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Speaker Hannig: "The hour of 12:00 having arrived, the House will be in order and the Members will be in their seats. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Dan Rush who is the Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of Vandalia. Reverend Rush is the guest of Representative Stephens."

Pastor Rush: "Let's pray together. Almighty God, on this day and each day we ask for wisdom to understand the issues of the moment and the impact they have on tomorrow. Help our decisions to be fraught with patience so that we may gain insight to act with mercy and justice to all of our fellow citizens. Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative... and Representative Ford, will you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

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

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost."

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

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Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 116 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. And Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise?"

Stephens: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wanna thank you for the warm welcome that you gave our minister and a special thanks to him and I hope that you'll keep his family in all prayers today. He was kind enough to come over here and visit with us, but as he's leaving his father's having surgery today here in Springfield and we wanna wish him the best and keep him in our prayers. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Gordon: "Ladies and Gentlemen, if you would look up to my left here... you guys can all stand up... we have some very special visitors from the Kankakee County 4-H Club: Marcie Harris from Reddick, Ellen Boomsma from St. Anne, Kathryn Graf from Momence and... where's the other two. Oh, I'm sorry. And Drew and Noelle Hannay from Kankakee. We have award winners: Kathryn won the conservation award; all three of the ladies have won outstanding records awards and I know, personally, Marcie Harris, she raises pigs and I will tell you as the recipient of those that I bought them at the Kankakee County Fair before I knew her, and this girl is someone to deal with. And we're gonna look out for her at the State Fair this year too. So, Representative Dugan and I are standing up. If you combine our districts, we

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represent the 154th, and we'd... I ask you to all welcome from Kankakee County 4-H these people."

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

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Rules Committee Report. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or Joint Action Motions were referred, action taken on March 26, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'approved for floor consideration' Amendment #3 to House Bill 151, Amendment #3 to House Bill 193, Amendment #1 to House Bill 414, Amendment #2 to House Bill 566, Amendment #4 to House Bill 691, Amendment #1 to House Bill 792, Amendment #3 to House Bill 820, Amendment #3 to House Bill 928, Amendment #1 to House Bill 948, Amendment #2 to House Bill 957, Amendment #1 to House Bill 1104, Amendment #2 to House Bill 1319, Amendment #2 to House Bill 1330, Amendment #1 to House Bill 1580, Amendment #2 to House Bill 1647, Amendment #2 to House Bill 1654, Amendment #1 to House Bill 1675, Amendment #3 to House Bill 1727, Amendment #1 to House Bill 1825, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2006, Amendment #1 to House Bill 3583, and Amendment #1 to House Bill 3658; 'recommends be adopted' are House Resolution 187 and House Resolution 200. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 27, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 611; 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 423. Referred to the House Committee on

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Rules is House Resolution 243, offered by Representative Currie and House Resolution 246, offered by Representative Bassi."

Speaker Hannig: "So, we're gonna begin by doing some Second Readings and I've been advised by both sides of the aisle of a priority list that exists for the Members for their first priority Bill. So, we'll try to allow Members to advance their Bills from Second to Third today and then at the end of that exercise, we'll go to some Third Readings that are also the first priorities of a Member. So, we'll try to go back and forth as much as we can, from side to side, and Representative Bassi, you have the first Bill, House Bill 1940. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Excuse me. Representative Bost, for what reason do you rise?"

Bost: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. You're saying that we can move a Bill that's our priority?"

Speaker Hannig: "I've been advised... I think the chief of staff on both sides of the aisle has collected your first priorities."

Bost: "Oh, okay. All right. I... I just wanted to check on that because I've got a priority that's kinda caught in the Revenue Committee that's pretty important to my district and I was wondering if maybe we could go ahead and move that one out."

Speaker Hannig: "Well, if it's in the Revenue Committee, I don't think we can do that one yet."

Bost: "I was afraid of that."

Speaker Hannig: "But we'll work on that one. So, Representative Bassi has House Bill 1940. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1940, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Res... Representative Acevedo, you have House Bill 1100. All right. So, we'll move to Representative Black has House Bill 479. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 479, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Arroyo on House Bill 1078. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1078, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Coladipietro on House Bill 3452. Do you wish us to read that? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3452, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Beiser on House Bill 921. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 921, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Cole on House Bill 1239. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1239, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Berrios on House Bill 1439. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1439, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Coulson on House Bill 809. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 809, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Boland on House Bill 1031. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1031, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Cross on House Bill 236. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 236, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Brosnahan on House Bill 463. Okay. Out of the record. Representative Eddy on House Bill 613. Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 613, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No... Floor Amendment #1 lost. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Do you wish us to move it to Third, Representative? You wanna hold it?"

Eddy: "Yeah. Could... could we go to the next priority Bill of mine and move it to Third while this one's waiting?"

Speaker Hannig: "You may wanna check with our chief of staff. So..."

Eddy: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "He's workin' on that, so we'll hold this on Second Reading for the moment. Representative Burke on House Bill 1279. Out of the record. Representative Fortner on 1391. Representative Fortner, do you wish us to read this? 1391. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1391, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Chapa LaVia on 1977. Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1977, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1

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was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Froehlich on House Bill 335. Shall we read that one? Advance it to Third? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 335, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Collins on House Bill 790. Okay. So take that out of the record. Representative Kosel on House Bill 3412. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3412, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Colvin on House Bill 520. Out of the record. Representative Lindner on House Bill 223. 223, Representative Lindner. Shall we read that? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 223, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Crespo on House Bill 1434. Out of the record. Representative Bill Mitchell on House Bill 954. Out of the record. Representative Currie on House Bill 1758. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1758, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This... the underlying measure is intended to provide some opportunity for community spouses to keep some assets and income when a spouse actually needs significant medical care that is not about to go into an institution. The cost of expanding... the current rules that apply if one of the spouses is going to a nursing facility would be extremely costly. This Amendment based on the same present... premise creates this as a pilot program which the department would be happy to administer and which the department says would not incur significant costs. So, in order to respect the state of the State Treasury, I hope you'll support Amendment #2."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Moffitt on House Bill 167. Shall we read that Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 167, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by

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Representative Moffitt, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Knox, Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #1 narrows up the scope of who could receive the Gold Star plates and when we talk about the whole Bill, I'd like to then, you know, honor it with the distinction it deserves as a Gold Star plate. But just wanna adopt the Amendment now."

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

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No.. all Motions have been filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Monique Davis on House Bill 465. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 465, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Munson on House Bill 1235. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1235, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Will Davis on 2787. Do you wish us to read 2787, Representative Davis?"

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Out of the record. Representative Myers on House Bill 3573. Representative Myers, do you wish us to read 3573? Okay. Out of the record. Representative Dunkin on House Bill 1351. Out of the record. Representative Osmond on House Bill 166. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 166, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Flider on House Bill 3657. Out of the record. Representative Flowers on House Bill 384. Out of the record. Representative Franks on House Bill 374. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 374, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Pritchard on House Bill 1910. Do you wish us to read the Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1910, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Fritchey on House Bill 3578. Out of the record. Representative Golar on House Bill 3654. Shall we read the Bill? Representative Golar on House Bill 3654. Should we read the Bill? Second to Third? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3654, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Gordon on House Bill 1105. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1105, a Bill for an act concerning labor. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Gordon, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Gordon."

Gordon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #2 removes approximately five (5) words from the Bill at the request of IDOT. I would ask that the Floor Amendment be adopted and we can debate the entire Bill on Third Reading."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Granberg on House Bill 3504. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3504, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Harris on House Bill 147. Out of the record. Representative Hernandez on House Bill 1009. From Second to Third. From Second to Third. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1009, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Howard on House Bill 754. Representative Howard, do you wish us to read 754 on Second to Third? Out of the record. Representative Jakobsson on House Bill 1011. Out of the record. Representative Jefferies on 949. Out of the record. Representative Jefferson on 1146. Representative Jefferson. Out of the record. Representative Joyce on House Bill 820. Should we read that on Second Reading? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 820, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. No Committee Amendments. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration, offered by Representative Joyce."

Speaker Hannig: "On Floor Amendment #1, Representative Joyce, what's your pleasure? One, 2 and 3 have been recommended. So, on #1, do you wish us to adopt it?"

Joyce: "Yes."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, why don't you make a brief statement."

Joyce: "Floor Amendment #1 and #... I wanna adopt Floor Amendment 1 and Floor Amendment #3. Floor Amendment #1 simply clears up some issues with the Department of Labor and Department of Police. The State Police..."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments? Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman wishes to withdraw Floor Amendment #2. Is there any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Joyce."

Joyce: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen on the floor. Amendment #3 simply allows the State Police to provide FBI criminal background checks to the Department of Labor."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Lang, you have House Bill 3624. Should we read that Bill? Shall we read that Bill, Representative Lang, 3624? Do you wish us to read that? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3624, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Lyons on House Bill 1678 from Second to Third. Out of the record."

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Representative Mautino on House Bill 1007. Representative Mautino on House Bill 1007. Out of the record. Representative May on House Bill 684. Representative Karen May, should we read 684 from Second to Third? Okay. Okay. There's notes pending. I'm sorry, Representative. I'm going down a priority list, but the Clerk advises me there's been some note requests. Representative McCarthy on House... So, we'll take that out of the record. And Representative McCarthy on House Bill 1309. Out of the record. Representative McGuire on 804. Representative McGuire. Okay. Out of the record. Representative Ramey on House Bill 840. Representative Ramey. Representative Ramey, do you wish us... Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 840, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Mendoza on 1901. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1901, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Reboletti on House Bill 1233. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1233, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Miller on House Bill 703. Out of the record. Representative Molaro on House Bill 1702. Mr. Clerk, read the... Oh, I'm sorry. There's Mr. Miller. Mr. Clerk, let's read House Bill 703."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 703, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And now, Representative Molaro, House Bill 1702. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1702, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Nekritz on House Bill 1422. Representative Nekritz, do you wish us to read that on Second? Mr. Clerk, read... No? Okay. Out of the record. Representative Osterman on House Bill 7... Excuse me. You meant yes, I'm sorry. I thought you said no. Okay. Mr. Clerk, let's return to House Bill 1422 and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1422, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Nekritz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of Floor Amendment 1 is to... The purpose of the Bill is still the

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same. It just moves it from one Section of the statutes to a more appropriate Section of the statutes."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Osterman on House Bill 758. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 758, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Patterson on House Bill 1504. Out of the record. Representative Reitz on House Bill 1778. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1778, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Schmitz on House Bill 2782. Shall we read that on Second? Do you wish us to read the Bill? Second to Third? Representative Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Speaker, I was just making sure. We added a Floor Amendment that didn't show, now it does. I'd like to adopt the Floor Amendment."

Speaker Hannig: "I'm sorry. You're waiting for a Floor Amendment, is that..."

Schmitz: "No, we have the Floor Amendment."

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Speaker Hannig: "So, Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2782, a Bill for an Act concerning libraries. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Schmitz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 is a... correcting a little technical error in the drafting and it does not change at all the underlying nature of the Bill."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Riley on House Bill 741. Representative Riley, do you wish us to read this Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 741, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Rita on House Bill 566. Do you wish us to read this Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 566, a Bill for an Act creating the Southwest Suburban Railroad Redevelopment Authority. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Rita, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Amendment #1, we inadvertently left out Rich Township, so the Bill is... the Amendment is... it has all the same language as the underlying Bill but we included Rich Township within that Authority."

Speaker Hannig: "So, the Gentleman 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. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Ryg on House Bill 1560. Out of the record. Representative Scully on House Bill 3463. Representative Scully on 3463? Out of the record. Representative Mike Smith on House Bill 3399. Shall we read the Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3399, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Soto on House Bill 619. Representative Soto. Representative Cindy Soto, shall we read 619? Representative Soto, shall we read this Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 619, a Bill for an Act in relation to child support. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Tracy on House Bill 3395. Should we read the Bill? From Second to Third? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3395, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Tracy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "On the Amendment, Representative Tracy."

Tracy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 is... has been presented because it amends the name of the Girl Scouts of America to the official name of Girl Scouts of the United States of America. And that's... that's the only part of the Amendment that affects the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. Is there any discussion? Then all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Turner on House Bill 1290. 1290, Representative Turner. Shall we read this, Representative Turner? Representative Turner, do you wish us to read this Bill on Second? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1290, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Verschoore on House Bill 1470. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1470, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Verschoore, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "...the Amendment, Representative Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What the Amendment is... let me look here to make sure... is to raise the... Amendment #1 on 1470 clarifies the Bill and applies only that MidAmerican... MidAmerican Energy, a utility that serves fewer than two hundred thousand (200,000) not fewer than a hundred and fifty thousand (150,000). That's the only change. Moves it from a hundred and fifty (150,000) to two hundred thousand (200,000)."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Washington on House Bill 1562. Shall we read this on Second Reading? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1562, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental liability. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Watson on House Bill 1833. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1833, a Bill for an Act concerning fish. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Yarbrough on House Bill 1330. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1330, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Yarbrough, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Yarbrough on the Amendment."

Yarbrough: "Mr. Speaker, will you take that Bill out of the record, please?"

Speaker Hannig: "Absolutely, Representative. Out of the record. Representative Winters on House Bill 187. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 187, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Winters, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 1 changes the effective date, pushes it back 1 year and also removes park districts, forest preserve and conservation districts from the underlying Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. Is there any discussion? Then all in favor

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say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Younger on House Bill 1259. Representative Wyvetter Younger, do you wish us to read this Bill? 1259 on Second? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1259, a Bill for an Act concerning community revitalization. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. All right. We're gonna... we're gonna go through the list a second time for some of those who had not been in the chamber. So... so, bear with us a little bit. Representative Acevedo on House Bill 1100. Do you wish us to read this? Out of the record. Okay. Representative Brosnahan on 463. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 463, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. All Motions have been filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Burke on House Bill 1279. From Second to Third? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1279, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Collins on House Bill 790. Representative Colvin on 570. Out of the record. Representative Crespo on 1434. Do you wish us to read this Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1434, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. All Motions have been filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Dunkin on House Bill 1351. Do you wish us to read this Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1351, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Flider on 3657. Did you wish that one to be read? Representative Dunkin. Excuse me. Representative Dunkin, for what reason do you rise?"

Dunkin: "For a point of clarification, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Sta..."

Dunkin: "I wanna make sure that 1351 stays on Second."

Speaker Hannig: "You want it to stay on Second."

Dunkin: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Hannig: "So, Mr. Clerk, let's return this to the Order of Second Reading..."

Dunkin: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "...at the request of the Sponsor. Representative Flowers on House Bill 384. Do you wish us to read this

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Bill? On Second Reading? Out of the record. Representative Eddy on 613. Did you take that out of the record or was there... 613, did you want us to read this Bill?"

Eddy: "Mr. Speaker, that's gonna have an Amendment later today. I'd like to if possible move 3377 which is my next one on my list."

Speaker Hannig: "Why don't we just take this out of the record now..."

Eddy: "Okay."

Speaker Hannig: "...and see if we... we'll get to at least probably three Bills, I suspect, before we..."

Eddy: "'Cause this is the second time you called 613."

Speaker Hannig: "But I'm gonna... I'm making a note here not to do that."

Eddy: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Yeah. Representative Mitchell on 954. Out of the record. Representative Myers on 3573. Do you wish us to read this? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3573, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Jakobsson on House Bill 1011. 1011. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1011, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Jefferson on 1146. Do you wish us to read that Bill? From Second to Third? Out of the record. Representative Lyons... Representative Mautino on House Bill 1007. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1007, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mautino, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. 1007 and the Floor Amendment now recommends... or represents an agreement between the Illinois Education Association, the IFT, the school board associations and the counselors and it has to do with the certification process. It's been about 2 years' worth of negotiations and with this Amendment we've now reached agreement from all parties. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. Is there any discussion? Then all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative McCarthy, did you wish us to read 1309? Okay. So, that's out of the record. And Representative McGuire on House Bill 804. 804, Representative... Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 804, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Ryg, did you wish us to read 1560? 1560. Excuse me. Never mind. There are notes on that Bill, Representative Ryg. Representative Scully has House Bill 3463. Out of the record. Representative Yarbrough, did you get your Amendment squared away on House Bill 1330? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1330, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Yarbrough, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is technical Amendment for House Bill 1330. In working with the school organizations, it simply replaces 'designated staff' with 'specially trained personnel'. Be happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, let's... let's go back to House Bill 1146 and read the Bill, please."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1146, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Okay. We're gonna move to the Order of Third Reading for some of the Bills that are already in position that are the first request from our Members. And so, Representative Dugan, you have House Bill 1542. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1542, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Dugan."

Dugan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 1542 addresses an issue brought to me by the Associated... Associated Firefighters and it deals with collective bargaining for disciplinary actions. What this Bill does is it really just creates equal bargaining rights for all professional firefighters in Illinois regardless of whether their employer is Home Rule, non-Home Rule, or a fire protection district. The Illinois firefighters gained the right to bargain collectively with their employers over wages, hours, and working conditions in 1985. And the disciplinary process... All Home Rule professional firefighters and even some non-Home Rule have that bargaining agreement now. And this Bill would just make it, as I said, it would create equal bargaining rights for all of our professional firefighters in Illinois. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Hannig: "This is on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Then, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Durkin, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 76 voting 'yes' and 39 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Ford, you have House Bill 1332. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1332, a Bill for an Act concerning state employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "...second. Ready?"

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Speaker. I'm here to introduce House Bill 1332. I wanna thank the Members of the State Government for giving this a 10-0 vote out of the committee. House Bill 1332 is an attempt to reduce the tax burden of all our citizens and put more people to work. I urge the floor to vote for this Bill so that we can reduce the tax burden of the citizens of the State of Illinois."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1332. And on that question, Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Representative, our analysis lists that there are several groups that oppose

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this legislation. Can... can you outline for this Body what the opposition centers around?"

Ford: "Well, I'm sorry, I... I don't know what the opposition centers around because no one really talked to me. I think they just put their name on there in opposition just to be in opposition of something."

Eddy: "Well, Central Management Services, DOC, and DCFS oppose the Bill as amended. Do you understand that those..."

Ford: "Well, no. That was... that was a mistake. And actually they supported the Bill. And that was a mistake."

Eddy: "Okay. Perhaps you could restate, then, exactly the intent and purpose of the Bill."

Ford: "The intent of the Bill is to put more people to work in the State of Illinois in order to reduce the tax burden that you and I have for people that can't get jobs. We would like to increase the number of people going to work for the State of Illinois."

Eddy: "Okay. And... and can you describe specifically how we would be increasing the number of people that would be going to work?"

Ford: "Yes, Sir. Yeah, it would be like... it would increase the possibility of people getting a job just by allowing more people to get a job interview. This Bill does not force any employers to hire anyone. It just simply asks that we give people an opportunity."

Eddy: "Okay. Representative, let's get to the point of exactly who this might and how this might provide interview opportunities. And could you address whether or not the interview would be required of those groups?"

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Ford: "No... no interview is required. This does not mandate... is not mandatory that nothing happens like that. Ya know, the employer doesn't have to hire anyone. The employer doesn't have to do an interview. So, no."

Eddy: "Okay. So, the employer doesn't have to hire anyone, the employer doesn't have to do an interview. Then why are we doing this?"

Ford: "Yeah, well, we're doing it because it's a good opportunity to increase the possibilities of people getting an interview that wouldn't probably get an interview, Sir."

Eddy: "This would increase the opportunities of a person getting an interview that wouldn't get an interview how? How does it do that if the Bill doesn't do anything?"

Ford: "Oh, I didn't say the Bill didn't do anything."

Eddy: "Oh, I thought the previous question I asked you was how the Bill accomplished that goal and you said that the Bill didn't require those interviews."

Ford: "It... it doesn't require it, but it allows opportunity for an interview... a possible opportunity."

Eddy: "Why can't that happen right now?"

Ford: "Pardon me?"

Eddy: "Why can't that happen right now?"

Ford: "Oh, it can happen now. If..."

Eddy: "Then why is this legislation necessary?"

Ford: "Because sometimes it doesn't happen due to circumstances."

Eddy: "Okay. So, specifically, Representative, if a person had been convicted of embezzlement or fraud, would they be allowed state employment under this legislation?"

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Ford: "No."

Eddy: "According to our analysis of the Bill, the person I've described, someone who had been convicted of embezzlement or fraud would be allowed employment under this Bill."

Ford: "No. The Amendment..."

Eddy: "That's in our analysis."

Ford: "If you read the Amendment, the Amendment states that if the State or Federal Government prohibits this person from being hired, then they cannot be hired and the question can be asked as to whether or not they've ever been convicted. So..."

Eddy: "Well, again, according to our analysis, specifically, this would allow that employee to be employed... or that person to be employed..."

Ford: "No."

Eddy: "...and for any other nonviolent offense. So, we would be opening up that employment to..."

Ford: "No."

Eddy: "...a large group."

Ford: "A group... I'll read Amendment #2 to you... Amendment 1 and 2 so that you can be sure to understand what the Bill does. Amendment 1 prohibits the Act... does not prohibit the state agency from conducting a criminal background check on an application of a state employment. Amendment 2 says, it provides that if a Federal or State Law disqualifies a person convicted of a certain offense from holding a position, an applicant for that position may inquire as to whether the applicant has been convicted of a disqualifying offense. So..."

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Eddy: "Okay. Representative, let... let me ask you if you would take this out of the record so that we could make sure that our understanding of that terminology would disqualify those individuals..."

Ford: "Well..."

Eddy: "...because I think there's a lot of confusion regarding specifically that language and who it covers. And if you would take the Bill out of the record and we could clarify that and make sure that... that we're not going somewhere you don't wanna go..."

Ford: "Well..."

Eddy: "...I think that would be..."

Ford: "Well, I think... I think that may be a good suggestion, but let me just tell you, Representative, that I've done a lot of work on this. I've done a lot of research on this and..."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Eddy, your... your 5 minutes have run out. Could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Eddy: "Yeah, very quickly. I... I would just caution the Body that the language may be a little looser than the Representative may want it to be and again, I'd appreciate the Bill being taken out of the record so we could work that out so... for better clarification."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Winters."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Ford: "Representative Winters."

Winters: "Well, I want to follow up a little bit about the CMS application process. Currently, my understanding is CMS would take a job application and then there may be multiple

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slots for an applicant. They may find somebody at DNR. They might find somebody at the Department of Ag, maybe somebody at the Secretary of State's Office. Under this, they would have to have a separate application for each position because some positions a conviction for fraud, for instance, might not disqualify you for certain nonfinancial positions where you're not handling money, you don't have any access to use... use your past history of fraud to get yourself into trouble or to get the state into trouble. So, my understanding is CMS thinks that this would be a much more difficult for them to handle. Have you had any discussions with CMS about that and what is their response?"

Ford: "Yes, I... I've had discussions with them and... and I've amended it to the point that they're not gonna fight it anymore because we disqualified any positions such as law enforcement. And we disqualified... and we made sure that it's clear in this Bill that it states that if the state disqualifies someone for a position, then the question can still be asked on the application. So, it wouldn't be separate applications, just amendments to the application attachment."

Winters: "Well, I... I wanna make clear to the Body, CMS, according to our notes, still does not support the Bill and they are not neutral. They're not as vehemently opposed as they may originally have been. Is that a fair statement?"

Ford: "I'm..."

Winters: "Because our... our analysis shows CMS, even with the Amendment, it does not remove CMS opposition. They did

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never filed a slip saying that they were neutral on the Bill, did they?"

Ford: "But they filed a slip prior to me amending it."

Winters: "They did not file a slip after the Amendment was put on saying that they were neutral."

Ford: "Well, maybe they just oversighted it. But I know that... I know now that I've had dis... discussions with them and I..."

Winters: "Yeah."

Ford: "...haven't heard any other complaints about it."

Winters: "Yet, if you think that you have an agency that is going to withdraw it, make sure that they file a slip."

Ford: "Yes."

Winters: "The only thing that we have a copy that shows them in opposition..."

Ford: "Yes, thank you."

Winters: "...even after the Amendment. As the Bill was initially drafted, did this deal with nonviolent felons... or nonviolent convictions or all convictions?"

Ford: "No. It was always nonviolent."

Winters: "Okay. This basically is, I think, a philosophical Bill. If you think that ex-convicts who have served their time should be allowed state employment with some protections, I think, for fraud where if the question would be answered in the affirmative, it would be disqualifying. We can still answer that question. I understand your intent to open up an additional job pool in the state. The question is, are we actually adding to employment in the state, no, because the position is gonna be there, it will be filled. Whether it's filled by a former offender or by

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someone else, it's still gonna be filled. So, we're not really adding to the state employment. Government doesn't add jobs. Government hires people, but the private industry, in fact, loses a worker then. It simply is a... a Bill that... that will allow offenders an access to the state. I think the protections you've put in here are better than when they started out. And I'm gonna watch the board."

Ford: "Thank you very much."

Winters: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "I'm a little confused by the debate. I'm not sure where this administration stands. They were in opposition, but they may have re... re... decided to be neutral. I... I'm not... I'm not quite sure, but you're trying to put this in a general context. I think this administration has enough crooks already and I... I think this will just open it up to more crooks, right? So, I... I... I wonder if we could get some clarification as to the administration's perspective on more crooks in government or not quite as many."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "Thank you. To the Bill. I just read the Bill and the way everybody's talking about what it prohibits or doesn't prohibit. And all it does is say that if you're gonna ask a question whether or not you're convicted of a crime, the question should be whether or not you were convicted of a violent crime. But it also says in the Bill, if you read the Bill, it basically says that the state could do a criminal background check. They could refuse to hire anybody who has a criminal record. None of that's changed.

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And if there's a State Law that says you cannot get this certain job if you were convicted of fraud, then you cannot get this certain job. It opens up nothing. It doesn't give anybody anything. All it does is say, on the application itself, all you can ask is whether or not you were convicted of a violent crime. Now, that made... seeing sense to make sense to me because right now if you're convicted of shoplifting, you'd have to list that and go through it even if you were convicted of shoplifting 24 years ago. All they're asking is if you were convicted of a violent crime. Now, if you were in those job titles where fraud is prohibited, right? Then... then, it says right in the Bill that if fraud or... if you are prohibited from State or Federal Law from holding that job, then you're still prohibited. It also says you can do background checks, and if you find out that there was this conviction for shoplifting and you don't wanna hire the guy, then you don't hire him because it states that the... the applicant can't do anything if you decide not to hire him. All this does is when someone's filling out an application if you're convicted of a... a violent crime, we wanna know it. If it's a minor crime, you don't have to be asked that question. But they're always gonna do background checks. They always can stop the employment if they want. The... it doesn't stop CMS from promulgating (sic-promulgating) their own rules. It does nothing except just narrow the question that's on the application. So, if you read the Bill, that's all it does. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Washington."

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Washington: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Washington: "Representative Ford, I looked at this Bill and... and I wanna say on behalf of a lot of people in my district, this is a good piece of legislation. And it reminds me of the days of the Civil Rights Movement, the early stages of it. And when little people who make mistakes want to turn around and go a different direction and do something different and add to their life and justify their life, the only recourse at that time was hoping that 'big brother', the Federal Government, would do the right thing."

Ford: "Right."

Washington: "Though the Federal Government was a lot of time a part of the problem and still is a part of the problem, but without the effort and collaboration of the Federal Government to turn things around and make things more accessible for people who needed a second chance, I doubt very seriously we would've gotten where we've got at the time we got there. We would've got there, but not at the time. So, this particular legislation, I think, is a good piece and I've signed on to it. And I'm hoping my colleagues can see that compassion given is compassion received. And if the state doesn't open up avenue for individuals who've made mistakes and wanna turn their life around, then who will? So, to the Bill. Mr. Speaker, I hope very wholeheartedly that we look at this Bill as a chance to do something for those that are stuck at the bottom who've made mistakes in their life but wanna turn it

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around. And I intend to support the Bill and hope that my colleagues do likewise. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would hope that the Body is... is listening on the... first off, to... Will the Sponsor yield? I'm sorry."

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

Bost: "Representative, a lot of times we play games on the floor when it... when it's your first Bill. And this is your first Bill, correct?"

Ford: "Yes."

Bost: "Okay. And... and I wanna be very clear that... that a lot of us are... are not having just... just that good time. We're really wanting to know and understand what this Bill does. One of the colleagues asked that we take it out of the record and that we can actually look at it and... and... and allow for our staff... and maybe we'll be able to help you with that and get you some answers and... and deal with a lot of our concerns that we have about this Bill. And... and think about that as I go on. If you could take it out of the record, have an opportunity for our staff to also listen, make sure that... that... where the obli... or where the opposition is from the departments if that really is the fact and we can get all these things straightened out. They're... they're not playing with you at this time. Th... this is... this is a real concern that our side of the aisle has. Philosophically, I have some problem with it. I... I... I have no problem with the fact that if... if I've done something in my past, and those things... ya know, people make

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mistakes when they're... when they're growing up. Okay? Everybody does. But just putting those things down on an application so things that can be checked out and spoke about, are you opposed to that?"

Ford: "Am I opposed to..."

Bost: "Are you opposed to someone writing, ya know, I mean, whatever they may've done in high school. Some... some nonviolent crime that they may've done in high school..."

Ford: "A violent crime, yes. Violent, yes."

Bost: "No, no, no. Nonviolent."

Ford: "Nonviolent."

Bost: "Nonviolent. So... so, they shouldn't have to put that down on an application?"

Ford: "Well..."

Bost: "That's basically what you're saying, correct?"

Ford: "Well, I think that, without a doubt, we've learned that whenever you put that down that the door is closed to those people. And if you think about it, just think about when you walk down the street, someone asks you for a dollar and you say, 'Why don't you just get a job?' They can't get a job because no one wants to give them a chance. This Bill will not exactly help just the ex-offenders, but it's gonna help you and everyone in the State of Illinois."

Bost: "Okay. I..."

Ford: "And I've done... I've done a lot of work. This Bill has come a long way. And I've waited for the right time to call the Bill. The staffers did a lot of work on it. And it came out on leave in committee. I have the Speaker of the House supporting this Bill. I have people on your side

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supporting the Bill. And I've... and trust me, as your colleague, that I have done the work."

Bost: "Oh, I believe you've done the research."

Ford: "And... and..."

Bost: "Don't get... don't get me wrong."

Ford: "Yes."

Bost: "We... we may just... we may just differ."

Ford: "Yes."

Bost: "Okay? Because... because the reality is, as an employer, as is stated in the... and... and... and as my trust that I'm supposed to have as a Legislator in the State of Illinois, you're asking me to say as th... that public trust to take away a tool that is necessary to make sure that we, in the State of Illinois, before we hire someone have as much information as we possibly can have."

Ford: "It... it... it is true... So that you know, I did get a leave in the committee. But I do want you to know, and I think that everyone should know, that it is very important that you can still ask the question in the interview. And you can still..."

Bost: "You can ask..."

Ford: "...do a criminal background check."

Bost: "...you can ask a question, but you're telling them that they can withhold certain information."

Ford: "You're not withholding anything. You... What... what this simply does..."

Bost: "You're choosing not to put it down."

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Ford: "What it simply does... Tell me, do you think people will get hired in the State of Illinois because they may tell a lie? And they're... and they're hired..."

Bost: "Well, I... I would hope that people don't get hired if they do tell a lie."

Ford: "Excuse... Okay."

Bost: "That... that's my hope."

Ford: "Right. But we... This is just about being straight upfront and allows people to..."

Bost: "But then if I think about it, I've watched a lot of politicians over the years and they always get hired quite often based on lies."

Ford: "Right."

Bost: "But, ya know, that..."

Ford: "Well, you know, I've just gotta tell you that there was a lot of work done on the Bill. And trust me, I don't think the Speaker of the House would've even signed on if he didn't think that it was done, nor the people on your side, nor the other Sponsors with much seniority in the House. This is a great Bill. And I urge you to..."

Bost: "Okay."

Ford: "...support it."

Bost: "Rep... Representative, first off, I... I probably won't be supporting the Bill, but I do wish that you would reconsider on the Gentleman's request to take it out of the record and kind of answer some questions and get some things straightened out on... on who was opposed to it in committee and those type things."

Ford: "No one was opposed to it in committee. It got leave."

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Bost: "Look, we... we've got slips that say they were."

Ford: "Oh, I know why CMS... CMS..."

Bost: "We... we... we have..."

Ford: "I can answer that."

Bost: "...we have slips that say they were opposed and now we're... we're kind of confused when it gets to the floor. And it's very important for each of us to be well-informed on what we..."

Ford: "But I'm here to clarify it. I... I know every... Just ask me any question."

Bost: "Okay."

Ford: "I'll clarify it."

Bost: "And... and... and maybe there... there will be people that would support it if we would have all the right information."

Ford: "I... I think that if you..."

Bost: "But I think we're gonna..."

Ford: "...if you don't look at the face of the Bill..."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost, your... your five (5) minutes have expired. Could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Bost: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All I would say is that, you know, I mean, the Gentleman's been asked to take it out of the record. We... we weren't playing games when we did that. I... I think it's something we need to be discussed, maybe off to the side. And I would still encourage him to do that. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Rita."

Rita: "I move to the previous question."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves the previous question. The question is, 'Shall the main question be put?' All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. Representative Ford to close."

Ford: "Well, I... in all... with all due respect to all the Members of the House, Speaker, everyone, this is a very important Bill. And I sort of have to apologize to anyone that feels that this Bill is not ready. And I urge you to vote for House Bill 1332 because the Bill is ready and this Bill will have a positive impact on all of our paychecks because we won't have to worry about incarcerating people. We don't have to... or we could make sure people go back to work and reduce the tax burden, put more money in education and less in the jail systems. I... I've been working with both colleagues; the House Republicans, the Democrats. And I urge a 'aye' vote today and you won't regret it."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Last call. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are... Representative Ford, you request Postponed Consideration?"

Ford: "Yes. I request a Postponed Consideration, with the request of the red. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Yeah. So, thank you, Representative. So, this to go on Postponed Consideration. On page 37 of the Calendar, Representative Graham, you have House Bill 318."

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Out of the record. Representative Hamos on House Bill 1300.
Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1300, a Bill for an Act concerning
agriculture. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hamos."

Hamos: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm pleased to
present today the Illinois Food, Farms, and Jobs Act is what
we call it. And if you look up and see the cosponsors, you
will see a most interesting and creative group of
cosponsors. This is a coalition of city folks who value
organic food and locally grown food grown in Illinois,
consumers who want more fresh produce, especially in those
food deserts that we worry about in low-income
neighborhoods, and downstate... downstate farmers who
recognize that there is a very active market up in the urban
area if we can just create a plan for how we make those
connections. And that's what this Bill does. This Bill
requires the state to set up something that we're calling
the Illinois Local and Organic Food and Farm Task Force.
And again, the operative words are organic and local. So,
we're talking about locally grown foods, valuing the smaller
farms, and trying to figure out distribution systems to get
the foods from downstate into some of the new urban markets.
One thousand five hundred miles (1,500) is the average
travel distance for food items now consumed in this state.
So, we're talking about food that's traveling from one part
of the country to the other. Illinois should be the Midwest
leader in local and organic food and fiber production. This
Bill would have a task force work together, all the key

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stakeholders, creating a plan that would be then presented to us in about a year. And then we can figure out what the policy recommendations are that require further review and funding. And I seek your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "This is on the Order of Short Debate. And in response, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

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

Black: "Representative, how many working farms do you have in your district?"

Hamos: "Well, that's why I'm so proud to be actually sponsoring this Bill because it really is a coalition effort."

Black: "I didn't ask you about your biography. I just asked you a simple question. How many working farms do you have in your district?"

Hamos: "I don't think I have any."

Black: "That's exactly what I knew. How many people do you think organic farming can feed? A million (1,000,000)? Ten million (10,000,000)? A billion (1,000,000,000)? How many?"

Hamos: "Well, I don't know. And this isn't just about organic farming either."

Black: "Oh, what... what else is it about?"

Hamos: "It's about locally grown foods and trying to figure out distribution systems."

Black: "Well, where in the hell do you think all this food's grown, in China?"

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Hamos: "Well..."

Black: "It's grown in my district, that's local. Why didn't you do this by Resolution? Why are you putting this in one statute?"

Hamos: "Well, Representative, like other ways to proceed, getting the stakeholders around the table..."

Black: "Oh, the stakehold..."

Hamos: "...to work on a plan is what this Bill is about."

Black: "Stakeholders, is that s-t-e-a-k or s-t-a-k-e?"

Hamos: "That's a good question."

Black: "Oh. Stakeholders, how do you spell that? S-t-e-a-k or s-t-a-k-e?"

Hamos: "I liked your question the first time I heard it. I think it could be either."

Black: "Oh, oh. So, you're... you're now going to be the champion of farmers in the State of Illinois, right?"

Hamos: "Well, as I said in my opening, this is a coalition effort and it really has to do with making connections between consumers in the north part of the state and farmers and other consumers in the south part of the state."

Black: "That's funny; I haven't heard anything from the farmers in my part of the state about this Bill except they have some questions about it. Evidently, my farmers weren't asked. How many farmers... how many county farm bureaus did you work with on this Bill?"

Hamos: "You know, at... we had a hearing, Representative. I don't believe you're on the committee, but in the hearing itself, most of the people sitting..."

Black: "Where'd... where'd you have the hearing?"

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Hamos: "We had a hearing in Agriculture and Conservation Committee. And most of the people sitting round the table were farmers that we had..."

Black: "Where... where... where did you have the hearing?"

Hamos: "...that had come to Springfield to work on this Bill."

Black: "Did you have the hearing in Springfield?"

Hamos: "Yeah. It's called the Agriculture and Conservation Committee."

Black: "I don't care what it's called. Most of your hearings are held in Chicago. I'm amazed that you actually held it in Ch... in Springfield. What groups did you contact?"

Hamos: "I... I don't know what you're getting at, Representative. I'm down here every single day that we have a Legislative Day. And I take my Bills through the very committees that you do. And we had a committee hearing and we brought in people who were farmers who worked on this Bill. And I was proud to represent them as the Sponsor of this Bill."

Black: "You said, 'We brought them in.' Who... who brought them in? No farmers in my district were here."

Hamos: "Well, I'm sorry very much."

Black: "So, who... 'We brought them in.' Who brought them in?"

Hamos: "Representative Black, I'm really sorry if I didn't contact every single farmer in the State of Illinois, but..."

Black: "I didn't ask you if you contacted every single farmer in the State of Illinois. You said, 'We brought them in.' Who brought them in? Who contacted them?"

Hamos: "Well... well, it was I who brought them in."

Black: "Oh, you contacted them. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

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Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Black: "Beware of a farmer in a mink coat. All this Bill is is the initial salvo in a battle that many of us in rural Illinois have been trying to rationally discuss for 15 years. The next Bill will be there will be no fertilizers used, there will be no herbicides used, there will be no tillage except what we tell you on... on what you can till, and how you can till, and what you can grow, and when you can grow, and how you can grow. This whole concept of organic farming starts in a district like hers where they seem to think that if you go back to farming methodology of 100 years ago or even further back than that, you can feed a population of five billion (5,000,000,000) or more people. Well, it's been proven that you can't. The American farmer is the most productive individual in today's world, but he has to have certain tools to do that. And that American farmer knows what to grow, what the market is, when to grow it, how to grow it, and how to market it. He doesn't need a task force to tell him that because all this task force will do... and they're all appointed by the Governor, who I can tell you right now doesn't know a soybean from a baked bean... they're all gonna be appointed by the Governor. And eventually all this task force is going to be is a..."

Speaker Hannig: "Rep... Representative, your time has expired. Representative, I'm just trying to manage the rules of debate, so... So, we'll move this to the Order of Standard Debate so we can have some additional debate. Representative Cultra, you're the next Gentleman seeking recognition. You have five (5) minutes."

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Cultra: "To the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Cultra: "I had several farmers in my district call me and ask me to cosponsor this Bill. I think we need to look at this as an addition to what's going on in the state now. In my area, farms are getting larger and the population is dwindling the farm... in the farm community. I think this Bill has good possibilities in creating a link between organic farms. And organic farms can be smaller farms and they can be profitable enough that you can have a... a small acreage and make enough money that we can get some people moving back into... into our local areas. I... I think it's... the concept is good. It certainly isn't gonna hurt anything. And I rise in support of it. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I would simply counsel the Sponsor that there are many agricultural groups that would probably have a lot of good input. When I look down at the proponents, the people that signed in, I don't see any negotiations with the Illinois Farm Bureau, the Illinois Specialty Growers who are the fruit and vegetable growers throughout the state. I don't see any input from the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Agency which is our major mode of education, of training for farmers who are looking for new enterprises to engage in. It looks to me like this is a statement that organic farming may be the direction the state would like to head. I think there's still some serious questions about the economic viability on a major basis of organic agriculture. I have

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tried some of that myself in past years and maybe the current organic farmers have developed better systems, but it's not probably the way that we will see in the future most of our food being produced. If we do, we'll see higher prices. I... I... I simply think that we could've engaged more of the professional groups that currently are in the marketplace in developing the Bill. The proponents that are listed, I think, are... are relatively minor... minor groups. I commend the Sponsor on bringing it to us, but again I think it could've been a little more broadly based. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Dugan."

Dugan: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Bill. I also, as... as a Legislator from downstate who do have farmers in my district, I also wanna say as the Representative prior to me, I had farmers that called me. In fact, I told the Sponsor of the Bill it was quite a shock to me because when I got the phone call they wanted me to get on a Bill for the... the Food, Farms, and Job Act that Representative Hamos was carrying. And I thought they had the wrong name because of course certainly we do normally think it's someone from the downstate area. But my farms are very supportive of it. I do have organic farms in an area that... It's an economic development tool that's used right now in the Pembroke Hopkins Park area which of course we all know is... is one of the poorest communities in the state. And so, as we look forward to... and... and I think others had mentioned about who should be on this task force. And I think if it is looked at completely you will see that there is a wide array, not just organic farmers. But it certainly is a... an economic

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development product that some farmers use and I think it's very... a very positive move to bring these groups together for something that we see that is successful and... and it's not there to hurt the other farmers. But I stand in... and rise in support of this Bill. Farmers throughout my district had called me and asked me to support it. They think it is a move in a good direction and... and I certainly ask for people to give the 'aye' vote to this particular piece of legislation. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "So, we've had three speak in support, two in response. Representative Meyer, the rules would provide you could speak in response. Would you like to do that?"

Meyer: "I intend to speak in response."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, proceed, Representative."

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Representative, why did you choose to put this into... into the State Statutes as opposed to a... a Resolution type task force which we're very accommodating on normally in this Assembly?"

Hamos: "Well, I... I... I was asked before that, Representative Meyer and I guess I never even considered it. I think that this gives it the validity, it gives it the push, it gives it the timetable, and it gets the job done. And that's all we're trying to do here and this is really the first step to creating a statewide plan."

Meyer: "Does this Act sunset in... under your legislation? I... I didn't see where it did."

Hamos: "Well, it pretty much sunsets because the... the task force goes out of business 2 years after it's appointed. And the

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next step really is to create a plan and we... we will do with the plan what we... what we think is... is important."

Meyer: "I saw some references to a 3-year time frame in that... What... what am I missing if it sunsets or you think that it, in effect, would sunset after 2 years, although it's not mandatory?"

Hamos: "Well, it says... Representative, it says that 'All members of the task force shall be appointed for a 2-year term. They are to create a plan by September 30, 2008.' And we don't really provide for any continuing responsibilities for the task force except as... except as we later determine pursuant to their policy recommendations."

Meyer: "Well, you're talking about a 3-year transition period for... for that task force to address financial losses is what I guess I was understanding from the wording. Maybe I'm misreading it or is that true?"

Hamos: "Well, again, they would come back to us in the spring of 2009 with their policy recommendations and recommendations for funding further initiatives and the Bill itself does not really provide for any ongoing responsibilities."

Meyer: "Good. Does your Bill... does your Bill prevent the Governor, whoever that Governor may be at that point, from making additional 2-year appointments to this task force?"

Hamos: "No."

Meyer: "Okay."

Hamos: "No, but they have a very specific role in this Bill and that's their entire responsibility."

Meyer: "Well, at the same time, it's kind of a moving target, the economy is and the economy of food is certainly a moving

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target. I... Look in interest on those that you appointed today, a task force, some of them seem to make sense and some of them I was con... kind of interested. Three representatives of not-for-profit ed... educational organizations, how do those figure into a task force on food production?"

Hamos: "I'm sorry. What is your question, Representative?"

Meyer: "Yes. You... you have as a provision to your task force three representatives for not-for-profit educational organizations. How do those figure into your task force in terms of bringing something to the table on food production?"

Hamos: "I think that there is a lot of work being done at the universities, research, on different forms of production. And I think that was the goal as to involve some of the university-based research... researchers."

Meyer: "Well, you have that provided for in another instance where you bring one university agricultural specialist into your task force versus three not-for-profit part... participants. Again, it... it... it just appears to me that there is something out of whack in terms of the people that you're appointing on to this task force in terms of what they bring to the table."

Hamos: "Well, Representative, I think that all of the members of this task force will be people who care about this agenda and this subject. And I think the education... I think this was a recognition that..."

Meyer: "Okay. Let... let me ask you this then..."

Hamos: "...some creative work is being done in educational..."

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Meyer: "What does... what does a philanthropic organization, representative, bring to the table?"

Hamos: "Again, I think that there is a... some known philanthropies that are very interested in this whole concept. We... I went to a... actually a... an expo on Saturday and there was somebody there who's really following the farm Bill."

Meyer: "What about a municipal, Representative? There are two of those that are provided for it. Do they farm up... in the municipalities or what?"

Hamos: "You know, I... I think you're asking these specifics. I... I think there was a..."

Meyer: "Why would..."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative, your five (5) minutes have expired. Could you please bring your remarks to a close?"

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My only point is that your Bill is very specific about those on... that you're appointing to the task force. I, personally, don't have a problem with examining ways in which to... to provide for organic produce and... and certainly there... I'm sure there's a niche of farmers that would fit into that. I just question whether you should write it into law versus a Resolution. And the makeup of your organization to really accomplish what you're describing versus some other... whatever the agenda of those organizations might be. All right. Thank you for your responses, Representative."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hamos, you're recognized to close."

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Hamos: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, there is no opposition... no known opposition to this Bill, not a single person had come to me to express that. As you can... as you heard from some of my cosponsors, there are downstate farmers who are very interested and their Representatives have been very supportive. I do want to say that this Bill is created with the best of intentions and it's really to make connections between farmers and consumers for the purposes... for the greatest benefit that every food dollar be spent in this state. And that's what this Bill is about. It's a new, creative approach to getting there. And I... I seek an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 8 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Poe, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Hannig: "State your... state your point."

Poe: "Yeah. I'd like for the boy... young men up in the balcony to stand up. We want to recognize them today. They're the... from the Grant Middle School here in Springfield and they're the IESA 4A state champions. And I want to remind Mr. Black, last year you went on pretty hard about... These are the boys that got beat by Danville. They come back this year and beat East Peoria 50 to 34 to win the state

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championship. The head coach is Mr. Gardner. The assistant coach is Brian Barnes, Steve Fisher, and the manager is Victor Mayes. So, we want to congratulate all of you guys and we appreciate the leadership you provide Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Rose, you have House Bill 324. Do you wish us to read that Bill on Third? And Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 324, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Rose: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. House Bill 324 is a very simple Bill. It speaks to accountability in government. It speaks to transparency in government. As many of you know, over the last several years the State of Illinois has time and again raided specialized funds. And they've raided these funds despite individuals who paid into the funds having been told their money is going to a special purpose. The classic example that I note is the Collegiate License Plate Fund where people pay an extra fee for a collegiate license plate of their choice where the moneys are then supposed to go to a scholarship, scholarships for... for college kids. That fund, among many others, was raided. Those individuals who pay that money were never told their money did not actually go to where it was intended. Time and again, people pay into these special funds not being told that their money is going where it was intended. This Bill will simply require the state to inform people who pay

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into these special funds exactly how much money went... the percentage of money that actually went to what it is who... they are being told it was supposed to go to. This is not unlike charitable giving. There are a number of scandals several years ago where people who donated to different charities find out that only pennies on their dollar are actually making its way to the intended recipients of the gift. The rest is being sucked up in... by the... by administrative bloat and bureaucracy. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a transparency issue; this is a truth in government issue. This is an issue that we should all be behind. People have a right to know where their money's going and this would simply require the state to inform them what percentage of their money actually went... actually went to its intended purpose. I find it telling not the least of which... I find it telling that virtually every agency in the administration had opposed my Bill. Think about that. Virtually every agency is opposed to letting the people know where their money's going. That's absolutely amazing. We need to bring some sunshine to this. We need to let the people know where their money's going. I would ask for your favorable vote on this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "We're going to use the rules of Standard Debate. And Representative Dunkin, you're recognized for five (5) minutes."

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

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

Dunkin: "Representative, just curious, how much would this sunshine cost?"

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Rose: "Representative, I've not seen any fiscal impact. But, frankly, we're asking people for money, people are giving us money, they have a right to know. It'd be a simple matter of saying yes for the college... the collegiate license plates... yes, 80 percent actually went to scholarships last year. We could preprint it on the form brochures as they're being sent out. We are sending out from... from professional industries that are regulated. We have to send them an application, a form, to fill out. You could simply put that on there. So, frankly, I don't think there'd be much cost at all."

Dunkin: "Yeah, but do you have any idea monetarily 'cause obviously, postage, ya know, man and one in power, as it relates to administering such a program?"

Rose: "But... but these are..."

Dunkin: "Any idea?"

Rose: "...our documents that are already going out. So, I guess what I'm saying is you're simply putting a statement on those documents that are already going out as to what percentage went to where it's supposed to go and so negligible."

Dunkin: "So, I'm just curious of why, ya know, in some of the previous administrations over the last, let's say, 26 or 30 years, why this hasn't been an issue or discussed or even..."

Rose: "Well, first of all,..."

Dunkin: "...introduced as such a legislation?"

Rose: "Representative, I don't know that that's entirely accurate, but I'll tell ya, the one that came to my attention was the collegiate license plate funds. I

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represent Eastern Illinois University and my district borders on the University of Illinois. A lot of people buy those college plates thinking they're helping kids, thinking that that money's going... all of it, because that's what the promotional brochure says. Promotional brochure says this money's going to scholarship funds and then we find out that it didn't because it was swept. And then they talk... then the... then the Governor's Office in response says, 'Well, we sent every mon... penny that was appropriated to kids.' Well, they didn't mention the two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) that wasn't appropriated it was instead swept. That would've been four hundred (\$400) or five hundred dollar (\$500) scholarships for kids in Illinois in your district, Representative. And the people who pay into that thinking they're paying into scholarship funds, all I'm saying is they have the right to know... they have the right know how much of it's going to where it's going."

Dunkin: "So, Representative, who are the opponents to this legislation?"

Rose: "As I said, Representative, virtually every state agency is opposed to this legislation which I find absolutely reprehensible and frankly, morally unconscionable that the Governor's Office doesn't want the citizens of Illinois to know... to know where their money's going."

Dunkin: "Again, Rep... and really, ya know, I... I'm not here vouching for the Governor, anyone or any particular state agency. I'm just trying to understand the legislation, the cost factor, and why there's such a... a stringent amount of opposition towards this legislation."

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Rose: "I... I would suggest... and really, I appreciate that. I would suggest to you that the opposition is based upon not wanting people to know where their money's going because, frankly, they're gonna get... they'll be upset and angry and mad just like my constituents were when they found out about the college plates. But the... the... to get back to your original question, these are materials that are already been printed. These are materials that are already being sent out. All I'm saying is put a line on it that says last year X percentage of your fee went to what it was supposed to go to. And that way people will know where their money's going."

Dunkin: "But if a... if an individual here is doing his or her due diligence in terms of research, can't they find that information out already maybe by way of the Internet or..."

Rose: "No. Representative, I..."

Dunkin: "...or going to the... to a... a library and looking at our state budget?"

Rose: "As I said, the promotional..."

Dunkin: "Or asking for FOI?"

Rose: "As... as I said... But Representative, first of all, why should the citizens have to file a FOIA request to find out what their government's doing? I mean... I mean that's sort of asinine in... on its face."

Durkin: "They do it anyway."

Rose: "But what... what I'm saying is that... well, but... I mean to suggest that everyone who... every realtor in Illinois should file a FOIA request to find out how much a realtor licensure fee went to where they were told it's going. I mean, the

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assumption of government says this is where it's going, that's where it's going. My point is that's not where it's going and they have a right to know that. Just like all the people who... who... who paid into those collegiate license plate funds were told the money was going to scholarships and most of it did, Representative. But two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) didn't and there's hundreds of kids that didn't get scholarships because of it."

Dunkin: "So, is it fair to say that maybe we should look at some legislation that says all those individuals who are purchasing these collegial license plates, we should have... have that information disclosed appropriately. Is that fair compared to listing... listing every state agency?"

Rose: "Well, Representative, what I'm... what I'm suggesting is that there are over 200 funds that were swept. And the principle of transparency of truth in government applies to every single one of those. Every single one of those."

Dunkin: "Is... is truth in government, I mean, is that relative to whose eyes are reading what? Again, we... we have a..."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Dunkin, your five (5) minutes have expired. Would you bring your remarks to a close, please?"

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... ya know, this Bill, I certainly see the intention of it and the Representative has good intentions. I just don't see the possibility of a... ya know, I've yet to really have a clear answer on the costs of such program and I... I don't know where we're going with this, quite frankly, given that we have freedom of information, we have budget books that are available at

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libraries we have the access to Internet and we're disclosing a number of our activities here. And people have ample access to get to any information across... towards any agency. And I would encourage, strongly encourage, a 'no' vote on this here for good government sake."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mulligan."

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

Speaker Hannig: "The Bill."

Mulligan: "This is a good government Bill and I'll explain to you just simply why. It seems sad that we have to go to this extreme in order to transfer funds or to keep track of what we've transferred. Many Legislators have introduced individual Bills that says you cannot take a fund transfer. In years gone by, the only way we find out what funds are gonna be transferred is we go the night before if you're on appropriations and you take a look and then you have to through a fit. Then what happens is if you sit on JCAR like I do, after the funds are transferred the fees are raised. So, the bankers will come to you and say, 'Why did you raise my fee?' Well, that's because the Governor swept his funds. Now, I will be real honest with you, with all due respect to all these agencies, these are the Governor's agencies. If you don't think he went to them and asked them all to sign in against this, you have another thing coming. They are never that organized that they universally sign in against everything. They have been told do not be for this Bill. It's not a matter of that. Would you like to find out three days after Session is over that they swept the Early Intervention Fund, they swept the Domestic Violence Fund,

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they've taken the Veterans' homes' money, they've moved the Road Funds around. What we want to do is we want to have some idea of what's happening and we want the people that are paying the increase in their licenses, the increase in their fees, to know that this came from a fund transfer that this Governor's administration has done. If they're your people or a fund that you've worked for or someone that you care about, you, like I, might have to say in a committee, if you sweep the Domestic Violence Fund, I'm gonna go find a lawyer and sue the state. That's a ridiculous way to do business here. The object is to find out what's going to happen. Last year I... we passed a Bill that I sponsored out of this Body 113 to 0 that said they gotta go 30 days before to government forecasting, to the Comptroller, and to the State Treasurer and let them know and it was killed in the Senate. Any ability to track what's happening to the people that we represent, the fees that they pay, or the problems that we have with fund transfers are totally killed. I do not think that it is to anybody's benefit to have only the people who are on JCAR, the people who are on appropriations, the people that care about certain institutions to take a look at the fees. I think the whole General Assembly should be for this. I think they ought to send a message. And if you go talk to any one of your people at these agencies, I will bet you that they will quietly tell... tell you that they were told to oppose this Bill. I would make an 'aye' vote for this just to send the statement of we want to know where these fund transfers are and we want the people that we represent to know why their

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fees are raised and why they have to pay more when this state is not meeting its obligations correctly."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. This is the... this is the truth in government Bill and a sunshine Bill. Do you realize in the last five (4) years we have swept over a billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000)... almost a billion and a quarter dollars (\$1,250,000,000) out of the funds that we properly put into the agencies that were paid by the citizens of this state? Now, we are thrown a budget Bill a couple of hours before we vote on it. In fact, the Reverend Senator Meeks... or is the Senator Reverend Meeks, I'm not sure which... has proposed that we have at least four (4) days to look at the budget. And we wouldn't be surprised by this administration when we swept funds from the architects, they swept them from the truck drivers, they swept them from anybody that pays a fee in this state, license plate holders, they think that those fees are going to pay for the... the good things that this government can do and can... and does do for their particular occupations. And yet, what do we do? We raise their fees, we get a balance in the fund, and then we sweep it. This Bill simply says if we're going to sweep the funds that are created from the higher fees and not spend them on the purpose for which it was intended that we will notify the people that paid the way, the people that paid the bills to this state. It's a sunshine; it's truth in government which we could use a little bit more around this city. A little bit more truth

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in government. And I urge a 'yes' vote on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "We've had three in response, one in opposition. Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What am I, in response or opposition?"

Speaker Hannig: "I... Either one."

Black: "Oh, okay. I'm trying to make up my mind. Bear with me just a second. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate your indulgence. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, how anyone from the other side of the aisle can get up and say a vote 'no' against this Bill is good government is beyond me. What was it, a year ago all four caucuses asked the Governor... the four Leaders asked the Governor, 'Is there anything in your budget that puts money for stem cell research in the budget?' What was the answer? No. No. Not... not a... not a penny. Not a penny. The budget passed. How much did he take out of the budget for stem cell research, a hundred million (\$100,000,000)? Well, you don't have to look to... to Reverend Meeks for a Bill. I had a Bill that was posted in the Revenue Committee but... but was never heard. I know that surprises you that simply said, all appropriation Bills must sit on the Calendar three (3) days after they're read a second time and those Bills must be posted on the Internet and must be available to the press and must be available to the general membership. Then we could vote on them after everybody had had time to actually read what was in the budget Bill, the appropriation Bill, if you will. I think the Gentleman has come up with a Bill

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that is extremely simple and simply says this is not our money. It does not belong to the State of Illinois. It does not belong to the Governor of Chicago. It does not belong to any of the twenty-two (22) departments that don't like the Bill. It belongs to the people who pay the taxes and pay the fees. And if they pay a fee to register their license and the fee went up as it did four (4) years ago, they have a right to know how much of that money that they're paying to renew their realtor's license, their optometric license, whatever it might be. They have a right to know that of the money that they spent to police their organization, their group... In fact, half of what they spent was swept back into the General Revenue Fund and was spent on everything from salaries to paperclips to staplers. It's their money, people. They have a right to know how it's spent. And if you buy a license plate that the proceeds of which are supposed to go to A, B, C, or D and they don't go to A, B, C, or D you have a right to know that. And it may impact whether or not you want to pay that extra money for that license plate or that license or that permit the following year. I... I don't know how anybody can honestly stand up and say that this is not a reasonable Bill. Heavens, what... what a revolutionary thought. We're actually going to tell the taxpayer, the fee payer, where his or her money actually went. What a revolutionary idea, Representative. It's a great Bill; it's long overdue because of what has transpired in the last 3 or 4 years, and it really deserves an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Hannig: "The rules would provide for one additional speaker in opposition... op... in opposition to the Bill. Representative McCarthy, are you in opposition? Opposition to the Bill, Representative McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. My friend from Danville made some very good points and if that was what the Bill did, I think that we could all say let's stand up and support it. But this Bill does much more than just put things on the Internet, make sure that the general public knows. Our votes are public here. All of us who voted for those fund sweeps, whether we took the time to make sure we knew what each one did the first time, we certainly did it the second time. And the last couple budgets we've looked them over, we've removed some of the funds that were near and dear to our heart, and we made our votes accordingly. Some of us supported the fund sweeps, some of us did not. But this Bill here does not do what Rep... the Representative from Danville said as far as just mandating that it goes on the Internet for a couple days so that we can look it over. This Bill has a mandate that says you have to notify every person who ever paid into any of these funds. Well, that is nothing more than just a delaying tactic, maybe an embarrassing tactic to the Governor's Office, the Office of Management and Budget. I don't think it's something we want to do to bring it into the system. I think it's over... overly increasing the paperwork. It's probably going to cost more money than the money that's swept out of the funds and I don't know where the money for that would come, whether it just comes out of

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regular GRF or comes out of the fund itself. I know what the Sponsor's intent is. He'd like to see the stop of these fund sweeps. There's a lot of them that I personally hate to see swept. Last year we were able to work together and stop some of those. Maybe this year we can do even a better job and stop a few more. But this is money that is swept by an Act of the General Assembly, by all of us here who vote for it. It's not something we're trying to hide. We live up to our votes. We go home; we tell our constituents which way we voted on things when they request that information. And I think this is just a unnecessary paperwork, unnecessary delay, and definitely deserves a 'no' vote. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "So, Representative Rose, you're now recognized to close."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to correct something that was just said. This is not retroactive. It's not retroactive. This provides that at the time you pay the fee... at the time you pay the fee you're notified how much of last year's fee went... the percentage of it went to where it said it was gonna go. And... the... one of the speakers used the word... embarrassed. Well, frankly, it should be embarrassing. It should be embarrassing that the entire... apparently almost every state agency, every one that I can see, is in opposition to letting the people know where their money's going. That should be embarrassing. This should be a very simple Bill, a very simple Bill that... that brings transparency to government and lets people know where their

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money's going, nothing more, nothing less. I'd ask for a favorable consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 81 voting 'yes' and 33 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Phelps, on page 38 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 824. Okay. Out of the record. Representative Graham, on... on page 37 of the Calendar you have House Bill 318. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 318, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Graham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 318 allows the utility companies to continue to report to your credit, but it's not used as a determinant to your credit score. I'll take any questions at this time."

Speaker Hannig: "This is on the Order of Short Debate. In response, the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Meyer."

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

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

Meyer: "Rep... Representative, in your opening you said that as... as amended it provides that credit bureaus can no longer count late payments as a part of your credit score but that

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it... your late payments still would be reported to the credit bureau, is that correct?"

Graham: "That's... that's correct."

Meyer: "What... what is the purpose there?"

Graham: "Initially, when I was lobbying on House Bill 318 with my colleagues, they expressed to me an interest in wanting to know whether or not people had paid their utility bills and this was a way of opening up the door. And when I initially talked with the groups, they said to me, 'This is concealing bad behavior.' So, I said, well, I don't want to appear as though I'm concealing bad behavior. So, I allowed them to continue to report and it not be used as a determinant to the score."

Meyer: "I... I... I guess I'm having a hard time understanding exactly what the purpose of reporting, and yet not being able to consider it. Would you agree that if you're late on your payments that there's an added risk that the utility takes on in... in collecting your... what... what is due them because of your... because of your monthly bill?"

Graham: "This... this Bill does not prohibit people from paying their bills. We do... I do encourage people to pay their utility bills..."

Meyer: "Well, I realize it doesn't prohibit..."

Graham: "...because it's a necessity."

Meyer: "...them from paying, but what... what... what about the... the risk that that utility is now assuming because the bill has not been paid? Should they not be able to... should they not be able understand that..."

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Graham: "No, because the utility companies still have the option of dis... discontinuing the utility service."

Meyer: "Can they..."

Graham: "If people simply cannot pay their bills or won't pay their bill, the utility companies still have the option of taking away the service..."

Meyer: "May the utility bill..."

Graham: "...as a punishment as to not paying."

Meyer: "Excuse me. May the utility company charge..."

Graham: "Mr. Speaker, I actually can't hear the Gentleman."

Meyer: "May the utility company charge an additional fee and... and hold it for a period of time to make sure that..."

Graham: "This does not prohibit any other practices currently in place by the utility companies from doing collection practices. All of that is still in place. Let me..."

Meyer: "But what is that credit score used for?"

Graham: "Credit score is used as a... as a tool to determine whether or not people are eligible for credit. But let me take this a step further."

Meyer: "Well, let me ask you this."

Graham: "Okay."

Meyer: "Do you... do you not feel that paying your bills on time... all your bills on time should be used in determining whether you're eligible for credit?"

Graham: "That's one way of looking at it, Representative, but let me... let me take you in this direction. When you apply for a loan you know what the payments of that loan is gonna be before you exited the place of business. You know if it's gonna a hundred dollars (\$100) or two hundred dollars

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(\$200). You know what the bill is gonna be. When you purchase a car, you know what that car payment is gonna be before you walk outside of the place. When you get a mortgage, you know what those payments are gonna be. But for utility bills, with the current rate increases we don't know what those bills are gonna be. And initially, when the utility companies were allowed to report to the credit, it was seen as a way to help people establish some credit. But this was not foreseeable that utility rates would be as high as it was."

Meyer: "And I believe I supported that... that concept at the time that that Sponsor brought it forward. I think it was smart, and I think it's still smart now. But let... let me... let me go here with... The credit score's often used to determine whether you qualify for a house loan or not."

Graham: "Sure."

Mayer: "That would be one major purchase that people would be able to make using a credit score. But on the other hand, if you're not paying your utilities... your... your utilities on time and therefore you have your gas shut off or electricity shut off, it pres... it presents a risk to that... that asset that you've purchased through a loan from someone else due to pipes freezing up or... or other types of things."

Graham: "Representative..."

Meyer: "Well, I'm... I'm asking the question now."

Graham: "Sure."

Meyer: "And... and this, to me, sets off a risk factor that I think that those making that loan should be able to... should..."

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should be able to consider. And... and I... Don't... don't you agree?"

Graham: "Representative, if a person applies for a loan, the utility companies still are able to report to your credit so that the credit... your credit is opened up. It is on your credit record whether or not you're paying your bills; it is there visible for a person to see whether or not you're..."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Meyer, your five (5) minutes have expired. Could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Meyer: "Certainly. Then, shortly, to the Bill. If... if it's there and they can see it, but they can't consider it as part of the score and they use the core to... score to determine it, I... I just think that we're def... defeating the purpose of the credit score to start with. And I support legislation that... that was brought forward and... and required that to be a part of it and I haven't changed my mind on that. I would speak against the Bill and encourage those to... here on the House Floor to vote 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "Thank you. To the Bill. I think this is a terrific Bill. The Sponsor worked hard on it. As a matter of fact, I liked her original Bill. But actually what this Bill now does is say that you can still keep them in the credit report. But I think what people failed to realize is this. When you talk about a credit report or a credit score, it's the word 'credit'. So, when someone asks, Experion or any of these company, TransUnion, the question becomes, 'How are people when they borrow money or they borrow on a credit card... borrow credit... how are these people on paying it

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back?' So, you have a credit score. You borrow money. How you pay it back.? Are you late? Do you pay back the money you borrow? So, if I'm a mortgage company, just like the Representative just asked, well, I'm gonna go do a bank loan or I'm gonna ask for a credit card or a car loan, it seems to make sense to me that those companies should find out how are you on paying money that you borrow. Your credit, and I'll repeat that for the third time, your credit report. However, when you go out and you buy a service, whether it be your electric bill, your gas bill, whatever it may be, you're not borrowing money from anybody. There's just you going up to your... your... your... anybody and just saying, 'Hey, provide this service and I'll pay you.' Whether it be somebody who's a painter who comes up and says, 'Hey, I'll paint your house, but it's six hundred dollars (\$600).' And he comes for the six hundred (\$600) and I say, 'Well, here's four (\$400). I'll pay you two (\$200) later.' That's not borrowing money. So, all this Bill does is have one heck of a compromise. It comes up and says, in your credit score you will be shown how you're doing with your credit. But if you're a bank and you wanna see how someone's doing with their utility bills, it's also there for you to see. It's just not part of your credit score. So, again I'll just underline that when it comes to credit reporting, the Sponsor has changed nothing. When you borrow money for a bank, a credit... for a credit card, you're always gonna see in your score how you've done when you borrow money. All this changes that when it comes to your utility bill which has nothing to do with credit or borrowing money. Paying

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your utility bill or paying off your gas bill or your phone bill has nothing to do with borrowing money. So, I'm just letting you know that. So, I think it's a great Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black. Representative Black."

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

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

Black: "Representative, if paying my utility bill or my gasoline credit card, my telephone bill has nothing to do with my credit score, what does?"

Graham: "Representative, that's a little different than what you're saying. You're saying if you are paying it with a credit card. That... that's different. A person is using a different source to pay their credit, their utility bill, with. So, I'm addressing people who do not have credit cards, but theirs... their utility bills are being reported to their credit bureau. There's an agency, Brookings Institute out of I think Massachusetts, ran a survey. And they were evaluating..."

Black: "Representative, I've only got a few minutes here."

Graham: "Okay."

Black: "So, let me ask you a couple of questions 'cause the previous speaker was trying to convince me that how I pay certain bills does not reflect on my credit rating. Well, it does. If I don't pay my phone bill on time month after month after month..."

Graham: "Mmm mmm."

Black: "...it negatively impacts my credit. If I had a charge account... a charge account at the laundry and drycleaners and

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I'm always 30, 45, 60 days behind, that adversely affects my... my credit. In other words, I have to pay bills in a timely fashion or my credit score will be downgraded, right?"

Graham: "You do have to pay your bills in a timely fashion, but utility bills are nontraditional credit. You don't sign... sign up for an agreement on whether or not... For instance, Representative, I can't just say I wanna... I only wanna use a hundred dollars (\$100) of my utility bills this month. I only wanna use a hundred dollars (\$100) of the gas bill this month. The bills are what they are. And in the current climate where low-income housing where people are now converting the housing that... that they are paying their own gas bills, those people are drowning. They're drowning. And... and this... this... the way that the process is now, they won't ever be able to get any credit, period, if their income doesn't change."

Black: "I have a Bill on Second Reading that would give people on the all-electric utility rate immediate relief. Well, I can't get the Bill called."

Graham: "Mm Hm."

Black: "Ya know, everybody's talked about it since October. I've worked since October on a Bill that would give utility customers absolute, ironclad relief back to the old discounted rate. Can't get it called. And it won't be called until the Democrat Amendment goes on it and changes the entire Bill. I mean, there are a lot of these instances around. But Representative, when I signed up for my utility service many years ago, I did sign a form that I would be

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responsible for all charges. And I had 35 days to pay the bill. And I had to give them a hundred bucks (\$100) to even get service to my house."

Graham: "And that doesn't change, Representative. People who agree to get electric services because it's a necessity, you don't agree to a price. You don't agree to a price. You don't never know. Every month is a gamble on how much your utility bills are gonna be. And when the summer months hit and those utility bills hit when people turn on their air conditioners, you think that hearing that we had from 1:00 to 2:30 in the morning... If we have another one of those, we'll probably be here all week long."

Black: "Well, all right, Representative. You... you and I will just simply disagree I guess on... on the impact of the Bill. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Credit is not an inherent right. It's something we earn. My wife and I have earned a good credit score over our 45 years of marriage because of what we did and what we didn't do. We don't live in a five thousand (5,000) square foot home. We don't drive a very expensive car. I don't know. When I go to the laundry... when I leave here Thursday afternoon and drop my things off at the laundry, I don't know whether it's gonna be twelve dollars (\$12) or twenty-five dollars (\$25). When I... when I go to the gasoline station where I have an account, I can't remember... Do I owe them a hundred dollars (\$100) this month or a hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) this month? Credit is how you manage your bills to the best of your ability. And... and in... in early remarks she said when you to the bank, you know what you're gonna pay for a loan. I've never known

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what I was gonna pay for a loan until I sit down with the loan officer and she... and he or she goes over my credit score and determines what interest rate I will pay. That determines what my payment will be. The better credit rating I have, the better interest rate I'm going to get. That's what credit is. It's not an inherent right. It's not something you can hide from creditors, nor should you. It all goes in to determining what risk you are for various services that you..."

Speaker Hannig: "Could you bring your remarks to a close, Representative? Representative Black."

Black: "We breaking in a new soundboard man today? Okay. He's... he's doing a fine job by the way. I looked up there and I thought it was Jim Durkin and I knew we were in trouble. As I was saying, in all due respect to the Sponsor, a credit score is in fact something that you... from... from your earliest years, you carefully protect it. You do the best you can. You don't indulge. You know, I could get in... I've been on budget billing for 23 years so that my utility bill is levelized. I have to catch up once... once a year. Sometimes I'm ahead, sometimes I'm behind. But we... my wife and I have done everything we can to levelize our payments and... and take care and manage a... a precious asset that we have and that's a good credit rating. And I know there are people who get in trouble. And if you go talk to folks and you go talk to the bank and you talk to the utility company, they'll work with you on payment plans. They'll work with you on budget billing. And it won't adversely impact your credit. But to deny people who give credit access to timely

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information about your credit history doesn't help you in the long run. It just makes credit more expensive for all of us. I intend to vote 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of the Lady's Bill. Amendment #2 provide that the credit bureau that receives personal consumer information from a utility service, the provider may not use that information to determine the credit score. What the Lady is trying to do, and I would assume... and maybe I shouldn't assume. Let me just say that I'm glad that she brought this Bill forward because in the last few months we've all been here debating the high utility bills of Commonwealth Edison and Ameren. And a lot of the people across this state was not prepared... their budget was not prepared for the 100 percent, the 200 percent, and the 300 and upwards of 500 percent increases of their utility bills. So, it's not that they're trying to be deadbeat, it's not that they are not trying to be responsible in payin' their bills, but they were not monetarily repair... prepared. They were not aware of the high increase in which Ameren and ComEd was going to raise their rates. And I heard the last speaker say that he was on a budget. Now if you want to be on a budget with one of these utility companies, you have to take out a loan, a 3 percent loan. So, once again, the people of this state was not prepared for that and as a result of not being prepared, they may now have bad credit. And I don't think it's their fault, and they should not be

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penalized for this. So, I stand in support of the Lady's Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "So, we've now had three speak in support and two in opposition. The rules would provide one additional opponent. Representative Sullivan, are you in opposition?"

Sullivan: "Yes, I stand in opposition."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, you have five (5) minutes."

Sullivan: "Thank you very much. To the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "...Bill."

Sullivan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we've kind of heard going back and forth why we think this is bad and... and who it hurts and who it helps. Let's also talk about why the ability for utilities to send their data onward for credit purposes was first introduced. It was first introduced not to hurt people, it was introduced to help people. For people that could not buy a car, they were poor, did not have the resources to establish credit, they used this utility information to get that credit established, to get a credit score, to be able to go on in life, to rent a house, to buy a mortgage, buy a car, and move forward in life. Now, yes, there are some people that have a hard time with utilities and they cannot pay their utilities and that... and that's... that's tragic. But we do not want their ability to borrow money enhanced because credit agencies do not know about their problems that they're having in everyday life. So, I stand in opposition for that reason because the reality is using utility payments can enhance a person's ability to get credit as opposed to hurt them. Now, Floor Amendment #2 which allows credit bureaus access to utility customers'

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personal information, but that information cannot be used to determine credit scores. Well, here's a simple fact. That Floor Amendment doesn't do anything because credit companies... companies that are going to do credit scores aren't going to take any information if they can't use it to create a credit score. It's really that simple. So, Floor Amendment doesn't... #2 doesn't do anything. So, I think we've debated this Bill. We all understand it. It's real simple. What the Sponsor's trying to do in the end is going to hurt the very people she's trying to help. So, I would have everyone look at this Bill and please vote 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "So, we've had three on each side and the rules would provide Representative Graham, you're recognized to close."

Graham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I brought this piece of legislation, I was really thinking about the constituents back at home who were having problems paying their utility bills. And I thought it was unfair that we would allow utility companies to report to the credit bureau of how well we were paying our utility bills, seeing that it's nontraditional credit. Like I said, when you walk out of a bank you know what the payment is gonna be before you sign the papers, before you agree to it. A group out of Washington... there was a... a summit held not too long ago and they strongly recommended that we passed the piece of legislation that would allow our constituents to opt out because of... they were not applying for credit. When I put that suggestion forward, the group declined that Amendment and I continued to work for something that was palatable.

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Right now with this piece of legislation, ComEd is neutral and Ameren is neutral on this piece of legislation. Also, there is an alternative credit bureau. The name of the bureau is Payment Recording Builds Credit. This group is out of Indianapolis. And if you are reporting to this particular credit bureau, the banks have to recognize a per the fair recorded... Fair Reporting Credit Act. So, I think the groups like this that are alternative because it's nontraditional credit, this database can be used to help people build credit. I think to continue to allow it to be done this way is a disservice to our constituents considering the cur... current climate. The group also recommended that if there could be a sunset on the measure, that was an option. Well, I have not heard back on whether or not that was something that was palatable, but I didn't think that they would go for that either. So, I was... ask this Body to consider this measure and to give our constituents some relief. Again, this information will appear on the credit score. We're not concealing bad behavior. So, if a person wants to know whether or not they're paying your utility bills, it is there visible for a person to see. So, they just can't use it as a determinant to your credit score. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. Representative, would you request Postponed?"

Graham: "Yes, Sir."

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Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, we're gonna put this on Postponed Consideration. Representative Phelps, do you wish us to read House Bill 824? 824? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 824, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today, I bring before you House Bill 824. This is the initiative of Alexi Giannoulis, the new State Treasurer. It's his investment transparency Bill. And what this Bill does in more or less is just shine light on the details of the investment strategy undertaken by the State Treasurer's Office and to let taxpayers know how their money is being invested. And I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "This is on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Then, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Franks, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise? Okay. Representative Crespo, you have House Bill 876? Do you wish us to read that Bill on Third? Out of the record. Representative Franks on House Bill 1553 on Third, do you wish us to read that? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1553, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill comes to me from our local... our local sheriff's department in McHenry County. And what I was told by the gentleman who was running the marine unit is that oftentimes when the police were stopping a... a boat or in pursuit of a... or in pursuit of a boat, that other boats would not yield. And as a result, they would have trouble trying to board these boats because of the wake. So, what he'd like is that the same type of laws... It's not... it's not antipiracy law. Same type of laws we're requiring motorists to yield, we'd have the same on our waterways. I'd be glad to ans... answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "This is on Short Debate. And in response, the Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Bost: "Well, Representative, I... I've just got some concerns. Ya know, when we say... I... I mean, we know what yielding is when you're dealing with a car. It's gonna, ya know, pull over and stop or... I was noticing in our analysis is that the language that... that we actually had language before that says you'd move to another lane when dealing with emergency vehicles along the side of highways. When we're dealing with a boat, quite often depending on current flow, wake, other issues that are out there, what... what are the guidelines that we're using to say what is actually yielding? And... and I believe... I believe in what you're

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trying to do. I'm just wanting to know how we're gonna do that."

Franks: "We haven't defined 'yield' except if you look on subsection(b) of Section 522, it says, 'they shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately reduce the speed of the watercraft so as not to create a wake and shall yield the way to the emergency watercraft, moving to the right to permit the safe passage of the emergency watercraft and shall stop and remain in that position until the authorized emergency watercraft has passed unless otherwise directed by a police officer.'"

Bost: "How do we... and... and just because I spent a lot of time on, you know, what... And I don't know what lake situations are in the north, but I know what they are in our area with Kincaid Lake and the rivers and river traffic. What... The emergency vehicles and the emergency boats that would exist on Lake Kincaid, quite often it's hard to identify that they are emergency boats. They... they have a louder siren. They don't necessarily have flashing lights. They have patrol on the side, but you can't always tell that that's... that's what they are."

Franks: "We... we define here, they have to be equipped with alternatively flashing red, red and white, red and blue, or red in com... combination with white or blue lights while engaged in official duties."

Bost: "Okay. Okay, that helps there. So, is it at the discretion of the officer to make the call on... on..."

Franks: "Sure. Just like with... they'd have the same discretion as if we were on a highway."

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Bost: "Okay."

Franks: "But we're just trying to make the... the same analogy as to being on a highway to give the officer the same discretion."

Bost: "Right. I... I just... I'm very concerned because I... I'll probably get a lot of complaints from... from the people that are at the lake that certain officers are a lot more aggressive than others like they are..."

Franks: "Sure."

Bost: "...you know, those... those things happen. And I want to make sure that we don't have somebody nailed... Of course, I guess that can all be weighed out in a court of law too. That's the way that works. So..."

Franks: "It's really a safety issue where..."

Bost: "Yeah, I... I..."

Franks: "...I'm worried about the... the police officers who are trying to board another watercraft. And if someone's whipping by them at fifty (50) miles an hour and throwing...

Bost: "Sure, throwing them off."

Franks: "...up a three (3) foot wake, you're gonna throw them right off the boat."

Bost: "Right. Right. Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? Representative Franks to close."

Franks: "I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Oh... okay. The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Meyer, do you wish

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to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Reis, you have House Bill 297. Do you wish us to read that? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 297, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Reis."

Reis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 297 as amended creates the hound hunting cite. It is an initiative of a constituent of mine at home. And it is, as amended, supported by the Department of Natural Resources. And I'd be happy to answer any questions. Appreciate your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "This is on Short Debate. And in response, the Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you. Will the Gentleman yield?"

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

Stephens: "What... what's the title of the Bill again?"

Reis: "The title of the Bill is the Hound Running Area Bill."

Stephens: "But in... but in effect, we're talking about coyotes?"

Reis: "Yes, coyotes. And as amended, we also included rabbits and other..."

Stephens: "Hound running is actually about coyotes? Is there anything else you're trying to hide in this legislation?"

Reis: "Absolutely nothing at all."

Stephens: "Nothing is... And if you're chasing these coyotes, would you need one dog or... or more under your legislation?"

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Reis: "Well, it's a... it's a contest that comes in and dogs... so many dogs will be allowed to run these coyotes and try to pen them in to rescue areas. There is no shooting involved, there's no killing involved. But it's a... it's a good Bill in the sense that there's coyote problems in the suburbs. They trap these animals live. They take care of them, they feed them, they train them, they provide housing."

Stephens: "There's coyotes in the suburbs?"

Reis: "Yes, there is. And it brings in a lot economic activity from other states. Illinois is the only state in the Midwest that does not have a provision for this."

Stephens: "So, we're gonna be hunting coyotes in the suburbs under your legislation?"

Reis: "Live trapping."

Stephens: "With one or more hounds?"

Reis: "No. The hounds won't be used to trap them. They'll only be used after they've been trained and..."

Stephens: "Thank you. Thank you, Representative."

Reis: "...properly permitted."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Reis, would you like to close?"

Reis: "I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Rita and Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lindner, for what reason do you

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rise? Representative Lindner, are you seeking recognition? Were you seeking recognition, Representative? No? Representative Tracy, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Tracy: "Thank you. I would like to recognize some of my 4-H members from Adams County. Beth Smith is here with her mother and from Brown County, Kelsey Knight. And so I'd to welcome these ladies and thank them for coming to our Session."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. We're gonna move to the Order of Second Reading for a period now. And Representative Berrios, you have House Bill 1964. Out of the record. Representative Boland on House Bill 1460. Representative Boland? Out of the record. Representative John Bradley on 494. Do you wish us to read this? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 494, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Burke, you have House Bill 1059. Representative Burke, do you wish us to read House Bill 1059 on Second Reading? Yeah. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1059, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third... or Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Chapa LaVia on House Bill 3393. Do you wish us to read that? Out of the record? Okay. Out of the record. Representative Collins on House Bill 1050. House Bill 1050, Representative Collins? Excuse me, she's excused today. Representative Colvin has House Bill 1663. Do you wish us to read that, Representative, from Second to Third? No? Out of the record. Representative... Yes, we'll go back to that. 1663, Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1663, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Currie on House Bill 1509. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1509, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Davis, Will Davis, on 2781. Do you wish us to read this Bill on Second? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2781, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Dugan on House Bill 877. Do you wish us to read this on Second Reading? Out of the record. Representative Dunkin on 615. Representative Dunkin? Out of the record. Representative Flowers on House Bill 392. Shall we read that on Second

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Reading? No? Out of the record. Representative Ford on House Bill 1360. Representative Ford? Do you wish us... Okay. Out of the record. Representative Gordon on House Bill 516. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 516, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Graham on House Bill 731 from Second to Third. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 731, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Hamos on House Bill 1842. Representative Hamos, shall we read this on Second Reading? Shall I read this on Second? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Excuse me, let's take this... take it out of the record. Okay. I misunderstood. So, Mr. Clerk, let's take this out of the record. Representative Eddy, you have House Bill 3377. Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3377, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Brady on House Bill 1822. Representative Brady? Representative Brady, shall we read this Bill? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1822, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Brauer, you have House Bill 1654. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1654, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Brauer, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "On the Amendment, Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment just basically takes a requirement of having two signatures and lowers it to one. I'll answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Hassert on House Bill 735. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 735, a Bill for an Act concerning real property. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Reis on House Bill 179. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 179, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Schock on House Bill 414. Representative Schock on... There he is. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 414, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Schock, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Schock."

Schock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Floor Amendment addresses a number of the concerns that was discussed in committee as well as brought up here on the floor. And if... U of I is now neutral with this Amendment. I'd be happy to answer any questions and urge a 'yes' vote."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Lindner on House Bill 254. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 254, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Bellock on House Bill 1268. 1268. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1268, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Jerry Mitchell on House Bill 285. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 285, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Mulligan on House Bill 1535. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1535, a Bill for an Act concerning autism. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Reis on House Bill 196. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 196, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Sacia on House Bill 1407. Wish us to read this on Second? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1407, a Bill for an Act concerning used tires. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Tryon on House Bill 3729. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3729, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Bost on House Bill 1919. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1919, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Jerry Mitchell on House Bill 1648. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1648, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Mulligan on House Bill 1539. Representative Mulligan on House Bill 1539. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1539, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Stephens on House Bill 617. Shall we read that? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 617, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Acevedo, you have on page 20 of the Calendar House Bill 1557 on Second Reading. Do you wish us to read the Bill? Representative

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Acevedo, do you wish us to read 1557 on Second? On Second to Third? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1557, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. Notes have been requested on the Bill and have not been filed."

Speaker Hannig: "I have to hold this, Representative, pending these notes. So, Representative May, you have House Bill 691. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 691, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2, 3, and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative May."

Speaker Hannig: "So, 2, 3, and 4 have been approved, Representative. And this is 2."

May: "Okay. Actually, Amendment 2 is just a technical change."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative May."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative May."

May: "This is a gut and replace, creating a new Act. Instead of trying to put it elsewhere in the statute, we're creating its own spot in the statute and changing any other parts of the statute that relate."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative May."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative May."

May: "Yes. Floor Amendment 4 is actually a drafting error being corrected, changing it from the Illinois Physical Therapy Act to Physician Assistants because physical therapists don't prescribe."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then, all in favor of the Lady's Motion to adopt Floor Amendment #4 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."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative May, you also have House Bill 3425. Shall we read that on Second? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3425, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative May, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative May."

May: "Yes. Amendment 2 gives a sunset of 6 years and adds one little phrase as approved by the department relating to the Department of Natural Resources."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. Is there any discussion? All in favor, then,

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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."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Holbrook on House Bill 616. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 616, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment... Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Will Davis on House Bill 2781. Representative Davis? I'm advised this already moved to Third. Representative Monique Davis on House Bill 466. Representative Monique Davis, do you wish us to read this on Second? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 466, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Feigenholtz on House Bill 1529. Out of the record. Representative John... Okay. You wish us to move that to... So, Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1529."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1529, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment... Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Bradley on... John Bradley on House Bill 1956. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1956, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Molaro on House Bill 1687. Representative Molaro? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1687, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Flider, you have House Bill 1119. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1119, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Flider, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Flider."

Flider: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I believe there should also be Amendment #3 which had been recommended be adopted."

Speaker Hannig: "The Clerk advises me that's correct."

Flider: "Okay."

Speaker Hannig: "So, what is it your pleasure on Amendment #2?"

Speaker Hannig: "We'd like to table Amendment #2."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, the Gentleman withdraws Amendment #2. Is there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Flider."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Flider."

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Flider: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #3 is a technical Amendment to the Bill. And I ask for its adoption."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Ryg on House Bill 1646. Do you wish us to read this, Representative? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1646, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Flider on House Bill 3586. Out of the record. Representative Bassi, you have House Bill 3509. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3509, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Bassi, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bassi."

Bassi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Floor Amendment is that which was asked for by the committee.. committee that clarifies that the sentence may be imposed for a fine of up to two hundred dollars (\$200). And I would ask for its adoption."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Black on House Bill 1382. Representative Black on 1382. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1382, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Coladipietro on House Bill 3767. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3767, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise? Representative Stephens, are you seeking recognition? Okay. Representative Col... Representative Coulson on House Bill 981. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 981, a Bill for an Act... a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Cross on House Bill 3730. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3730, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Cross on House Bill 3406. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3406, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Eddy on House Bill 592. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 592, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Fortner on House Bill 1080. Mr... Do you wish us to read that on Second? Read it on Second? Or out of the... which way? Representative Fortner."

Fortner: "There... should be an Amendment."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes. Amendment... The Clerk advises me the Amendments are... are out. So, Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1080, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Fortner, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Amendment, Representative Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 addresses the concerns that were raised in the committee, provides for a mechanism for a judicial driving permit for those cases where the court has found that there is a legitimate work-related needs for such."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Kosel on House Bill 1303. Representative Kosel on 1303. Shall we read it on Second? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1303, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Lindner on House Bill 3022. Representative Lindner? Do you wish us to read this on Second? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3022, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. And no Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Bill Mitchell on House Bill 1983. Do you wish us to read this on Second, Representative Mitchell? No? Out of the record."

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Representative Moffitt on House Bill 2918. Shall we read this on Second? Are you... Mr. Clerk, is the Amendment... no? So, why don't we just wait, Representative? We'll wait for your Amendment... we'll wait for your Amendment to come out. Yeah. Representative Munson on House Bill 1978. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1978, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Myers on House Bill 291. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 291, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Pritchard on House Bill 3597. Representative Pritchard, 3597? So, I'm advised you're still waiting on Amendments on that Bill. So, that'd be out of the record. Representative Ramey on House Bill 1864. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1864, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Reboletti on House Bill 3621. Shall we read the Bill? Shall we read the Bill on Second? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3621, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Rose on House Bill 420. Representative Rose, do you wish us to read 420? Okay. You wish us to read that Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 420, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Saviano, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, let's take that out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. Representative Dunkin, did you wish us to read House Bill 615? Representative Dunkin? Representative Dunkin, do you wish us to read this Bill on Second Reading? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 615, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Shall we move that to Third Reading? Representative Dugan on House Bill 877. Oh, do you wish us to read this. Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 877, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Boland, do you have... we have House Bill 1460. Do you wish us to read that Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1460, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Boland, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "The Amendment, Representative Boland."

Boland: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to table Amendment 2."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman withdraws Amendment #2. Is there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Further Amendments have been filed, but no additional Amendments have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Do you wish to hold this, Representative?"

Boland: "Pardon me, I couldn't hear you."

Speaker Hannig: "The... the Clerk said that there are still Amendments pending in Rules or somewhere."

Boland: "Oh."

Speaker Hannig: "So, you wish to hold the Bill?"

Boland: "Okay. I'll just keep it then."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, we'll take that out of the record. And Representative Berrios, you have House Bill 1964. There she is. Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1964, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Scully on House Bill 3463. Do you wish us to read this Bill on Second? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3463, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And I'm advised that on House Bill 1504 that Representative Howard will... will handle that for Representative Patterson. So, Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1504, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Reis, for what reason do you rise? Let's go to page... or go back to page 6 of the Calendar, House Bill 420 for Representative Rose. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 420, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Saviano, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 420 is an initiative of the Special Olympics of Illinois and what it would allow... in addition to the underlying Bill would allow a scratch off which would benefit the Special Olympics here in the State

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of Illinois. And as most of you know, the Special Olympics is a very important... important organization for this state. And this would give them additional re... resources to provide services and recreational activities to our disabled in the state. And I would ask that Floor Amendment #2 be adopted."

Speaker Hannig: "And on the Amendment, the Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose."

Rose: "Just vote on it."

Speaker Hannig: "So, that he doesn't wish to speak. So, all in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. All right. Representative Munson... Representative Munson, for what reason do you rise? No? Okay."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Turner in the Chair. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 3586?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3586 is on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Would you read the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3586, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Third Readings, on page 37 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 439. Representative McAuliffe. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 439, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have in front of us House Bill 439 that would provide that any aggravated assault committed by the discharge of a firearm from a vehicle would be a Class III rather than a Class IV felony. As we've seen in not only the City of Chicago but statewide more drive-by shootings. And we're trying to deter this. And I would hope that everyone could support House Bill 439. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Fritchey, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

Fritchey: "Representative, the Bill does something else as well. And this is according to the reading I've... I've got here unless this was amended out, that an assault against a Department of Healthcare and Family Services worker which used to be in the State Department of Public Aid, that then becomes an aggravated battery or an aggravated assault as opposed to a simple assault. Are you aware of this?"

McAuliffe: "I... I believe that's under the current law. That's the current law now."

Fritchey: "All right. This isn't adding another category. This is something that will reflect in the name change from the Department of Public Aid to Healthcare and Family Services, correct?"

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McAuliffe: "Correct."

Fritchey: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 439?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. This is Third Reading. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', no... 1 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Lady from Cook, Representative Flowers, for what reason do you rise?"

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker, I would like for the record to reflect that if my button had been working, I would've voted 'yes' on House Bill 439. But since my button was not working I could not vote."

Speaker Turner: "The record will so reflect your intent. And the electrician will be at your desk shortly."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "On the Order of Second Readings, we have House Bill 1030, Representative Pihos, on page 13 of the Calendar. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 1030."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1030, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings, we have House Bill 1960, Representative Poe. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1960, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on Second Readings we have House Bill 270, Representative Wait. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 270, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We have Representative Mathias on House Bill 2786. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2786, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 412, Representative Poe. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 412, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 271, Representative Wait. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 271, a Bill for an Act concerning alternative fuels. Second Reading of this House Bill."

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Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments.
No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings
we have House Bill 830, Representative Mathias. Read the
Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 830, a Bill for an Act concerning civil
law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was
adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions
filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings
we have House Bill 1559, Representative Pritchard. Read the
Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1559, a Bill for an Act concerning
education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1
was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions
filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Page 20 of the Calendar we have
House Bill 1555, Representative Acevedo. Read the Bill, Mr.
Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1555, a Bill for an Act concerning
insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1
was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions
filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 984,
Representative Berrios. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 984, a Bill for an Act concerning State
Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No
Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions
filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 1769, Representative Boland. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1769, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 3476, Representative Chapa LaVia. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3476, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 1662, Representative Colvin. Read the Bill, Mr... Oh, I'm sorry. Representative Chapa LaVia, you want Amendment #2? The Lady from Kane."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. I apologize. I'm running around doing the people's business. Amendment #2 just clarifies... well, where are we at? Amendment #2 just clarifies that any community college can be used as part of this piece of legislation as long as there is a college intergovernmental, if you will, agreement that the scholarship can be used at different college... community colleges outside the General Assembly Member's area."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Amendment #2?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. The opinion of the

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Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted.
Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for
consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings
we have House Bill 1662, Representative Colvin. Read the
Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1662, a Bill for an Act concerning
children. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1
was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions
filed."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman wants to leave the Bill on
Second. We have House Bill 1711, Representative Molaro.
Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1711, a Bill for an Act concerning
horses. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1
was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions
filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 26 of the Calendar we
have House Bill 1921, Representative Moffitt. Read the
Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1921, a Bill for an Act concerning
State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill.
Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments.
No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 34 of the Calendar we
have House Bill 3721, Representative Bill Mitchell. Read
the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3721, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 3667, Representative Moffitt. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3667, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 1608, Representative Ramey. Read... read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1608, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 622, Representative Rose. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 622, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 449, Representative Tracy. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 449, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 3628, Representative Tracy. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3628, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 185, Representative Winters. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 185, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman would like to keep the Bill on Second. On the Order of Third Readings we have House Bill 3672, Representative Watson. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3672, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this... Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading on Watson's Bill. Mr. Clerk, move House Bill 3672 to Third Reading. On the Order... the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 486, Representative Watson. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 486, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 117, Representative Winters. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 117, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. And then we wanna go back to House Bill 3628. Mr. Clerk, read the... What is the status of House Bill 3628?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3628 is on the Order of House Bills- Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor asks leave to bring that Bill back to Second for purposes of an Amendment. Leave is granted. Representative Pritchard on House Bill 1559. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Representative Pritchard. Out of the record. Representative Will Davis on House Bill 1674. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1674, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "...Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 3583, Representative Dugan. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3583, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Dugan, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Kankakee, Representative Dugan on Amendment #1."

Dugan: "Thank you, Speaker. Yes. Amendment #1 was drafted by the Secretary of State and it was just to address ...they wanted to make sure the wording was right in the Bill to address their database recordkeeping. So, it's really nothing more than just so the Secretary of State, who supports the Bill, just wanted to make sure the wording was right for the record... the reporting part of the Bill. So, I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3583?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 736, Representative Flider. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 736, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On Second Readings we have House Bill 407, Representative Flowers. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 407, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Oder of Second Readings we have House Bill 3653, Representative Golar. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3653, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the House... on the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 1462, Representative Gordon. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1462, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 1842, Representative Hamos. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1842, a Bill for an Act concerning energy efficiency. Second Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "That Bill shall remain on Second. Mr. Clerk, that Bill shall remain on Second Reading and take it out of the record. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 147, Representative Harris. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House..."

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Speaker Turner: "Out of the record. He just said out of the...
Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 147."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 147, a Bill for an Act concerning
regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment
#1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by
Representative Harris, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Harris
on Amendment #2."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment clears up some
errors made in the drafting process. We've been working
with the Illinois Medical Society and the department on this
Amendment to clear up those errors. And I ask that the
Amendment be adopted."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall
the House adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 147?' All
those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote...
No. Should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the
opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2
is adopted. Further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Turner: "So, the Bill shall remain on Second Reading.
Representative Hernandez on House Bill 1072. Read the Bill,
Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1072, a Bill for an Act concerning
regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment
#1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No
Motions filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Is Representative Dunkin in the House? How about Representative Franks on House Bill 1756. Jack Franks. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1756, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill simply states that any license plates that are to be done in the State of Illinois have to be approved by the General Assembly. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative McCarthy, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "...cates he will."

McCarthy: "This isn't a special plate. This is a rule for all special plates?"

Franks: "Right. What we're saying is if there was going to be ...there was a study that was done last year by the Secretary of State and it indicated that they wanted to have these additional plates, these vanity plates or these special plates like the autism plate that Representative Bellock will be bringing through committee later today. What we're saying with this Bill is that any plate done in the State of Illinois has to come through the General Assembly."

McCarthy: "So, are there some plates now that do not?"

Franks: "Well, there was a recent court decision that's on appeal right now by a judge who said, hey, if people

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actually sued to have a plate, we're saying judges shouldn't determine whether there's going to be a plate or not, the General Assembly should."

McCarthy: "Okay. 'Cause there are some plates that are only available for like a couple weeks."

Franks: "Oh, yeah."

McCarthy: "Are those the ones you're going after now or..."

Franks: "No, no. We're just saying any plate whatsoever that's issued has to have approval by the... by the State of Illinois... by the General Assembly."

McCarthy: "Now, this Bill... Yeah, okay. Is there any... is there any chance that this Bill is gonna be used as a vehicle to go over to the Senate in order to abolish all of these special plates?"

Franks: "That's not the intent whatsoever."

McCarthy: "Can we pray for that Bill, if we would like to..."

Franks: "You could pray for that."

McCarthy: "Okay. Thank you, Mr. Franks"

Franks: "Pray for me while you're at it, will ya?"

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1756?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Hamos. On this question, there are 116 voting 'aye', 1... 1 voting 'no'... Oh. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'aye', 1 voting 'no', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the

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Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 132, Representative Sullivan. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 132, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 3614, Representative Sullivan. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3614, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 3658, Representative Currie. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3658, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Sec... Sorry. Representative Currie on Amendment #1."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, and Members of the House. This is a measure that would require adult supervision of children using portable cans containing combustible material like gasoline, kerosene and so forth. In committee, a Member, in fact Representative Cole, suggested that it might make sense to bring the requirement down to children under the age of

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12 rather than under the age of 14. That's what this Amendment does and I'd appreciate your support."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3658?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Sullivan on House Bill 170. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 170, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Sullivan: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Simply, this Bill will add a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine on top of any other prefines that a person would have if they are convicted of child pornography. Some of the money, five dollars (\$5) of the money will go to the clerks to administer the program and administer the fines. I'll be happy to take any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 170?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Feigenholtz. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the

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Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 1728, Representative Joyce. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1728, a Bill for an Act concerning regulations. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 480, Representative Lang. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House..."

Speaker Turner: "Out of the record. Out of the record. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 1900, Representative Mendoza. Out of the record. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 1958, Representative Mendoza. Out of the record. Representative Miller on House Bill 801. Mr. Miller. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 801, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "What does this mean? Out of the record. Out of the record. Representative Miller, what is your wishes with House Bill 801? There's a Floor Amendment that's still in Rules. Out of the record. Mr. Miller on House Bill 1438. Out of the record. Representative Molaro on House Bill 1319. Out of the record. Representative Nekritz on House Bill 680. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Out of the record. Representative Osterman on House Bill 1795. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1795, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment

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#1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Osterman. Representative, move it to Third?"

Osterman: "Yes."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Howard on House Bill 1503. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1503, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Phelps on House Bill 3569. Out of the record. Representative Phelps on House Bill 1847. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1847, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Reitz on House Bill 3571. Take it out of the record. Representative Rita on House Bill 1467. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1467, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Rita on House Bill 1466. Out of the record. Representative Ryg on House Bill 1881. Take it out of the record. Representative Smith on House Bill 1988. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1988, a Bill for an Act concerning fire safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 1743, Representative Soto. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1743, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Verschoore on House Bill 333. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 333, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Soto on House Bill 1744. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1744, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No... no Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Verschoore on House Bill 1716. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. The Bill should... Take the Bill out of the record. Representative Biggins on House Bill 792. Biggins on 17... on 792. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 792, a Bill for an Act concerning special districts. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Biggins."

Biggins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I do have an Amendment I would like adopted to Floor Amendment #1. So, I'd ask if there are any questions you may have. It just changes some language regarding the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. And so far I don't have any opposition on the Amendment. Be glad to answer any questions anybody has."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Amendment #1 to House Bill 792?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Younge on House Bill 1605. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1605, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Eddie Washington on House Bill 656. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 656, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Washington."

Washington: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a simple piece of legislation, if we can call it that. It amends the Illinois Vehicle Code and allows dismissal of the equipment violation changed for a first time offender. And I'm proud to say that my colleague over to the right I don't... oh, there he is over there... the big guy in the back over there. I told him I think he's trying to go to heaven. He brought me this sensible piece of legislation and it was good to work with him. And what it does is gives a chance for people who might otherwise get stopped and fined out on the expressway or whatever they might be driving for an equipment violation. And it merely says that if they can correct that violation within a reasonable amount of time and show forth that that particular violation in which they've been ticketed for has been corrected then they will be given some consideration in terms of the money that they would have to pay. So, I'm open for any questions from anybody, right or left."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Meyer, for what reason do you rise?"

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield? Current, Representative, I don't have a problem with what you're trying to do. My analysis, and I don't have the Bill in front of me, indicates that the first time a vehicle is stopped for a specific violation then you get this kind of probation or whatever it is here, you don't have to pay the fine but you just correct the problem."

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Washington: "Well, you don't get a probation, Representative..."

Meyer: "Well, maybe I used..."

Washington: "...you get consideration..."

Meyer: "...consideration..."

Washington: "...that ...that your intent was to correct the problem
and you still may pay but you won't pay the maximum costs."

Meyer: "Yeah. Okay. I may have described it wrong."

Washington: "Since you don't have the Bill before you."

Meyer: "But the point... my point is you're indicating the first
time... Well, is somebody gonna keep track of the first time,
the second time and the third time or how's that gonna
work?"

Washington: "Well, I think they already keep track of the first
time, second time when you have any violation with a motor
vehicle."

Meyer: "Representative, I'm not working against your
legislation. I'm trying to understand how is this gonna
work. Is somebody... is this going to be something that the
courts are gonna have to track to make sure that you weren't
in here this week with one violation and the next week with
another one and third... third week with a third one or how is
that gonna work?"

Washington: "Well, yes, Sir. Well, my understanding of it,
Representative, number one, first of all, I didn't... I didn't
feel you were working against me. I wasn't trying to be
defensive, but I was trying to merely explain to you the
best I could. My understanding is that if it's a first time
offender, of course it's logged in the court's record
whether you've had a number of traffic violation, any

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prosecutor can bring up that record. And so this is basically talking about a first time offender correcting the problem, wouldn't go on your record or against you for any other future violation you may have."

Meyer: "Well, normally when you go through a speeding... and I'm... we're all guilty of some of these violations. I will grant you that. And when you go through the process and you haven't had another violation within six months or whatever that magic figure is, then your record is clean and then you don't... you're not... you're being looked at as a new offender by the courts the next time that might happen. I'm gonna vote for your legislation. I just think if you're gonna gear it to a first time or second time or somebody at some point's gonna keep track and did... does your record come clean after a year, after 6 years or 8. Ten years ago I had a light out on the car, now I got another one on a different car and am I gonna get fined this time. I personally don't think you ought to. I think what we're trying to do is to get vehicles... a problem corrected on a vehicle and get you back out on the road or at least while we're... a light can burn out anytime and I would agree with what you're trying to do. I just don't wanna see it become a big hassle."

Washington: "Yes, Sir. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose, for what reason do you rise?"

Rose: "I'd like to speak in support of the Bill, please."

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Rose: "Okay. I wanna thank the Sponsor for doing this. We... we spent some time over the summer working on some... some

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legislation that we could agree on and I really wanna thank him for that. This Bill's very simple; it's about public safety. And would you rather have someone fined for havin' their headlight out or actually get their headlight fixed. That's it, pretty simple. We'd rather have vehicles that are in compliance and equipped properly and operating properly than people spending money on fines rather than fixing their car. I think this makes eminent good sense. There's some questions issued... answered by or asked but I think it makes eminent good sense and we'd rather have vehicles that are operating and equipped properly and this would be an incentive, an encouragement if you will, for individuals to go ahead and fix that vehicle. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise? Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, I think staff has answered the concerns I had. I did get a warning ticket some time ago for a taillight... inoperative taillight that I didn't know was out and the officer gave me a warning ticket and said if I got it fixed... the light fixed and had proof and took it into the courthouse, I think it was within five (5) days, then he wouldn't have to follow up with a ticket. But I think staff told me that that's not standard practice; they don't have to do that. So, all you're saying is that on a first violation it's more important to get the item fixed than to write the ticket, right?"

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Washington: "Yes, Sir."

Black: "Sounds reasonable to me. Thank you."

Washington: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Verschoore, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "...cates he will."

Verschoore: "Representative Washington, I was looking here. Last week Representative Black passed a law or passed legislation that allowed the farm vehicles up to eighty thousand (80,000) pounds during harvest season. I see in here it says, 'will include... exemptions will include having a gross weight of thirty-six thousand (36,000)'. How will that affect his Bill or will it?"

Washington: "Well, Representative, I rightfully don't know, but my colleague who joined me with this legislation, I would hope that he might can provide you an answer. Well, that's just like my colleague on my right. They're never around when you need 'em."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Rose."

Washington: "Where did he go?"

Speaker Turner: "Representative Rose, there was a question. Representative Verschoore, you wanna ask the question again?"

Verschoore: "Yes. Last week Representative Black passed legislation that said during harvest season farmers could have up to eighty thousand (80,000) pounds and here it says exemp... exemptions include having a gross weight not to exceed thirty-six thousand (36,000) pounds."

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Speaker Turner: "And what's your question?"

Verschoore: "How will that affect his Bill if it becomes law?
Will it be in conflict or..."

Washington: "Representative, you're patient. Representative
Rose is going to try to give you an answer for that
question."

Speaker Turner: "Better turn on Representative Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't believe this affects
anything other than equipment violations. So, the pound of
a vehicle, how many pounds that vehicle's carrying, really
should be immaterial. Do you have a Section cite?"

Verschoore: "No. It's just on... It's on the summary here. It
says, having a gross weight not to exceed thirty-six
thousand (36,000) pounds'."

Rose: "I don't know how that would even be... I don't know how you
would fix that because it's a load and once whatever it is
you're carrying is unloaded you're no longer over thirty-six
thousand (36,000) pounds."

Verschoore: "Yeah, but if he's loaded and they pick him up on a
violation?"

Rose: "I don't believe that's in there, Representative."

Verschoore: "Okay. That's fine."

Rose: "But I could be corrected, I stand to be corrected and I'd
be... That certainly is not the intention."

Verschoore: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative
Bost, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "...cates he will."

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Bost: "That that was the same direction of questioning I was going down. As far as a tractor-trailer and quite often they're stopped for inspections and quite often they are nailed with equipment violations like this. And is this saying that then we can repair that and waive that ticket? I mean, that would be wonderful; I'm all for that. I've always thought that's ridiculous that... that in... quite often when you're stopped and inspected or whatever, you don't have the opportunity to fix the vehicle."

Washington: "Representative, forgive me for not having... and Mr. Speaker forgive me for not having an answer. I don't even know what to do in this situation seeing I'm a freshman in my junior year. Will you take it out of the record and we'll get back with an answer?"

Speaker Turner: "Does the fact that you're counting money in your hand and does that have anything to do with this take it out of the record now? Representative Black, do you notice what Representative Washington standing here? Ask leave to take the Bill out of the record. We'll take the Bill out of the record. On the Order of Second Readings, we have Representative Black on House Bill 918. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 918, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Several... a note has been requested on the Bill has not been filed."

Speaker Turner: "The Bill shall remain on Second Reading. Representative Mautino on House Bill 678. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 678, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Winters on House Bill 1855. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1855, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Winters, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters on Amendment #1."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me get it out of the drawer. Oh, come on. Pull it out of the record, please?"

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman wants to take the Bill out of the record. Representative Tracy on House Bill 3628. Out of the record. Representative Schmitz on House Bill 3132. Out of the record. Representative Reboletti on House Bill 3662. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. No. Out of the record. Representative Lindner on House Bill 224. Out of the record. Representative Eddy on House Bill 1400. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Eddy: "Can you check... for an Amendment?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1400, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Eddy, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Eddy on Amendment #2."

Eddy: "Thank you very much. Amendment #2 simply adds a little bit of language that's been approved by the Secretary of State for the notice. And I would appreciate your affirmative consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1400.' All those in favor should vote 'aye'... should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. The opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Fortner on House Bill 3766. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3766, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Colvin on House Bill 1069. Out of the record. Representative Crespo on House Bill 3477. Out of the record. Representative Graham on House Bill 415. Deborah Graham. Out of the record. Representative Gordon on House Bill 3588. Representative Gordon. Out of the record. Representative Granberg on House Bill 161. Out of the record. Representative Holbrook on House Bill 614. Out of the record. Representative Howard on House Bill 1021. Out of the record. Representative Howard on House Bill 3627. Out of the

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record. Representative Fritchey on House Bill 3578. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3578, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Fritchey on House Bill 317. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 317, a Bill for an Act concerning abortions. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Fritchey, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Fritchey on Amendment #2."

Fritchey: "Floor Amendent... Floor Amendment #2 is a... it's an Amendment from the trial lawyers that has to deal with not having an exemption or immunity from prosecution for willful and wanton misconduct by a medical professional. I've spoken with members of the Medical Society, they have no objection to the language. We know of no other objection to the language. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 317?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1855. Representative Winters."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1855, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Winters, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters on Amendment #1."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 1 basically pulls the underlying language out of the Prevailing Wage Act and sets up a separate Act called the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Work Projects Act. This was a request through the Department of Labor."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Amendment #1 to House Bill 1855?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion... the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 246?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 246 is on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady ask leave to bring that Bill back to Second Reading. Leave is granted. The Bill will be on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, on Supplemental Calendar #1 we

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have Senate Bill 423. Representative Hernandez. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 423, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, we have Senate Bill 611. Representative Washington. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 611, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Resolutions we have House Resolution 187. Representative Hoffman. Read the Resolution, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Resolution 187, offered by Representative Hoffman, congratulates Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on their 50th anniversary and proclaims September 24, 2007 as Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Day in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes, we would like to congratulate SIU-Edwardsville for 50 years."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt House Resolution 187?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amend... and the Resolution's adopted. Representative Reis on House

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Resolution 200. Reis, sorry. Read the Resolution, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Resolution 200 names Tuesday, March 27, 2007, as 4-H Day at the State Capitol."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Jasper, Representative Reis."

Reis: "We had a lot of... Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today was 4-H Day and this Resolution, House Resolution 200, acknowledges that on behalf of the three hundred thousand (300,000) Illinois youth who participate in this program. Appreciate your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 200. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Clerk, we have House Bill 1671. Representative Dunkin. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1671, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Dunkin, has been approved... Durkin, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Durkin, for what reason do you rise?"

Durkin: "Well, I'd like to just remind Members and Ladies and Gentlemen of this chamber that my name is Durkin, D-u-r-k-i-n and I hope we get that understanding of it. There's been a lot of confusion over the last year and a half between my

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Gentleman from the other side of the aisle. We have a lot of similar characteristics you can probably tell, but I think when it comes to the actual legislation I think we should clarify it that there is a distinction in the spellings of the name. But I... you're a wise man and I know you'll take that under consideration and do the appropriate thing."

Speaker Turner: "There is a substantial difference. Yours... you are an 'r'."

Durkin: "All right. I'll... I won't say anything else. Point well-taken and I will say that. In any event, House Bill 1671 is an initiative of the DuPage County forest preserve. They are presently prohibited from selling any property to a private entity. So, this legislation is going to allow themselves to sell certain parcels of land to put 'em up on the open market. And the Amendment, all it does is states that the forest preserve must sell at the fair market value. That's just to... I think there's some questions to ensure that this be more sunshine within the sales of the property. So, that's what it all does. That's it."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dunkin, for what reason do you rise?"

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the chamber. I'm so happy that Representative Dunkin, ya know..."

Speaker Turner: "Durkin."

Dunkin: "...clarified matters for us. He is an 'r'... Well, there is an 'r' in his name and in front of his name as well. I would like... I think this is very positive legislation. I think the Dunkins and the Durkins need to stick together

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here in this chamber. And I'd like to be a cosponsor, Representative Dunkin, if that's okay?"

Speaker Turner: "There's 'b' and 'b' and now there's 'd' and 'd'. Representative Durkin."

Durkin: "Representative Durkin, we have some space on this side of the aisle and I would welcome you to join us at your leisure to be part of this wonderful caucus here on the right side. Ya know, that's one of the things that we've been trying to do as Republicans is to reach out and to keep developing this 'big tent theory', so we welcome you and also other Members of the Chicago delegation to this side of the aisle. I think you'll find that it's quite pleasant over here. We eat well and I'd be more than happy to, ya know, maybe perhaps buy you a cold beverage at some point so... But with that, thank you very much Representative Dunkin. This is, as I said earlier, this legislation it... I don't think we need to belabor it any longer... it just gives the DuPage Forest Preserve Authority the ability to sell land on the open market."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt House.. Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1671?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 161."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 161, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill."

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Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments.
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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Nekritz on House
Bill 680. Representative Nekritz. Out of the record.
Representative Ryg on House Bill 1881. Read the Bill, Mr.
Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1881, a Bill for an Act concerning
local government. Second Reading of this House Bill.
Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments.
No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. The Gentleman from St. Clair,
Representative Holbrook, for what reason do you rise?"

Holbrook: "Purpose of an announcement. Thank you, Speaker. I
just wanna remind everybody that's on Environment & Energy
there's been a... the room has moved to D-1 and as soon as we
adjourn, we'll be there. We only have one Bill and one
Amendment, so if we can get there and get our work done, the
sooner the better. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill
375?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 375 is on the Order of Second
Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 375, a Bill for an Act concerning
State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill.
Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments.
No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 235, offered by Representative Poe. House Resolution 244, offered by Representative Stephens. House Resolution 245, offered by Representative Sacia. House Resolution 247, offered by Representative McCarthy. House Resolution 248, offered by Representative Currie. House Resolution 249, offered by Representative Reis. And House Resolution 250, offered by Representative Watson and House Resolution 251, offered by Representative Granberg."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman asks leave for the adoption of the Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, would you read the committee schedule."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee schedule. Immediately following Session the Environment & Energy Committee will meet in Room D-1; the Executive Committee will meet in Room 118; the Labor Committee will meet in Room C-1; Local Governmee... Government will meet in Room 122-B; State Government Administration will meet in Room 115. A half hour following Session, Consumer Protection will meet in Room C-1; Drivers Education & Safety will meet in Room 122-B; Health Care Availability & Access will meet in Room 118 and Human Services will meet in Room D-1. The Transportation & Motor Vehicles Committee has been canceled. Transportation & Motor Vehicles has been canceled."

Speaker Turner: "Can I have your attention? Members, tomorrow at 10:00 we will be taking our group photo. Everyone should be here at 10:00 and wear your Sunday best. We're taking

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group photos at 10:00 tomorrow and it's important that everyone is here on time at 10:00 for the group photos. Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise, the Gentleman from Bond. Cut him off. Representative Soto from Cook County, what... for what reason do you rise?"

Soto: "Thank you, Speaker. For point of an announcement. Just for the record, for the Elementary & Secondary Appropriations Committee, we will be convening at 8:00 in the morning, tomorrow morning. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Okay. Seeing no further questions, Representative Currie moves that the House stands adjourned 'til the... on Wednesday, March 28 at the hour of 10 a.m. I'm sorry. Representative Flowers, for what reason do you rise?"

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to inform the Body that Health Care Committee is canceled for tonight. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Health Care Committee is canceled for tonight. Seeing no further announcements, Representative Currie moves that the House stands adjourned Wed... 'til Wednesday, March 28 at the hour of 10 a.m. Allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House now stands adjourned 'til Wednesday, 10 a.m. and please be on time."

Clerk Mahoney: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Holbrook, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 27, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #2

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on House Bill 613. Representative Colvin, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 27, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 429. Representative Osterman, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 27, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2920 and Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3165. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Local Government, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 27, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2913 and Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3597. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 27, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2808 and Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3132. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 27, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1100 and Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1279. Introduction and reading

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of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 4091, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning economical power. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction and reading of Senate Bills-First Reading. Senate Bill 75, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 110, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 149, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 150, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 433, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 446, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 454, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1226, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1342... or Senate Bill 1344, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 1414, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1422, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 1539, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 1656, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. And Senate Bill 1674, offered by Representative Will Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Committee Report. Representative Burke, Chairperson from

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the Committee on Executive, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 27, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 611; 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 423. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."