please vote 'aye'. Thank you. Thank you, Speaker for the accommodation."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative... Representative Lang to close."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is about a woman in my district that received a 110 percent assessment... assessed valuation increase, 110 percent assessed valuation increase. That's who this about. We... for those of you who were concerned about it being for wealthy people, stop talking about that. We took that \$60 thousand cap out of the Bill. This is for regular people who own small homes, who own bungalows, who live in our communities. They need a little help. And let me remind you here, Ladies and Gentlemen, that we are not reinventing the wheel. This is not a new piece of legislation. It's the current law of the State of Illinois. We're asking that it be extended. If you don't vote to extend it, you're voting to provide huge property

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tax increases to my constituents. And I have to tell you that I won't take that very lightly. I don't vote to increase property taxes in your district. So, please don't vote to increase property taxes in my district. It's wrong. Now, we talk about... all of you have come to me in the last several years, many of you more than once, for something you need. It could be you need a vote for something... to give your county an opportunity to do something that they can't do without my vote. You almost always get that vote. Why? Because it has no impact on me and you need it for your residents. And then you'll come to me for a quick-take Bill that you need that doesn't impact my community, but I give it to you because it's for your residents. And then you'll come to me for some water rights Bill that you need, but it doesn't impact me but I do it because it's for your residents. This is for my residents and Fritchey's and Feigenholtz's and Osterman and Lyons' and a whole bunch of people that have spoken on this floor. And a 'no' vote is not just a 'no' vote. It's a vote that says to my constituents, I don't care about your property taxes. This is about the people that live in my district and all these other districts. And a 'no' vote will not be taken lightly. And a 'no' vote will not be forgotten when you come to me for help. Vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2300. This re... Yes, Representative Black, state your inquiry. Representative Black, state... 71 votes."

Black: "Thank you."

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Speaker Hannig: "Okay. This requires 71 votes. The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2300 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. And Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Baubien votes 'no'. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'no'. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'no'. Black. Black. Boland.

Boland. Bost."

Bost: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'no'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'no'. Brauer."

Brauer: "Pass."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer passes. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'no'. Collins."

Collins: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."

Colvin "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross."

Cross: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'no'. Cultra."

Cultra: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'aye'. Currie."

Currie: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Daniels."

Daniels: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Daniels votes 'no'. Monique Davis."

Monique Davis: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

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Davis, W.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'no'. Delgado."

Delgado: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Delgado votes 'aye'. Dugan."

Dugan: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan passes. Dunkin. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin passes. Dunn."

Dunn: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'no'. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'no'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider. Flider.
Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks. Franks."

Franks: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks passes. Flider."

Flider: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'no'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."

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Golar: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon passes. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

Granberg: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'no'. Hamos."

Hamos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman. Hoffman.
Holbrook."

Holbrook: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'no'. Howard."

Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Hultgren. Hultgren.
Jakobsson. Jakobsson. Jefferies. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'no'. Joyce."

Joyce: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."

Kelly: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'no'. Kosel."

Kosel: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'no'. Krause."

Krause: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause passes. Lang."

Lang: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Krause votes 'aye'. Leitch."

Leitch: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'no'. Lindner."

Lindner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'no'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Mautino."

Mautino: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'no'. May."

May: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "McCarthy votes 'no'. McGuire."

McGuire: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. McKeon."

McKeon: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "McKeon votes 'aye'. Mendoza. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer."

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Meyer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'no'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell passes. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'no'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'no'. Molaro. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'aye'. Myers."

Myers: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'no'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'no'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'aye'. Phelps."

Phelps: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Pass."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos passes. Poe."
Poe: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'no'. Pritchard."
Pritchard: "Pass."
Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard passes. Ramey."
Ramey: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'no'. Reis."
Reis: "Pass."
Clerk Mahoney: "Reis passes. Reitz."
Reitz: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."
Rita: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'no'. Rose."
Rose: "Pass."
Clerk Mahoney: "Rose passes. Ryg."
Ryg: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."
Sacia: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia passes. Saviano."
Saviano: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz."
Schmitz: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz votes 'no'. Schock."
Schock: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully."
Scully: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'no'. Smith."
Smith: "Pass."
Clerk Mahoney: "Smith passes. Sommer."

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Sommer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'no'. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'no'. Tracy."

Tracy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon."

Tryon: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'no'. Turner."

Turner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'no'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore passes. Wait."

Wait: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'no'. Washington."

Washington: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'present'. Watson."

Watson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters. Winters."

Winters: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'no'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Speaker: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Black."

Black: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black passes. Boland."

Boland: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'no'. Dugan."

Dugan: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan passes. Dunkin."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, I think Representative Boland indicated that he passed. So, could you record him as..."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland passes. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Dunkin votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'no'. Gordon."

Gordon: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'no'. Hoffman. Representative Hoffman. Hultgren. Representative Hultgren. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'no'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'no'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Reis. Representative Reis. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard votes 'no'. Rose."

Rose: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'no'. Sacia."

Sacia: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'no'. Smith. Representative
Smith."

Smith: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'no'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'no'. Representative Black."

Black: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Black votes 'aye'. Representative Boland."

Boland: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'no'. Representative Dugan."

Dugan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'no'. Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Representative Hultgren.
Representative Hultgren."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Beiser, for what reason do you
rise? Representative Beiser wishes to be recorded as 'no',
Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Beiser votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Representative Reitz...
Reis."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Reis votes 'no'. Representative Lang.
Representative Lang asks that this would be put on Postponed
Consideration. Mr. Clerk, read the Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1536,
offered by Representative Black. House Resolution 1537,

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offered by Representative Black. House Resolution 1538, offered by Representative Will Davis. House Resolution 1539, offered by Representative Daniels. House Resolution 1540, offered by Representative Granberg. House Resolution 1542, offered by Representative Osterman. House Resolution 1543, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 1546, offered by Representative Rose. House Resolution 1547, offered by Representative Rose. And House Resolution 1548, offered by Representative Rose... or Representative Washington. And House Resolution 1548, offered by Representative Washington."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk has read the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are prepared to adjourn. We will reconvene at 10 a.m. in the morning. We ask the Democrats to stay right in this chamber and we can occupy some of these seats over to the left. The Republicans are going to use the floor below for the purpose of a Party Caucus. And with that in mind, the Chair recognizes Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder, the Republican Caucus is downstairs. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "So the Republican Caucus can begin immediately downstairs. Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow morning. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, providing perfunctory time for the Clerk."