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Speaker Lyons: "Good morning, Illinois. The Illinois House of Representatives will come to order. Members are asked to please be at their desks. Members are asked to please refrain from starting their laptops and Members and guests are all asked to please turn off all cell phones, pagers and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We'll be led in prayer today by Reverend Simon J. Holly who is the pastor of Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church in Peoria, Illinois. Reverend Holly is the guest of Representative Schock. Also today, we'll be honored to have from the Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church Miss Pat Ward who will sing for us America the Beautiful. Reverend Simon."

Reverend Simon Holly: "Thank you. May we bow. Oh, God, we invoke Thy blessing upon our State Legislature and upon all who exercise just and rightful authority. Instruct them out of Your law that they may administer all affairs of state in justice and equity, that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, right and freedom may forever abide in our midst. Unite in loyal and loving accord all the participants of our Legislature, so that men and women of all races and creeds may find in their common service the bond of true brotherhood and sisterhood. Banish all hatred and bigotry, racism and self-righteousness, and safeguard the ideals and institutions of our state. May the State Legislature of Illinois be an influence for good throughout the country, uniting men and women in peace and freedom and helping all races, creeds and cultures. Increase in every district and every city the sense of

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human brotherhood and sisterhood, true respect for man and for woman, loyalty and service and love, happiness in work and justice in reward; that our homes may be kept safe and pure, our cities renewed in beauty and order. All this we ask, Amen."

Speaker Lyons: "Miss Pat Ward."

Pat Ward: "Sings, America the Beautiful."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Miss Pat Ward. We will be led in the Pledge today by Representative Brandon Phelps."

Phelps - 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 Lyons: "Thank you. That's a tough act to follow. Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Barbara Flynn Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Osterman, Patterson and Rich Bradley are excused today."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Michael Bost, GOP."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Black, Jerry Mitchell and Watson are excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative Bost. Mr. Clerk, take the roll. We have 109 Members responding to the Roll Call, we have a quorum. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Miller, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Higher Education, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following

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recommendation: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 3916, House Bill 3917, House Bill 3918, House Bill 3919, House Bill 3922, House Bill 3923, House Bill 3924, House Bill 3925, House Bill 3926, House Bill 3927, House Bill 3928, House Bill 3929, and House Bill 6479. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' is House Resolution 1199, House Resolution 1295 and House Joint Resolution 130; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 2415. Representative May, Chairperson from the Committees on... Committee on Environmental Health, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 2083. Representative Reitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2104. Representative Soto, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 3861, House Bill 5984, House Bill 5985, House Bill 6347, House Bill 6346; 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill

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6344. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2692; 'do pass Short Debate' is Agreed Bill List #1."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McDonough, Representative Rich Myers. For what reason do you seek recognition, Representative?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Myers: "I'd like to call the chamber's attention to the gallery on the Republican side of the House. In the gallery with us today is Miss Macomb of 2009... or 2008. She is the 49th Miss Macomb, Alycia McCullough. We're looking forward to her..."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield. Enjoy your day."

Myers: "...representing Macomb and the Macomb area very well in the Miss Mac... Miss Illinois Pageant to be held June 21. So congratulations, Alycia, and welcome to Springfield."

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

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I have a Motion to suspend the posting requirements so that Senate Bills 2873, 2015, 2820, and 2882 might be heard in Revenue Committee this afternoon. We have cleared this with the other side of the aisle."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any objection on the Lady's Motion? Seeing no objections to the Motion, we'll use the

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Attendance Roll Call in favor of Barbara Flynn Currie's Motion and the Motion prevails. Mr. Clerk, on page 20 of the Calendar, Representative John Bradley has House Bill 5576. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5576, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Williamson, Representative John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the Bill that would extend the compensation for power outages to customers in the Ameren service territory. That compensation is already allowable and required in the ComEd service territory, but for some reason downstaters haven't been afforded that right in the past. This Bill would take care of that and make the rights of people downstate consistent with those in the ComEd service territory. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 5576 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? David Miller? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative John Fritchey, on page 18 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 4863. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4863, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the Body. This legislation would allow companies that are involved with government clearance in making vehicles, armored vehicles, to have proprietary security force smaller than is presently allowed. And we know of no objection to it. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 4863 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Mulligan. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mike Fortner, on page 19 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 5257. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5257, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Mike Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 5257 adds to the work that we did last year when we created a path for municipalities to aggregate their electric power. That initial Bill was a great idea, but it

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really lacked a detail needed to make it work. This Bill addresses that. It's the result of a lot of negotiation between the municipalities, the Attorney General's Office, Commonwealth Edison as well as third-party power providers. I'm happy to answer any questions and I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 5257 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Jack Franks? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lou Lang, on page 20 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 5668. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5668, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. This Bill amends the Human Rights Act to require a person who files an employer report form to pay a registration fee. A person has to file this form whenever they want to receive a state contract. It's only appropriate that they pay a small fee to cover the administration and investigation. I would ask for your support."

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

Eddy: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Eddy: "Representative, there's a total amount anticipated related to this fee to the Department of Human Rights. Do you have the amount?"

Lang: "They are currently estimating the fee will be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)."

Eddy: "And they do about five thousand (5,000) filings according to our analysis, which would bring in about three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000). Is that... is that amount then going to be restricted to use by the Department of Human Rights for a particular purpose related to the fee?"

Lang: "The Bill is clear that the registration renewal fees must be put into the fund of the Department of Human Rights, and the money can only be used to pay for the department's public contract compliance monitoring program."

Eddy: "So, the theory behind this is that the department has an obligation to investigate and to keep up with those contracts and currently, there's no fee involved and the expense is incurred. So, logically we would be charging a... almost a user's fee to those individuals so that later we could use that money specifically for the purpose of making sure that those contracts are being enforced."

Lang: "I couldn't have said it any better. It's a user fee so that when people want to do business with the state and

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they give us all this background information, we can do the appropriate investigation."

Eddy: "Representative, in the text of the Bill I noticed that the Rule Amendment is there. Also, it appears as if this fund is protected from any sweep?"

Lang: "Yes, that's correct, Representative."

Eddy: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DeKalb, Representative Bob Pritchard."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "Representative Lang, do you have any idea what kind of compliance we now have with businesses doing business with the State of Illinois, compliance in terms of the Human Rights Act that we have?"

Lang: "Well, I don't have that information in front of me, Representative, but I would guess that we have a very high rate of compliance. I would imagine that the honest, hardworking businessmen and women in the State of Illinois are doing their best to follow the law and to make sure they're in compliance, but on the other hand, we have to make sure."

Pritchard: "So, if we have a high rate of compliance, why is it necessary for us to implement a new fee and allow some three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) leave our business community and come into state coffers?"

Lang: "Well, Representative, the department does have to do the work; they do have to make sure people are in compliance because we have some that are not. And so, to make sure

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that... remember, these are people that want to do business with the State of Illinois. So we don't want anyone doing business with our state that might not be in compliance with the Human Rights Laws of the State of Illinois."

Pritchard: "Do you... is there any provision in this Act that would prevent the Governor from sweeping these new fees that we've collected?"

Lang: "Yes."

Pritchard: "And the state... the Department of Human Rights is currently inspecting compliance and is already doing what this Bill would now fund, is that correct?"

Lang: "They're investigating reports of abuse. I'm not sure if they're actually doing all they could do relative to making sure that these prospective state vendors are actually in compliance, so this will enable them to do the job we would expect them to do, better."

Pritchard: "So is this Bill and this new fee going to allow a huge expansion in state employees?"

Lang: "No, I wouldn't think so. It'll enable the current employees to do their job better. Perhaps they would bring on some other employees; frankly, it's not a question I asked."

Pritchard: "So I think, as our analysis said, that this would allow for only the hiring of one additional person."

Lang: "Then I'm going to accept your analysis. So that's not a very large expansion of State Government, is it?"

Pritchard: "Well, it's one additional person. As I understand it they have two (2) now, so this would be a third increase. But you know this is an important area. It is a

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change in philosophy because the State of Illinois currently funds this out of our General Revenue Fund, and what this is doing is creating a fee to operate state services. So would you agree that it's a major change in state philosophy?"

Lang: "I don't think so. We have user fees in a lot of places in State Government and that's all this really is, Representative."

Pritchard: "Very good. Thank you very much, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Mike Fortner."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Fortner: "As I understand the Bill and I understand the process of how this... these audits are done, it takes about 60 percent of a... of a full-time equivalent of one of the auditor's weeks to accomplish that. Does that sound about right?"

Lang: "You probably studied that better than I, Representative, so I'm going to take that exactly as you said it."

Fortner: "And as I... and based on that, it's probably about a thousand dollars (\$1,000) to do one of these audits of a company, based on what the weekly fee of their auditors are. So the way I see the Bill is that it looks like for trying to do these audits on those companies, we'd be able to accomplish about three hundred and forty (340) audits which would be about three hundred and forty thousand (340,000), which sounds like to me it's very well matched to the revenue that's anticipated to be raised. Is that..."

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Lang: "I should make you the Sponsor of this Bill, Representative. That was excellent. And let me remind, again, that if you don't want to do business with State Government, you're not going to pay this fee. This is a user fee for people that want to do business with the State of Illinois."

Fortner: "Thank you. To the Bill. I am not one generally to be supportive of fee increases, but I think it's important that when there is a narrow service that impacts, in this case just those who seek to do state business, this Bill has constructed a fund that again narrowly would be applicable just to this activity. It seems to me that the department has done a very good job of tailoring their fee request to the cost of providing this service. This is a case where we don't have a case, where a user fee is intended to be just a moneymaker in general. This is a fee, which seems to me, based on the numbers both from the department and the estimates that we have of what this would bring in, that would be well tailored to support that specific service to those people to meet their compliance. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes Representative.. the Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Michael Bost."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Bost: "Representative, I just have a quick question. Now normally, when we.. when we.. we actually set a fee. This doesn't set a fee, is that correct?"

Lang: "That's correct."

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Bost: "Okay. And is there any guidelines that say this is how you're going to analyze to put that fee in place?"

Lang: "Well, the original Bill said by rule, but then we added the rulemaking Amendment to it. So I guess it's by rule in conjunction with the Illinois General Assembly under..."

Bost: "So, what you're going to have to do is, now we're supporting a fee which we don't know what the fee level is, but come back and the fee will come back."

Lang: "Under the rulemaking Amendment, eventually we're going to get our chance to decide whether the fee is an appropriate fee."

Bost: "Okay. I probably won't be voting for the Bill because I don't know what the fee is, but you know, I understand that we have to vote on the fee later. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this Bill has been on Short Debate. We've had several people ask questions in support. The next speaker is Representative Will Davis."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Davis, W.: "Representative, I can imagine why some people would think that this type of a movement is onerous in nature, but I certainly don't see it that way. But how would you respond to that type of question?"

Lang: "Well, it's certainly not onerous. This is not a fee put upon every business entity in the State of Illinois, it's a fee put on those who say we want to do business with the State of Illinois. We know you have costs associated with doing these background checks and other investigations to make sure we're in compliance. We may make millions of

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dollars from the state; it's certainly worth a seventy-five dollar (\$75) investment to show you that we are legitimate."

Davis, W.: "Right. So that lends itself to why doing this type of legislation is indeed necessary when you talked about compliance, correct?"

Lang: "Exactly right, Sir."

Davis, W.: "Okay. Well, to the... to the Bill. Certainly I want to encourage everyone to support this particular measure. As Representative Fortner even alluded to, these are the types of things that we have to do to make sure that the state is protecting itself in any way. We try to do a lot of legislation that involves itself around making sure that we have equal representation, that individuals represent themselves to the state in the appropriate manner, that they're not front businesses and things of that nature. So this is the type of measure to make sure that we have the necessary personnel and the appropriate authority given to our Department of Human Rights to make sure that businesses who want to do business here in the State of Illinois are acting in a certain manner and acting accordingly. So, I would encourage an 'aye' vote on this legislation as well. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Winters: "Representative, the question that I have is does this deal not only with contracts with bids for supplies that,

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for instance, the Department of Transportation, Department of Natural Resources, other state agencies might be putting out for competitive bid. Would the companies that are bidding be required to file these reports with the Department of Human Rights?"

Lang: "The answer is yes. Prior to any bid opening they have to become eligible and they have to become eligible by going through this process."

Winters: "Is there a limit on the number of employees in a company that would exempt smaller companies from... I don't see... I've read the language and there's nothing in there. Is there in the underlying Human Rights statute?"

Lang: "I don't think there's any number of employees, but remember, Representative, that these contracts are substantial contracts for the most part."

Winters: "Well, let me offer a real life example where you will be hurting some Illinois businesses. From my personal life I bid on Wisconsin DNR contracts, some of them are worth three hundred dollars (\$300), some are worth twenty dollars (\$20). They are putting out a bid for prairie grass and prairie forbs seeds. Some of their quantities that they require are extremely small and companies such as mine and others in Illinois will bid on specific plants that they have available. The total value of the contract may well be under five hundred dollars (\$500) and they don't know ahead of time if they will get that contract. So to go through this process on the chance that they will be the low bidder seems a little egregious. What I'm asking is, when we develop the rules can we have some type of

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exemption on a contract, either a dollar limit or that you comply with the Human Right's language if you in fact win a bid and not just to be able to bid?"

Lang: "Well, I'd be happy to talk to you about that, Representative, but there's a threshold in the law under which that we don't have competitive bidding anyway. I don't remember... I don't remember what that amount is, while I stand here today, but certainly on a five hundred dollar (\$500) contract there's not competitive bidding for state contracts."

Winters: "I would..."

Lang: "So, I think that problem is alleviated, but I certainly understand your point, certainly happy to discuss it further in the Senate or when it comes back here or through the rulemaking process."

Winters: "Right. I just wanted to raise that as an issue and if could find out at least what the lower value of... the lowest minimum that would require us then to go in and file these forms with the Human Rights. We can discuss that off the floor."

Lang: "Yeah, sure. Additionally, you only have to do it once. So, if you're bidding for four (4) or five (5) contracts, you don't have to do it four (4) or five (5) times."

Winters: "I understand that, but in my bidding history with Wisconsin sometimes it's two or three (3) years before I actually have a successful bid. So..."

Lang: "Be glad to talk to you about it."

Winters: "Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons: "I recognize the Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Chapin Rose."

Rose: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield for some questions?"

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Rose: "Representative, I heard the answer you just gave. Are you sure that this only applies to competitively... to the competitive bid threshold? It doesn't say that. It makes a reference to subsection (j) of Section 2-101, which maybe that's what it is but it doesn't actually say, only applies to the... above the competitive threshold."

Lang: "So, the way I read this, the purpose of doing this Bill at all is to deal with people who are bidding on state contracts."

Rose: "Right. And I guess that's... I think it, though, becomes a contractor. So even if you go under the no-bid threshold, they may still be subject to this. But I'll accept, for the time being, your answer that's not correct."

Lang: "Well, and it... as I stand here now it might apply to those folks. And as I said to Representative Winters, I'd be glad to look at a threshold..."

Rose: "All right."

Lang: "...if that's appropriate."

Rose: "And that... that... it concerns me that we don't have an answer to that, but what really concerns me is, you know, two (2) things: one is that it doesn't say what the fee is and actually then goes on to prohibit the agency from determining the fee. So how is this fee going to be set?"

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Lang: "Well, we have added the rulemaking Amendment which basically says that agencies can't do this anymore. If this Bill were to pass in this form, an agency couldn't set the fee without coming back to us."

Rose: "But... well, I..."

Lang: "That's what has happened on hundreds of Bills with the rulemaking Amendment and truthfully, Representative, we're all a little in the dark about how that's going to work somewhere down the line."

Rose: "I understand exactly. That's my..."

Lang: "But I don't think we can vote 'no' on Bills just because..."

Rose: "Well..."

Lang: "...we don't know how the rulemaking Amendment's going to work."

Rose: "Right, but I... that's another reason why I'm concerned about this and the last thing is you said it's not subject to sweeps. I think it is subject to sweeps. The language that's in here says that it shall be used for this purpose, but that's not the anti fund sweep language that's been used in the past and it obviously..."

Lang: "Except we don't need that language anymore. We don't have... there are no sweeps, as I understand, that under the law today unless we affirmatively allow them. We did away with sweeps. Now we may end up having some, but that will be because we've allowed them."

Rose: "So you're suggesting then that at some point in time in the future this may be subject to sweeps?"

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Lang: "I'm suggesting that as you, I'm not a big fan of sweeps, but we don't have any allowed in the law today."

Rose: "All right. I just... I... what... I guess one more just sort of policy question. You know, aren't we making it pretty hard for people to do business with the State of Illinois? I mean, it's already hard to do business in the State of Illinois, but this would be one more thing if as yet to be determined value, what that cost is 'cause we don't know it's not in the Bill."

Lang: "Representative, I don't agree with that premise at all. Most of these contracts are very lucrative and very large contracts. The law requires that investigation to confirm compliance take place. We only ask that those who want these very large contracts tell us their deal and pay a user fee for the opportunity to do business with the State of Illinois to get this work done, which isn't being done today as efficiently as it might. I think it's appropriate."

Rose: "Don't you think, though, they'll just build that cost into their bid so that ultimately the taxpayers end up paying it? I mean, if it's seventy-five dollars (\$75), their bill will be just seventy-five dollars (\$75) more than what it would have otherwise been."

Lang: "That may or may not be the case, but the department doesn't have the funds to do this now and there's no proposal to give them those dollars and no revenue stream to give them those dollars. I'm not a big person on new fees, but I believe in..."

Rose: "I know, and I..."

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Lang: "...the Department of Human Rights and the work they do and they should have the tools to do the work."

Rose: "And I guess all I'm concerned about here is a lot of ifs, ands or buts that are still up in the air to be determined later, so thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Lang to close."

Lang: "Well, thank you. It's been an interesting debate. It's a simple Bill really. It says... it's a user fee. It says if you want to do business with the state, pay a small fee so we can do the investigation and make sure you're in compliance with the Human Rights Act. It's an Act we all believe in. It's an Act we think is important. Give the department the tools they need. Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Lyons: "All those in favor of the passage of House Bill 5668 vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Boland, Chapa LaVia. Mr. Clerk, take the record. Representative Lang."

Lang: "Can we put this on the Order of Postponed Consideration, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Lyons: "On the request of the Sponsor, we'll put this Bill on the Order of Postponed Consideration. Representative Kevin Joyce, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Representative?"

Joyce: "For the purpose of a happy announcement, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Joyce: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, about 10:00 this morning our colleague Representative Harry Osterman and his

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beautiful wife Peggy had a little baby girl. Eight pounds three ounces and no name yet."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Uncle Kevin. We'll need the reports of names as they come through. Thank you, Representative Joyce. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention, we're going to be doing the Death Resolution for Representative Larry McKeon, so I'd ask all staff to please either leave the floor or go to the back of the chamber. I'd ask all Members to please be at... in their desks... at their desks. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 1323."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Resolution 1323, offered by Representative Harris.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and former colleague, Larry McKeon of Springfield, formerly of Chicago, who passed away on May 13, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Larry McKeon was born on June 30, 1944 in Nampa, Idaho; he received his bachelor's degree in political science and his master's degree in public administration from California State University in Los Angeles; he also worked toward his Ph.D. in social service administration at the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Larry McKeon served our country as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army Infantry; he also served as a lieutenant with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and as a college professor and administrator before moving to Illinois; prior to becoming a state legislator, McKeon served as the director of information systems and services for Metropolitan Family Services and was Mayor Richard M.

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Daley's liaison to the LGBT community as the director of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues; he also taught public administration at Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, Larry McKeon is survived by his brothers, Gerald and Dennis McKeon; he was preceded in death by his longtime partner, Ray Korzinski, who passed away in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Larry McKeon was first elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1996 and served until his retirement in 2007; he represented the North Side of Chicago's 34th and later 13th districts; he was the State's first openly gay and HIV-positive legislator; he battled AIDS and cancer with stoicism, grace, and a strong resolve not to let those diseases impede his efforts on behalf of the causes in which he believed, nor interfere with his desire to live a full and productive life; he considered his biggest achievement as a legislator his work to add the words "sexual orientation" to the State's Human Rights Act, which bans discrimination against people for jobs, housing, public accommodations, and credit; this milestone, which was achieved in 2005, was the culmination of 30 years of effort and struggle by thousands of individuals; and

WHEREAS, Larry McKeon thought of himself not as a gay legislator, but as a legislator who happened to be gay, and was a passionate and committed advocate on behalf of the powerless, the vulnerable, and those who too often had no voice in the legislative process; he worked diligently to expand health care coverage for the uninsured, improve services for immigrants, bolster outreach and assistance

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programs for the homeless, increase workplace safety protections and strengthen workers' rights, and expand Uptown's Truman College; and

WHEREAS, As an Illinois State Representative, Larry McKeon served on numerous House Committees, including the Labor Committee as chairman, the Housing and Urban Development Committee as vice chairman, and the Aging, Executive, and Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness Committees; he also served on the Subcommittee on Agreed Labor Bills as sub-chairman, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, the Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes, and the Legislative Ethics Commission; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement, Larry McKeon served as a volunteer lobbyist for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago and could be seen in the State House several times a week; he also was the proud owner of a 2002 Winnebago Adventurer motor home that he took on excursions across the United States, along with his two rescued greyhounds, Hillary and Squiggy; and

WHEREAS, Larry McKeon was greatly admired by his colleagues and friends for his intellect, sense of humor, easy-going nature, kindness to others, and courage as a human rights leader; he was a compassionate soul who was modest about his important place in Illinois history and who truly strove to make the world a better place; he will be greatly missed but never forgotten; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with his family, friends, and the people who knew and

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respected him across the State of Illinois, the passing of our friend and colleague Larry McKeon; and be it further RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family and friends of former State Representative Larry McKeon as a symbol of our very sincere sorrow and sympathy for their loss."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Greg Harris."

Harris: "You know, Larry loved this place. He loved this building and he loved the people who work here. He loved the City of Springfield. He enjoyed his life here so much that he made Springfield his home upon his retirement. Larry loved the State of Illinois and all its natural wonders. One of Larry's greatest joys was traveling the state with a group of friends and their RVs visiting the parks and historic sites. Larry loved his country. He was proud to serve the United States as a lieutenant in the army infantry. Like each of us here, Larry was keenly aware of the honor that was given to him to serve the people he represented, and he loved his work as a House Member. He was so proud that he could come here and work to make life better for the people in his district and across Illinois. He was proud to be a champion for labor. Larry was committed to seeing that the working men and women of Illinois are treated with dignity; work in safe conditions, receive decent wages and benefits to provide for their families. He was tremendously proud of the vibrant immigrant and refugee community in the district and worked hard to be sure that they have the services they

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need to help them do what all families want, which is to be a part of the American Dream. Like each of us here, Larry cared deeply for his seniors and wanted them to be secure in their retirement and safe in their homes. He cared that people had housing they could afford, and that people with disabilities had the supports they needed to live quality lives, find employment and be active in the neighborhood. Larry was proud to be the adopted Legislator of the Champaign County Farm Bureau. Even though he was a city guy, Larry understood that more than just putting food on our tables that family farms were the backbone of our state; plus, he thought he looked pretty good riding a tractor. And like each of us here, Larry was proud to bring home the bacon. He worked hard to get money for schools, for our parks, health centers, the center on Halsted, and the long-awaited expansion of Truman College. There was one way, however, that Larry was unlike the rest of us here. He was the first openly gay Member of the Illinois General Assembly. Being the first was a wonderful opportunity, but at times it could also be a tremendous burden for Larry. It was a burden he felt when he saw many eyes upon him, looking at him as emblematic of Illinois's gay and lesbian community. He felt he had to hold himself to a much higher standard, as his successes and failures could color the opportunity for other gay people to serve in elected office after him. I hope he knows that he served our community and our state well, and is respected as a role model for lesbians and gays in public service across Illinois, whether we're elected officials, police

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officers, firefighters, teachers, doctors, nurses, or workers at every level of government. It was an opportunity for Larry because he could show by example that what gay people want is what the same as every person in Illinois wants: to work hard in our jobs, to build families and participate in the community, to be safe in our homes and neighborhoods, to be comfortable in our old age, to contribute to society, and to do our fair share. Larry so much wanted to help our community achieve some basic human rights. He found out how important some of these legal rights were when he couldn't be in the hospital room when his partner, Ray, died because he didn't have the right paperwork handy. I know it was one of the happiest moments in Larry's life when this chamber voted to prohibit discrimination against LGBT people in Illinois. He's forever grateful to you that it passed in his lifetime. And now we stand here today to remember his life. It was a good life and a life that touched many people in many, many ways. Larry, thank you for what you gave and for what you accomplished and please rest in peace."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Sara Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Larry McKeon was 51 years old when he was first elected to the Illinois House. Most people at 51 years old are just starting to wind things down; they're thinking about retirement. But Larry wasn't because Larry wasn't finished. He walked into this place with some memories of injustice and discrimination from earlier careers as a police officer and serving in the National Guard in L.A.

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He saw discrimination put upon women, African Americans, gays and lesbians, Latinos, the poor and the helpless. Clearly, he had some stuff he wanted to right down here. When Larry lived his life and was ill, he really didn't care about things like having a big house when he died, he cared about justice. I remember one day.. actually last night I was talking to his best friend who is sitting in the gallery, somebody who has been with him for as long as I have known him, Jim Schneider, who is a sitting judge now. And we were joking last night about when Larry was first elected to his first term, having a conversation and Larry saying that people in Springfield would probably be expecting him to be sashaying into the House chamber wearing pumps and a purse. But honestly, he walked into this Capitol; he held his head up high every day. For some people he was the first openly gay man they had ever met. For others he was the first person living with AIDS they had ever met. Larry represented something more than just reading about a person living with AIDS. In the years he was here we saw him get sick, we saw him get well and we saw him not die. And for many of us we can never un-ring that bell. As Greg said, Larry was so grateful to serve here, and in his lifetime that he was able to pass the Human Rights Bill. It would have never happened without Larry, but if he was here he would tell all of us that it would have never happened without us. We all know it was Larry. He was the right person in the right place at the right time. We are blessed to have known him and have him

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as part of this crazy constellation of people down here and all he contributed. Thank you, Larry. God bless you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Clinton, Leader Kurt Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It may seem a little strange to some of you that someone from downstate would speak about Larry but Larry taught me a lesson. And sometimes we in this chamber get a little complacent and we take our situation for granted. I come from a very, very socially conservative district and I was always opposed to the Human Rights Amendment. And for those of you who weren't here, I sat in my chair and I changed my mind after listening to Larry McKeon. Being a law enforcement officer and then talking about putting his life on the line for the public, then he and his partner would be denied housing because someone might have thought they were gay. And I changed my mind at that moment, because it was the right thing to do. And I voted against my district. I paid a political price for it, as Representative Cross knows, the pink fliers and everything else. But Larry taught me a very, very important lesson, it feels good to do the right thing."

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

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Larry didn't change my mind on some issues, but I'm here to tell you that I respect that man. And I would remind the Body of his service in the United States Army and remind you all of what the infantry does and what a lieutenant does in the infantry."

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A lieutenant is a platoon leader. They lead about sixty (60) men into battle and they are trained. Their motto is 'Follow Me'. They are leaders, leaders of men. And whether I agreed with Larry McKeon on issues here on the House Floor or not, I always respected him. He always had a kind word for me and I for him. We... we come from different walks of life and different parts of the state and different histories, each of us. And we learned to disagree on issues and we'd compromise and we'd agree on occasion and we'd try to do the people's will. Larry McKeon made a difference here in Illinois and I believe Illinois is better for his service here."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've known Larry to be an extremely dignified, caring Legislator. I think I was the last person to carry a piece of his legislation. As a lobbyist, he called me outside and he gave me a piece of legislation to carry on the floor, and it was the legislation to allow a local school council member to remain on the council if his or her child were killed or died and that parent be allowed to stay on that council until a new election occurred. Larry never told me who gave him the legislation. The school is in my district, but I just still wonder who was Larry carrying it... giving it to me for. But it simply showed, in my opinion, his last act of legislation was caring and concern for someone else. He will be truly missed."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Rosemary Mulligan."

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Mulligan: "I, too, enjoyed Larry as a colleague. He often would joke with me when I would sit down next to him and say, 'gee, I'm so glad you're sitting next to me, some of the people won't', when he first came here and I said, 'no, maybe it's me, not you'. And we kind of joked around a lot, but I remember the day when he leaned over in JCAR and told me that he wasn't running again because he was dying. And you never quite know what to say to someone when they tell you that, but I had worked with Larry on some of his Bills and I was always happy to do the Roll Call on our side of the aisle when he asked. And when he came here I found him to be just a really good person. And I don't think that you should characterize anybody in any community or any gender in a stereotype and he certainly wasn't stereotypical of, I think, what some people have in their mind if they really don't know people in the gay community which are of various sizes, looks and whatever, just like in any other community. And Larry was always just a really good person. If I asked him, have you got the votes on this or have you got that, he always gave me an honest answer. You could always trust him when you asked him to tell you the truth and to be a really good person. And I think that's saying a lot about any Legislator here, that they don't just look out for their own issues, they also look out for the other people that they're asking to vote on issues that they know are tough for them, and he always was an extremely good person. And I think when he told me he wasn't coming back 'cause he was dying, he'd survived a lot of stuff. And so I think in the back of your mind you

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think, oh, he'll be all right, you know, he'll make it. And then he showed up down here as a lobbyist and he rallied a little bit, so I think I was a little surprised when I found out that he died. But he was always a really good person, really straightforward. I think he did a lot in his life that would make any of us proud if we were to have done those things too. So I enjoyed him as a colleague and he certainly deserves all the praise that we give him both here and in the community at home which I think he represented extremely well."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative George Scully."

Scully: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Harris properly pointed out that one of the things Larry is most proud of is the Amendment of the Illinois Human Rights Act, but I hope that we all remember the very, very broad range of issues that he cared deeply about. In our south suburban community of Chicago he will be remembered mostly for a series of hearings that he held about eight (8) years ago on the issue of school funding reform. That he was the north side Legislator who was chairing a bipartisan committee at that time, and he came to our south suburbs to listen to us. So our south suburban community, when they think back of Larry, they'll be thinking about that issue, which is an issue that is very dear to the south suburbs and Larry understood that. And I hope we remember him for that broad range of issues that he cared about, reaching out to the broad range of issues that are important to the people of the State of Illinois. About 20 minutes ago, Greg mentioned that Larry held himself to a higher

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standard. I am very, very confident that he achieved that goal of a higher standard. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from McLean, Representative Dan Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. Larry had a great sense of humor, and I experienced that sense of humor just, was reminded of it actually, just a couple of weeks ago. I was coming through this corridor, it was a warm afternoon and Larry was sitting there in a chair, and Larry was sound asleep. And as I went by Larry, many of you know my profession, I went to the end of the hall and I thought, no, I'm going to go check on Larry. And I went back and I put my face very close to Larry's and he woke up with one eye and he looked at me and he said, 'not yet, soon', he said. I said, Larry, just go back to sleep and rest. I said, we're all thinking about you. He said, 'just remember me'. We've all done a very nice job of remembering Larry. May he rest in peace."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Barbara Flynn Currie and then Representative Harris to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Too soon, too soon he was taken from us. And the contributions that he made to the people of the State of Illinois were enormous. Not just school funding, not just rights for all people regardless of sexual orientation, he had a special commitment, especially to the juvenile justice system, the justice system across the board, but the juvenile justice system in particular. He championed the idea that kids are kids, that they should not be treated as adults when they

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are not adult, particularly since when we treat them as adults we are saying to those kids, those fifteen-year-olds, you'll never be able to get a scholarship to go to college, you may have to move out of your foster home. Larry's commitments to social justice and to equality did not extend only to the limits of his own individual interests, proclivities and preferences. Larry was a man for all seasons and I think we owe him a great debt. And I think what he's done for all of us will be remembered long past this year, next decade and the decades to come. Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Greg Harris to close."

Harris: "Thank you, Speaker. I would like to ask, with the leave of... I would like to ask, with the leave of the Body, that all Members be added as cosponsors to this Resolution."

Speaker Lyons: "...ask for a moment. Representative Harris, moves with the adoption of House Resolution 1323 with all Members being cosponsors. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, by unanimous acclamation, the Amendment (sic-Resolution) is adopted. Rest in peace, Larry. Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on the Order of Third Readings Representative Skip Saviano, on page 17 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 4128. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4128, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Skip Saviano."

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Saviano: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I need to take this out of the record for one day. I need staff to check one thing for me before I call it."

Speaker Lyons: "Then leave it on Third Reading?"

Saviano: "Yes, thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, on the request of the Sponsor, take that Bill out of the record. Is Representative Bob Molaro in the chamber? Representative Mike McAuliffe, I think you have a very important announcement on a point of personal privilege. Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today Skip Saviano turns 50, so we have birthday cake in the back and please enjoy and please wish Skip Saviano his 50th birthday."

Speaker Lyons: "Happy birthday, Skip and many more. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Bond, Representative Ron Stephens. For what purpose do you rise, Representative?"

Stephens: "Just to clarify the moment. Did we just take a Bill out of the record so that we could rec... so that we could celebrate the Gentleman's birthday?"

Speaker Lyons: "I'm not quite sure that was the intention there, but it could be, Representative Stephens. Mr. Clerk, on the Order of Second Reading, Representative LaShawn Ford, you have House Bill 4612. What's the status of the Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4612, a Bill for an Act concerning state employment. The Bill's been read a second time previously. Amendments 1, 3, 4, and 5 have been adopted. Several notes have been requested on the Bill as amended and have not been filed.

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative, we'll hold that Bill on Second Reading. Clerk, on page 11 of the Calendar, on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Lou Lang has House Bill 5124. What's the status... on the request of the Sponsor, Mr. Clerk, take that Bill out of the record. Representative Mary Flowers, on page 8 of the Calendar you have House Bill 4442 on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of that Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4442, the Bill's been read a second time previously. Amendments 1 and 2 have been adopted. No further Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to proceed on page 21 of the Calendar, on the Order of Third Reading of Senate Bills. There's a few exceptions, of course, of things that are being held for purposes on request of the Sponsor, but we'll be running down page 21, 22, 23, Senate Bills-Third Reading. So if you choose the Cal... follow through with your Calendar, we would appreciate it. Mr. Clerk, on page 21 of the Calendar, on Senate Bills-Third Reading, Representative Boland has House... Senate Bill 439. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, on page 21 of the Calendar, Representative Naomi Jakobsson has Senate Bill 1933. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1933, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Champaign, Representative Naomi Jakobsson."

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Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1933 amends the Medicaid Article of the Public Aid Code. It provides the minimum personal allowance of fifty dollars (\$50) for a person who's an inpatient of an institution eligible for Medicaid. Currently, the allowance is thirty dollars (\$30); it would increase it to fifty (\$50)."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Lady from DuPage, Representative Patti Bellock."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Bellock: "I just wanted to ask, Representative, I know we discussed this in committee, but is there an analysis on to how much money there is left in the Tobacco Settlement Fund and how much this would cost?"

Jakobsson: "The Department of Healthcare and Family Services estimates that the cost of the... of this legislation would be about 13.2 million dollars (\$13,200,000). Also, the Bill is subject to appropriation."

Bellock: "Okay. I was wondering if you had gotten an analysis, 'cause we've discussed the Tobacco Settlement Funds quite a bit in looking as to where we can get money for other things, and I think that this is a great usage of them because we constantly have this Bill every year to get more money to people in long-term care but we never have a good funding source. And so I think it is a good way of doing it and so I'm going to support it. But I just question whether you've got an analysis of how much money was left after Circuit Breaker funding in the Tobacco Settlement

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Fund, so as long as it's subject to appropriation. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Winters: "In our analysis, Representative, it shows that a House Bill 618 would have increased the allowance of fifty dollars (\$50) and was funded by Tobacco Settlement Funds. Is this an identical Bill?"

Jakobsson: "This is very similar to that House Bill."

Winters: "And I see that that passed the House 111 to 0, but didn't get out of the Senate Rules. Do you have any hopes of yours getting out of Senate Rules?"

Jakobsson: "I'm working on this because I believe it's a good Bill."

Winters: "Well, if it's that good of a Bill I would point out to the House that the Sponsor of House Bill 618 was Representative Black. Where is Representative Black and did you ask this Bill to be called when you knew that he was not going to be on the House Floor today?"

Jakobsson: "Would you see that Representative Black is the first chief cosponsor on this? I did ask him when I picked it up if he'd like to be on that."

Winters: "So you did check already with Representative Black. Now, were you aware that he was not going to be here today?"

Jakobsson: "No, he doesn't give me his schedule usually."

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Winters: "Well, you have adjoining districts. I believe you share the same Senator and yet you don't have the courtesy to make sure that your cosponsor is going to be here the day that you pass that Bill?"

Jakobsson: "I don't check other people's schedules usually."

Winters: "Well, I... I commend you for the Bill, but want to make sure that we are not hijacking or simply duplicating Bills that other Representatives have put out there. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Jakobsson to close."

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I believe that increasing the personal allowance to fifty dollars (\$50) for someone who is in some kind of an institution eligible for Medicaid is a very good thing to do and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "All those in favor of the... in favor of House... Senate Bill 1933 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Ron Stephens, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Representative?"

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, under the appropriate rule I move to discharge House Bill 6318 from the House Rules Committee. I wish to debate my Motion and upon conclusion of the debate I ask for a recorded vote. I'm joined by five (5) Members on my side of the aisle who are requesting a

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recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge the Amendment from the House Rules Committee."

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

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Motion requires unanimous consent and I hereby object to the Motion."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Speaker, I move to appeal the ruling of the Chair."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Stephens, by the rules of the House the objection by Representative Lang stands as a nonunanimous request to move that Motion, to move that Bill and therefore, the Motion fails."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, I move to appeal the ruling of the Chair that there be no recorded vote and discharge House Bill 6318 from the House Rules Committee. Mr. Speaker, this is an issue that we have brought before you before. We have... it is hard for us on our side of the aisle to understand why the Leadership of your side of the aisle wants to continue to ignore the needs of Illinoisans. This has gone way beyond serious. Gasoline has reached four dollars (\$4) a gallon. People in our districts, I don't care where you're from, from Chicago to Cairo, from Danville to Quincy, everyone in Illinois is affected. The... and there's ample precedent. We've done this before and we saved almost a hundred and seventy million dollars (\$170,000,000), money that we put back in the taxpayers' hands. We... gasoline is a necessity. I don't... you know, those of you who have transit to get to work every day, that's just fine. And we should encourage that. But for

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the rest of us who have to drive back and forth to our jobs in downstate and rural Illinois, this is a huge issue. This General Assembly, decades ago, dealt with the issue of necessities. Food and drugs have always... for the last twenty-some years have been exempt from sales tax because they are necessities. We are one of only ten (10) states that decides to put a double tax on fuel. Fuel is a necessity. Ask any family who's trying to get to church or to school or to work. Just as needed as food and drugs, gasoline is a necessity. Taxpayers are paying huge amounts, huge amounts and I hear people on your side of the aisle say, well, I don't know any economist who understands that and says that that's a good idea. I'll tell you, I'll give you 110 econ... 110,000 economists from my district who understand that every penny counts. We can't afford these prices and Illinois is crying out to your side of the aisle to say, please, listen to us. We can't afford any more. And you sit there and ignore the debate and that's all we're asking. And the press and the people of Illinois know this. We want the debate to be held. If you prevail in the debate over whether we should have a rebate for the summer on sales tax for motor fuel, then that'll... then you'll win. Why won't you let us debate it before the people? I believe it's because you're afraid to put the real vote up there. You're afraid to say to the people of Illinois in real terms that I don't understand. So you want to get... you want to get it involved..."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Stephens, according to the rules of the House you get 2 minutes on the Motion and 1 minute on

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response. So, the Chair will now recognize Representative Lou Lang on the Motion to Override. Representative Lang in response for 1 minute."

Lang: "Well, Mr. Speaker, I think everyone in this chamber is aware of this issue. I think everyone in this chamber recognizes that the people of Illinois have significant difficulties paying for their gasoline. And I think everyone in this chamber understands that it would be good to be able to do something about it, but this is not the method to go about it. Additionally, if you'll look at the research that has been done, when we last dealt with this issue in the Illinois General Assembly we really didn't save the people of Illinois any dollars at all. In fact, more profits went to people like Mobil Oil and other such entities. We should not be here on the floor to protect corporate profits. Perhaps we should be looking at a windfall profits tax for these companies and then perhaps they would lower their prices. We should debate this, but this is not the time or place."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, according to the rules of the House, on page 35 of the Calendar, House Rule 57, the Motion was made to override the Chair. Two (2) minutes to talk to the issue, in response a minute. A response to that Motion was made and following the rules of the House the question is, 'Should the Chair be sustained?' Again, following the rules of the House, Ladies and Gentlemen, you had 2 minutes... Let me finish and you can yell at me later, okay. I gave Mr. Stephens 2 minutes to speak to the issue of being denied. Representative Lang had 1 minute in

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response and Mr. Stephens will get one more minute in response and then we'll take the vote. The Chair recognizes the man... the Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, it just boggles my mind that you want to squelch the debate here. And I guess... you know, you can run the House that way and we will react accordingly. But I made a Motion under House Rule 54(a)2 and I wish to debate my Motion. The record will state that. I further said that upon conclusion of that debate that I asked for a recorded vote. You ignored that, went to the Gentleman from Cook and now you want to stifle the debate. The people of Illinois will not be silenced. I have Members on my side of the aisle and we welcome Members on your side of the aisle to debate with us on a very simple issue, which is why do the Democrats want to turn their backs on the working men and women of Illinois. You can say I have 1 minute to respond, but we will not be silenced. We are going to talk about this issue on points of personal privilege until the cows come home."

Speaker Lyons: "Following the rules of the House, the question now before the Body is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 60 Members voting 'yes', 50 voting 'no'. And the Chair is sustained. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Michael Bost."

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Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Representative."

Bost: "In an earlier conversation on this floor a speaker from the opposite side of the aisle said that the issue that we were just talking about, this isn't the proper way to handle this. What isn't the proper way to handle it? Allowing a Bill to come out, to be debated on this floor, to allow the process to work? Is that not the proper way to handle it? What's not proper about the procedure of this House that should be done and done correctly which is allow a Bill to come through the committee process, on to the floor and to be debated? Are you afraid of the debate? Are you afraid of the fact that if you have to vote the way your Leadership wants you to vote, you're going to have to face the people that you don't want to give them relief on high gas prices, that you don't want to show them com... care and compassion that's necessary that you preach from your side of the aisle that that's what you have. Ladies and Gentlemen, by the vote that just went down, by once again the total control of the rules in this House that will not allow for debate to occur, we have actually hurt more people once again, your district, my district, because we're not giving them relief, sensible relief, sensible relief that would allow them, that would allow them the opportunity to even have fuel prices that are the same or lower than the states around us. What a shocker. A lot of people might say well, we don't want to do that because we'll lose revenue. Actually, I would argue had we had the

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debate, that we would actually generate more revenue because... in motor fuel tax, because trucks would actually start stopping in the State of Illinois. You'd generate more revenue in the fact of the motor fuel tax plus the fact of everything that they might purchase whenever they stop at our truck stops. Ladies and Gentlemen, what we just did by not allowing this to be debated again is sending a clear message to the people of the State of Illinois that the Democrat powers that are in charge really don't care. It proves it. It proves it. Each one of you just sit there, be quiet, don't pay attention because I am telling you and if the media doesn't pick up and start paying attention and writing this stuff down, you just sit there rather than letting this debate go on. You may agree, you may disagree, but you must at least let the debate occur and then an actual vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Roger Eddy. For what purpose do you seek recognition, Representative?"

Eddy: "Mr. Speaker, I rise also to a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Proceed."

Eddy: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, every one of us that is here today was elected by about the same number of people to come to the capital of our state and represent the interests and the concerns of our constituents. My office is inundated with phone calls from individuals who are suffering from a regressive tax on four dollar (\$4) plus gasoline. They expect that the system would allow for

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their concerns at least to be debated regarding legislation that is important to them. With rising food prices, energy costs, they just can't afford to pay four dollars (\$4) or more per gallon for gas. Representative asked for the Body, which is supposed to be representative of the people, to simply have the opportunity to debate a Bill that would provide them with relief. It's a simple concept. Why is it that we are so afraid to take a vote on issues that are important to people? This is important to people. They want relief. You may have studies from economists or you may have opinions and views that show that this will or won't work. That's not the point. The point is that the people of this state deserve a democracy that works in a manner that allows their Representatives to vote on the issue, and you just voted against democracy. You voted against the democratic system that would give us the opportunity to discuss and debate an issue that's important to them. We're not... this is bigger than the idea of whether or not we should suspend the tax on gasoline. You just voted against democracy. You just voted against the opportunity to even, yourself, have the chance to speak for the people that sent you here. We need to stop this. We need to start being a democracy on this House Floor. Let the Bill out. The people will demand it, one way or the other. Thank you."

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

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

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Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Representative."

Mitchell, B.: "Today's news, and I'm just looking at it, oil near a hundred and thirty dollars (\$130) a barrel. And what do we do here in this House of the people; we turn our backs on the working men and women of Illinois. We stick it to the people who are having a hard time making a living. All we ask, all we ask is let's just debate this issue. If you have an opposing point of view, say it on the floor of the House of Representatives. The people in my area and I'm proud to come from Macon County where we make things for a living and they call me and they say what are you doing, Mitchell, about the high price of gasoline? Now I know Senator Durbin today said, talked about gas gouging. The biggest gas gouger here in Illinois is the State of Illinois. We're making hundreds and millions of dollars off the backs of working men and women. Now, I know to the University of Chicago elitists, twenty, thirty cents (\$.20), (\$.30) a gallon isn't a heck of a lot, but to people who barely make a living and eke by, they go to the grocery store, they have to pay their mortgage payment, it's pretty tough. And what does the Party of Roosevelt and Truman say? They say we're not going to debate this issue. We don't want to talk about how we can help working people, we say... we say, government knows how to spend your money more than you do. Now when this week progresses we're going to see an orgy of spending Bills be... come before this House and the Speaker of the House says Members should have an opportunity to voice their point of view on spending money. Why can't we debate how the taxpayers have

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an opportunity to save a little money? Now we know... I know one of the Members on the other side of the aisle said, study after study. Well, last time we did this, about eight (8) years ago, there are studies that say, no, the taxpayers saved hundreds of millions of dollars, but you ignore that. Where is the Party of Truman, Roosevelt and Kennedy? In fact, where is the Party of Vince Demuzio who said just a few... eight (8) years ago when he was living, the sales tax repeal has resulted in a levying... leveling playing field. That's a downstate Democrat saying that. Where has the Democratic Party gone in eight (8) years? They're turning their backs on the men and women who are paying our salaries and it's just not right. Let this Bill out."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Dave Winters, on a point of personal privilege."

Winters: "How did you guess, Joe? Yes, I rise on a point of personal privilege basically from two (2) comments from one of the previous speakers. One of his comments was that all of the... all of the reduced price in gasoline went to... sales tax on gasoline went to the corporate profits, when in fact the predecessor to COGFA, the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission stated that that was not the case, that they think that at least 60 percent went directly to the consumer and much of the balance that went to trucking companies ultimately ended up to the benefit of the consumer when transportation costs for the trucking industry fed through the lower costs of goods that were delivered to the grocery stores and to the department

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stores of Illinois. They further stated that while we saw the gas sales tax reduced, we saw the gasoline price go down and it was not a short-term event. For the six (6) month suspension that Illinois had, I will quote from COGFA which says, 'whatever impacts the suspension of the sales tax had on the price of fuel were maintained throughout the suspension period.' It was not short-term. It was a direct reflection that the fact that the State of Illinois is not taking almost twenty cents (\$.20) a gallon. If we reduce the sales tax, it's almost twenty cents (\$.20) a gallon that we will put back into the pockets of our families in Illinois who are struggling. And no, it doesn't make a lot of... a lot of difference to the household budget of someone from Lake County or Cook County that has a high income, but for people in the rural areas, for the blue collar working families of this state an average of a hundred dollars (\$100) a family over the summer is a hundred dollars (\$100) that they can spend on something that's probably important to their family. Even if you've got the hundred bucks (\$100) in your pocket, they don't. The other comment that I wanted to address, under a point of personal privilege, is the comment that this is not the time nor the place. Well, if this isn't the time when we're looking at four dollar (\$4) gasoline, when the crude price of oil has gone up yet again to over a hundred and thirty dollars (\$130), what is the time? Are we waiting until it's five dollars (\$5) a gallon? Are we waiting until it's six dollars (\$6) a gallon? What is the time to discuss this? We have two (2) weeks left. We're here

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trying to put together a budget. The families of Illinois have tried to put together their budget and four dollar (\$4) gas was not in their budget. This is the time to address it. And this is not the place? Well, what place is more appropriate, where each of us represent over a hundred thousand (100,000) residents of Illinois? We are their spokesmen. Why are you continuing to say this is not an important issue for the millions of people in Illinois that are using gasoline to get to work, to get their families to the events that they have to attend? When are we going to get serious and say that the rule of unanimity in this House is totally antidemocratic? It removes the power of this General Assembly to do what this General Assembly thinks is appropriate. It puts the power in any one of our hands and if I object, well, I don't... I should not have the power to stop 117 other Members of this General Assembly from doing what the will of the majority is. No single one on this floor should have the power to, by themselves, jam up, stop debate and stop addressing the issues which are important to Illinois. This is the time, this is the place. The vote that you just made was absolutely an inappropriate vote for a Legislative Body. We should be ashamed of ourselves that we allow that rule to be put into effect at the beginning of each General Assembly. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McHenry on the point of personal privilege, Representative Mike Tryon."

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Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise because I believe that the consumer driven economics of our state is the platform for this state's economic vitality, but when the platform works against the consumer, in favor of the state, we have to do something about that. We have to understand exactly what's going on. A rebate or a moratorium on the sales tax of gasoline will take that two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) that the state is giving... getting from it and give it back into the hands of consumers to spend. We will get taxes from the other goods that they buy, the other consumables that they buy at a time that they need it. Gas prices affect everybody in the State of Illinois, but let me tell you how they affect somebody in McHenry County. We are a suburban collar county that is auto dependent. We don't have mass transit. We have the largest, largest commute in the State of Illinois and the fifth largest commute for somebody to get to work in the entire country. An average family in our county has two (2) cars; each car gets 15,000 miles a gallon. That's 30,000 miles a year that that family has to put on a car. And when you add up how much they're going to spend in gas taxes, they're going to spend four hundred dollars (\$400). By this action of passing this Bill, that family would save two hundred dollars (\$200). Just a couple of weeks ago we debated a structure that would change the income tax through a Constitutional Amendment and it was mentioned then that this was huge tax relief for Illinois, and each Illinois family would get seventy-five dollars (\$75). This is the chance for us to put money back

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into consumers' hands. This tax was a bad tax when it was passed, it was a bad tax ten (10) years ago, it's a bad tax today because it's a tax on a tax. It's not fair, it's not equitable. We should suspend it. People in Illinois are hurting from the high prices of gas. And while I respect my colleague from Cook County, I have to disagree with him, not because of some emotional outcry here but because of the facts that were put together by the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission in October 2001 when we analyzed the effect of abating the gas tax then. And from that study it was proven that the tax abatement was felt by every Illinoisan throughout the time that it was in place. The gas companies didn't get a windfall, the taxpayers got to save money. I'm telling you, as a McHenry County Legislator, as a State of Illinois Legislator we need to debate this issue. It's important. Families are suffering. They're making a choice because they have to put gas in the car to go to work, between things like food, clothes, bare necessities to provide for their families, and we can't even get it to the floor to discuss it. And it's a shame that one person can stand up and object and the Bill doesn't get called or that one person can say it shouldn't get out of the Rules Committee and we don't hear it. That's not the way government was supposed to work. We need an open democracy here on the House Floor. We need to debate this issue. We need to do what's right for Illinois. Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Boone, Representative Ron Wait, on a point of personal privilege. Representative Wait."

Wait: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I want to talk on the gas tax. I live up by the Wisconsin border where they do not have a sales tax, just like Indiana, Missouri, Iowa and Kentucky do not have the sales tax. So what people are doing, they are going up to Wisconsin to buy their gas and of course when they're up there then they also end up buying other convenience things at a convenience store. We need to have a reason for the people to stay here in Illinois and to buy their things here. We know that this year there was a... almost a two hundred million dollar (\$200,000,000) windfall. That windfall should be going into the taxpayer's pocket and not into the government's pocket. After all, the money we need for roads we have the money for roads; this is just going into the revenue... General Revenue Fund anyway. So, Mr. Speaker, I would just simply ask you to call House Bill 6318. Please, Mr. Speaker, let us have a chance to debate it and let us have a chance to pass it and give people tax relief. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Randy Ramey, on a point of personal privilege."

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Over the last year we've been talking about different issues and talking about how the State of Illinois is last in many indicators throughout the nation.

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You know, fifty-first in persons with disability support, at the bottom in pension payments, at the bottom with Medicaid payments and a budget in disarray. But over... driving down here yesterday I heard on the news that we are number one in something, and in Chicago you're number one with the highest tax prices... oh, I'm sorry, the highest gas prices in the country. You're also number one for the highest sales tax in the country. How do you go back? How do my colleagues in Cook County go back to their constituents and answer those questions about all this highest tax and has the highest gasoline prices? I am concerned that the working people of Illinois are not going to get any relief. We do not get to debate this issue. And I guess, to bring my point to a close, it begs the question, is this why the Senate President needs a raise? Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "On page 17 of the Calendar, under House Bills- Third Reading, Representative Bob Molaro on House Bill 2651. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2651, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Molaro: "Thank you. I'll be real brief in presenting the Bill and then will answer any questions. I reserve the right to close. Two (2) years ago we passed what is called the impact fee, where horseracing finally gets something from the State of Illinois. Every state that introduced casino gaming that had horseracing... allowed the horseracing to

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either have slots, an impact fee or a head tax. We in Illinois didn't do that. Two (2) years ago we rectified it to keep horseracing and forty thousand (40,000) jobs viable and we put a two-year sunset because nobody in their right mind could ever think that in the preceding two (2) years we wouldn't do a capital Bill and we wouldn't do an expansion of gaming Bill. Well, here we are. Two (2) years are here. And all this Bill does, it resunsets the Bill for three (3) more years. And what the other Amendment we did put in, Mr. Speaker, we did put in an Amendment that the boats asked for, that says if the tracks either get slots, if the 10th license comes onboard or if we go back to the 2003 70 percent tax, the impact fee stops. That adds the three (3), four (4) river... oh, I'm sorry, the five (5) riverboats that are in southern Illinois are neutral on the Bill. The four northern Illinois are against it. But we do have forty thousand (40,000) people who'll keep being employed. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Just want the House to recognize that there's a tremendous amount of bipartisan support for this issue. All we're asking for is an extension. All of the logical reasoning was shared three (3) years ago when it was put into effect. And I stand with Representative Molaro and ask for your support. Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Roger Eddy."

Eddy: "Will the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Eddy: "Representative, just very quickly for the record. The recapture agreements between the horse associations, horsemen and their associations, will remain the same?"

Molaro: "Yes."

Eddy: "Okay. So there isn't any change? They were in committee and all groups agreed that all of that remains the same..."

Molaro: "Right."

Eddy: "...it's just an extension of the sunset."

Molaro: "Yes, all the horse groups, all of them are for this Bill."

Eddy: "Okay. Thank you very much."

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

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Gentleman's Bill and wish to speak directly to the Bill if he will yield."

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Tryon: "We debated this Bill two (2) years ago because it's a Bill that I think treats the industry fairly. When one part of the industry is benefiting at the expense of the other part of the industry, we need to make sure that the gaming industry as a whole remains healthy, because a part of this industry, being the horseracing industry, generates and touches forty thousand (40,000) people through

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employment opportunities in this state. That's a significant number of people to be employed. It goes into the heart of the agriculture of the areas around the tracks that support each and individual racetrack. If we look at what's happened in the last ten (10) years since we've started casino gaming, what has happened is exactly what the racing industry told us would happen, it's exactly what's happened in every other state that had a racing industry when they allowed casino gambling. The receipts at the racetracks go down, the purses go down, they can no longer compete. When we fixed this two (2) years ago, we fixed it so that we could compete, that our industry could remain healthy. It has remained healthy. It's worked and I hope we will extend it. It's a valuable part of the economics of our state and I urge an 'aye' vote."

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

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. When Representative Molaro proposed this Bill two (2) years ago, I was a strong opponent of the Bill. I indicated on the floor of the House that it was really not appropriate from a public policy point of view for one industry to subsidize a different industry, even though they were both gaming. We were asking one industry to subsidize another. And I argued strongly that that was the wrong thing to do. However, the backdrop at the time was different than today's backdrop. At that time, it appeared that we were moving toward passing a comprehensive gaming Bill, but that hasn't happened. And while I had concern about the public

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policy of one industry subsidizing another, we must have different public policy concerns today. Today, the public policy concerns are the shrinking of a business that's been viable in the State of Illinois for many years; the loss of up to forty thousand (40,000) jobs and the stealing of economic development out of the State of Illinois being exported to other states who are smart enough to do it better. We still need a comprehensive gaming Bill in the State of Illinois. It would still be far better to put slot machines in the racetracks and not tax the riverboats to keep the racetrack industry alive and I know that, as I've talked to many of you about this, there are enough votes on the floor of this House to do that. We don't have the willingness to call that Bill yet because you don't know where the money's going. We can't agree on a capital Bill, but one day we will. And when we do, we will provide help to the horseracing industry in a different way and a better way, in a way that protects the industry and grows the industry without these silly public policy gimmicks. But we must save the forty thousand (40,000) jobs. We must keep the industry viable. And so I ask Representative Molaro to do two (2) things in this new version of the Bill, which he agreed to do. One, he agreed to put a provision in that if we raise taxes on riverboats further, this Bill would become null and void, this law would become null and void. And second, he agreed that if we passed the comprehensive gaming Bill providing slot machines to the racetracks, this subsidy would also end. And so it's win, win, Ladies and Gentlemen. We can move forward to move

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that comprehensive gaming Bill and take this burden away from the riverboats, riverboats whose livelihoods have damaged the livelihoods of the horseracing industry and we can make sure that the riverboats aren't damaged further if the Governor's original plan this year, a poor plan, but a plan nevertheless, happens that would raise their taxes further. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is important to save forty thousand (40,000) jobs, it is important to keep viable an industry that has been good to Illinois and provides the agriculture business in Illinois with strength and vitality. We cannot allow ourselves to export anymore agriculture jobs out of the State of Illinois. And for all these reasons, while I did not support this notion previously, I believe that it is in the best interest of our state and the best interest of our economics to vote 'aye' on this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Jim Durkin and then Representative Molaro to close. Representative Durkin."

Durkin: "Representative Molaro, just briefly. Good to see you, too. I understand the Bill that was passed two (2) years ago was ruled unconstitutional by the Will County Circuit Court and it's gone on direct appeal to the Supreme Court."

Molaro: "Correct."

Durkin: "Is that correct?"

Molaro: "Yes."

Durkin: "Okay. Do we have any anticipation of when the Supreme Court might return a decision on the original legislation?"

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Molaro: "Well, we just found out in their previews that they put out, it won't be any time soon. It's not going to be in May."

Durkin: "Has any money from the legislation, which we passed two (2) years ago, gone into this fund which has been disbursed to the horsemen?"

Molaro: "Yes."

Durkin: "It has?"

Molaro: "The boats right now... the boats are... the four (4) northern boats are paying every month according to the legislation that passed two (2) years ago. So every month they're writing a check to the state just like they're supposed to do."

Durkin: "Now, considering that the Will County... you can... we can argue about the merits of a Will County Circuit Court, they may have some bias 'cause they have a lot boats in that county, but why do you think it's prudent to move forward with this right now when the legislation is under review by the Supreme Court?"

Molaro: "Because it sunsets. So the problem is, if I don't call it now before May 31... This is a Bill, as you know, and if we want to talk real, this is a Bill that, you know, if we get 65, 68 votes we're lucky, hard to get 71 on this. So if we wait past May 31, then there's not going to be a Bill for a year, even if the Supreme Court rules it constitutional. 'Cause remember, in the Circuit Court, I must point out, there were eight (8) issues that they brought up and even the Will County judge ruled it in favor of the State of Illinois and the General Assembly on seven

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(7) out of eight (8). So there's only one issue that's really before the Supreme Court. So if I waited, if I waited... you asked the question, if I waited and the Supreme Court rules in the favor of the Legislature and the State of Illinois we would be without a Bill for at least a year. That would stop. So by waiting, waiting, hurts the horsemen and hurts their business."

Dunkin: "I thought I heard in committee that the money that was... that came out of this Bill was not going to the tracks at the moment. But I just want to make sure it's clear that the money is right now going into the tracks and the riverboats."

Molaro: "No, the riverboats are paying, but it's going nowhere."

Durkin: "All right."

Molaro: "It's being held by the... by..."

Durkin: "Exactly, it's the point."

Molaro: "Yes."

Dunkin: "It's some type of... some type of... some type of account somewhere that's holding..."

Molaro: "Right."

Dunkin: "...waiting determination."

Molaro: "Okay."

Durkin: "If the legislation is found unconstitutional what happens with that money? Is it going to go back to the..."

Molaro: "Well, it would go back... it would go back to the boats."

Durkin: "...anywhere? Go back to the state, go back to the boats. Okay."

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Molaro: "Go back to the boats."

Durkin: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Molaro to close."

Molaro: "Yes, I'll be real brief. We've debated this so many times. It's a simple Bill that comes down to a simple thing. Twenty-five (25) states, twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) states had horseracing, they introduced casino gaming. When they introduced casino gaming, there's twenty (20), thirty thousand (30,000), forty (40) in our state, up to fifty (50) people that work in horseracing. Every single state in the United States either gave the tracks slot machines; in New Jersey they agreed to an impact fee or a head tax like Indiana. Even since then, as of two (2) weeks ago Minnesota gave slot machines... Minnesota, gave slot machines to their horsemen. Every single day more people are leaving Illinois. We are putting forty thousand (40,000) jobs at risk. Now, are there four (4) casinos, both of which are owned by the two (2) biggest casino operators in the country that make billions of dollars (\$1,000,000,000), they don't like this. That's understandable. So we got the billion dollar casinos who go out and hire every lobbyist that can move to go say bad things about the Bill, as opposed to forty thousand (40,000) hardworking Illinoisans, small businessmen that live in every one of our communities that ask us one thing and one thing only, do for us what every state in the nation has done for their hardworking people. I say we fall on their side. Let's do what every other state has done, keep the forty thousand (40,000) jobs in Illinois,

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keep these people working and these families working. I urge an 'aye' vote for something we already passed before. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, 'Should House Bill 2651 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Fritchey, May. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 80 Members voting 'yes', 29 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Art Turner, for the point of personal privilege. Representative Turner."

Turner: "Yeah, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly. To my right in the gallery, we have a group that recognizes themselves as the Tamms Ten Year Ten (sic-Tamms Year Ten). And they are a coalition of ex-prisoners, families, artists and other concerned citizens who have come together to protest the misguided and inhumane policies at Tamms Correctional Center. And they're here today just to remind us of what's going on at that facility. If we would all give them a round of applause, they're in the gallery to our right."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, returning to page 21 of the Calendar and read down the list on Senate Bills-Third Reading. Representative Tom Holbrook, on page 21 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 1965. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1965, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Tom Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Speaker. Senate Bill 1965 is trying to quantify problems we've had ongoing with the State of Illinois covering our county jail inmates that are being held on state warrants. This passed out of committee unanimously, came over from the Senate with only one 'no' vote. I know of... the only opposition I know to it is the Department of Family Care and Family Services. Everyone else: the State's Attorneys Association, Sheriffs' Association, Metro counties, counties, the Cook County Board, are all in favor of the Bill. I'd be glad to take any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 1965 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page... Is Representative Mathias on the floor? Sid? We'll come back. Mathias, you're there. Mr. Clerk, Representative Mathias has Senate Bill 2014. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2014, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2014 is a cleanup Bill to a Bill that we passed here in the 94th General Assembly. It was Senate Bill 94. It had to do with Zoning Code decisions and how they were... what kind of hearings were necessary. What the Bill did at that time was they basically said that those were subject to review as a legislative decision only if we adopted an ordinance or a Resolution. At the time we left out, inadvertently, the... what would happen if it was turned down and somebody wanted to appeal that decision. So all this does is basically say that in all situations, not only when a municipality passes an ordinance, but also if it rejects it, Senate Bill 2014 states they all should be treated equally. This is supported by the Illinois Municipal League, the Illinois Association of Realtors, the Home Builders and the City of Chicago. I don't know of any opponents. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 2014 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 110 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 21 of the

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Calendar, Leader Barbara Flynn Currie has Senate Bill 1923.
Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1923, a Bill for an Act concerning
education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This is
a measure that's intended to encourage lawyers to go into
public interest activities. The Attorney General's Office,
the defender's office, legal aid programs, by virtue of
helping them pay off the debt that they incurred while
going to school. There will be a separate appropriation to
help them meet those costs. I know of no opposition to the
Bill. I'd be happy to answer your questions and I'd
appreciate your support for passage of Senate Bill 1923."

Speaker Lyons: "There any discussion? The Chair recognizes the
Lady from Grundy, Representative Careen Gordon."

Gordon: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Gordon: "Representative, does this only go forward or does this
count for backwards too? Like, if you've already been a
prosecutor and you're paying off your student loans, will
it count for that or is it only for people going forward
into the future?"

Currie: "I'm trying to dis... to tell for certain what it does.
I think it is primarily a going forward proposition but
there is also a maximum yearly amount and a total maximum
forever."

Gordon: "So, well then one... I guess... so it wouldn't help
someone who's currently paying student loans."

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Currie: "Yeah, anybody..."

Gordon: "Who was a prosecutor, possibly..."

Currie: "Prosecutors are included in this Bill."

Gordon: "No, I understand that, but would it help someone who's currently paying..."

Currie: "It should."

Gordon: "...right now?"

Currie: "It should."

Gordon: "Okay. And, two (2), do I have a conflict of interest on this Bill, Representative?"

Currie: "I mean anybody who today or tomorrow decides to be a public defender or a member of the Attorney General's staff or the state's attorneys staff, would be eligible for this help. So they would have to show that they had debt and they would have to make a commitment to spend time in that public interest activity."

Gordon: "But if they'd already done it and it was over..."

Currie: "If they had already paid off their debts, I think they're too late."

Gordon: "No, no, no. If they'd already been... had done the public interest slot, they'd already been a public defender or state's attorney and were no longer in that position but yet were still paying off student loan debt, does it apply to that?"

Currie: "Yeah, you'd have to be currently in this kind of practice."

Gordon: "Okay, just checking. Thanks."

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

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Eddy: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Eddy: "Representative, as you've stated, this is subject to appropriation?"

Currie: "It is and the idea would be to do a separate appropriation to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to defray these costs."

Eddy: "Is this an appropriation that as we are currently involved in the budget process that you anticipate listing as a new program appropriation for FY09?"

Currie: "My understanding is that Senator Schoenberg is working on that issue in his chamber."

Eddy: "Okay. So if it comes through and we were to look for the budget where this might be appropriated, it would be in the Student Assistance Commission, their budget on..."

Currie: "Yes."

Eddy: "Okay. And there is a possibility that this... this program could be funded this year in the FY09 budget, if that particular appropriation is made in the Senate. Is any appropriation made in the budgets that are being heard in the House currently?"

Currie: "Not to my knowledge, but we'll know better tomorrow."

Eddy: "Okay. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jasper, David Reis."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Reis: "Representative, I just have one question. We passed a similar piece of legislation for veterinarians but we

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limited it to four (4) scholarships. Is there any limitations on this in the number of loan forgivenesses that would be given out each year?"

Currie: "The appropriation would pretty much govern the number."

Reis: "So, it's really kind of wide open as it stands now."

Currie: "But only to the extent that moneys are appropriated; only to the extent that there is student debt and only to the extent that these are lawyers who are working in the public interest. There is a yearly annual cap for any individual who does get help and there is a lifetime cap for any individual who does get help."

Reis: "But right now, there could be endless number of students that could..."

Currie: "Only if you vote for the budget, Representative..."

Reis: "Right."

Currie: "...only if you vote for a special appropriation for this purpose."

Reis: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Dennis Reboletti."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, it says up to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per year. How would that be determined? Is it based on your loan payment? If it's five hundred dollars (\$500) a month for twelve (12) months, that would be the maximum or if you have over six thousand dollars (\$6,000) a

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year, that's the cap. I'm just trying to figure out how that would come together."

Currie: "Well, under the Bill, ISAC would determine eligibility and make those determinations, and clearly, that there isn't enough money to go around then there would be a reduced appropriation, pro rata appropriation for any individual applicant."

Reboletti: "To the Bill. Thank you, Representative, for the Bill. It is a Bill that's time has come. Having been an assistant AG and a prosecutor as Representative Gordon understands, trying to pay back student loans aren't always that easy. And many people leave those professions after only a couple of years, after they begin to learn the process, they begin to learn the intricacies of the law, but they can no longer make loan payments or mortgage payments or car payments, so they have to go into private practice. Hopefully, Representative, this will keep those prosecutors, this will keep those assistant AGs and public defenders working for the public interest. And I thank you for your legislation."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Currie to close."

Currie: "I think we've just had an excellent close and along with my distinguished colleague, I urge your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Lyons: "Question is, 'Should Senate Bill 1923 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Rose, Chapin? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 110 Members voting 'yes', 1 Member

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voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Dunkin. For what purpose do you seek recognition, Representative?"

Dunkin: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Dunkin: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, today we have joining us the class of 2008 from... all the way from the City of Chicago, if you will rise, a school... my alma mater Jenner Elementary School in Cabrini-Green, U.S.A. Let's welcome here to the House of Representatives. Thank you for coming down."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield. Enjoy your day. Mr. Clerk, on page 21 of the Calendar, Representative Dan Brady has Senate Bill 2102. Representative Brady. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Out of the record. Representative Careen Gordon, on page 21 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 2110. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2110, a Bill for an Act concerning the environment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Gordon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senate Bill 2110 creates the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act. It allows for the creation of what are known as environmental covenants to recognize a plan for rehabilitation for environmentally contaminated real estate property. I can go through all the legal terminology but what this basically does is help clean up brownfield sites,

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old gas stations where pumps have been pulled out. And 23 other states have put these rules into effect so that we can clean up this property, use it for either commercial uses, for proper real estate uses, but continue to have the property cleaned up, keep it safe in our communities and to make sure that our environment is something that we take care of instead of abuse for the future. And I would ask for your 'aye' vote. There's no known opposition to this legislation."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 2110 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative McGuire. Art Turner. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Elaine Nekritz, on page 21 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 2111. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2111, a Bill for an Act concerning administrative review. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Elaine Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2111 deals with administrative... the review of administrative law decisions and it makes it easier to correct technical mistakes when naming the parties in the... in that review... judicial review. And there have been a lot of cases that have been thrown

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out simply because somebody misnamed a defendant. For example, one of the more recent ones was whether the defendant used the name the Illinois... I'm sorry, the plaintiff named the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and the case was thrown out because the true party that should have been named was the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. So we're trying to make it... make it more fair for people that are involved in these types of proceedings."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 2111 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Sara. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Art Turner, on page 21 of the Calendar, on Senate Bills-Third Reading is Senate Bill 2118. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2118, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Art Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 2118 is a Bill that will provide that in the case where a juvenile has been taken to a detention center or shelter care that counsel would be provided to him immediately. And I move for the adoption of the

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legislation. Basically, it just says that when a juvenile is taken into custody, that he has an opportunity or right to have counsel."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 2118 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, 111 Members voted 'yes', 0 voted 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 21 of the Calendar, Representative Frank Mautino has Senate Bill 2188. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2188, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Frank Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Senate Bill 2188 is agreed legislation and this amends the Employee Leasing Company Act to specifically identify who has to be... all companies have to be covered with workmen's comp insurance. This will then just define out who has to pay for it, whether it's the client or the employee leasing company. A problem had existed where people were actually... both sides were paying it, so this will eliminate the double payment."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 2188 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'."

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The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 21 of the Calendar, Representative Ramey has Senate Bill 2135. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2135, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Randy Ramey."

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2135 is amending the Criminal Code. Currently, we have in legislation a Bill to cover escapees who are on electronic monitoring, but what this Bill did not include were juveniles. So we wanted to amend the code to make sure everybody is compliant; also, to hold accountable anybody that was aiding an escape of these juveniles. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Monique Davis."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Davis, M.: "Representative, would you give us a little more information on your Bill?"

Ramey: "This Bill comes from Cook County State's Attorneys Office and Kane County State's Attorneys Office. There was an issue with... when they were prosecuting an individual, a juvenile, and somebody who had helped this person escape,

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that they didn't have anything in code to hold them on. So they're just adjust... they have found that the... in the original Bill where we did it for adults, that that wasn't covered. So this is just to make sure everything is covered now."

Davis, M.: "Exactly... you're covering exactly what?"

Ramey: "The juveniles who have been adjudicated and under the status that they are on electronic monitoring or if being held, if they are... escape, that then..."

Davis, M.: "So if a juvenile escapes from the detention center..."

Ramey: "Correct."

Davis, M.: "...what happens to him?"

Ramey: "That part I'm not quite sure, but they're just covering the... well, they're going to finish their terms. We want to make sure they finish their terms."

Davis, M.: "But what's supposed to happen to a juvenile who escapes or who attempts to escape or attempts to assist someone? What else are we planning to do to that juvenile?"

Ramey: "One moment, Representative. Thank you. I believe there was a ruling by the Supreme Court that said they were not covered and for... I guess it would be the State's Attorneys Office, would be enhancing their penalties for the attempted escape. But under this legislation, we're not changing anything. We're just adding them on to the list."

Davis, M.: "No, you're enhancing the penalty. You're enhancing the penalty..."

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Ramey: "I'm sorry, Representative, what was your question, again?"

Davis, M.: "You said you were... I asked, what are you trying to do to young people, young people who are incarcerated in the juvenile detention center, young people who are on home confinement? Exactly what is it that you want to do to them? Now you stated that we have extended or expanded the penalties for adults who perform these acts, so we want... you want to extend the penalties of juveniles who commit these acts. And my question... my question..."

Ramey: "Right. Because..."

Davis, M.: "...my question is, what exactly do you want to happen to them? Do we hang them at noon? Do we electrocute them? What do we do to them?"

Ramey: "No, Ma'am, we do not electrocute. We don't have that ability in the state. But what we do have... what the Supreme Court found was that the issue of escape or helping to escape is not covered. A juvenile that has been adjudicated... who is an adjudicated delinquent on a felony offense, it is not covered by the statute that was passed earlier where we covered the adults."

Davis, M.: "So what hap..."

Ramey: "So, the State's Attorneys Office just wanted to cover the juveniles."

Davis, M.: "What have we been doing to them all these years? All these years if we've had juveniles or any of them who attempted to escape or who attempted to assist some to escape, what have we been doing to them?"

Ramey: "The juvenile courts have been taking care of that."

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Davis, M.: "Well, why don't we let them continue to take care of it?"

Ramey: "Well, because the case came up and it went all the way to the Supreme Court. And so the State's Attorneys Offices in Cook County and Kane County didn't have any relief because the Bill did not cover them. So now they just want to make sure it's... it covered across, you know, an even playing field, that if this situation occurred..."

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

Speaker Lyons: "To the Bill."

Davis, M.: "Here again, we're going to pass legislation that is totally unneeded. For all of these years, I've been here twenty (20) years or more, and we have not needed to extend or expand the penalties for juveniles who violate home confinement, attempt to help someone escape. I don't know what we have been doing to them, but I do believe it has been sufficient. I'm really con..."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Davis, your 5 minutes are up. If you could conclude your remarks in a minute or so, we'd appreciate it."

Davis, M.: "My remarks are, this again is over the top, punitive legislation supported by people who have incarcerated 26 or more innocent men on death row. This should be a 'no' vote."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

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Flowers: "Representative, the present law, is it applicable to anyone that is... been convicted of a crime and is it dealing with the adult standards? Present law."

Ramey: "The present law applies to adult felons."

Flowers: "Okay. So... and so what you're doing here is taking what would apply to adult felons and make it applicable to juveniles..."

Ramey: "Adj..."

Flowers: "...when there are different standards because we did create, we took the juveniles out of the adult corrections and we separated them purposely for a reason."

Ramey: "Correct."

Flowers: "So, but now, you want the same guidelines for an adult to be applicable to a child."

Ramey: "These juveniles have been adjudicated, which means they would have been charged with an adult felony if they were an adult. So they... same rules would apply."

Flowers: "But that's the purpose..."

Ramey: "Only what we're looking for is on escape."

Flowers: "But that is the purpose, Sir, because they were not charged as adults so, therefore, that's the reason why you could not apply this adult law to the juveniles."

Ramey: "This is..."

Flowers: "And so... and so as the previous speaker asked, what do we do now? Right now, if a juvenile is late in coming back from work furlough, what happens to that juvenile now? There's something that happens in the Juvenile Court that will cause punishment for that juvenile who violates home confinement or any type of work furlough."

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Ramey: "Right. But we're talking about folks, juveniles, who..."

Flowers: "But I understand that."

Ramey: "Okay. And when the case came to court the Supreme Court ruled that our laws did not cover for the escapee or the person helping the person to escape, and they wanted our laws to be the same. That's all we're doing here is doing it on the recommendations of the Supreme Court."

Flowers: "And I guess because I know back in the '90s there was this young juvenile who did escape from the Kankakee institution and he was caught and he was taken back to jail and he was charged with the crime of escaping, and so more time was given to him. So what will be done differently, Sir, under your legislation?"

Ramey: "They would be able to charge the juvenile with the escape."

Flowers: "And so you're saying..."

Ramey: "And any person, and with the Amendment, would say anybody who's helped them in that escape."

Flowers: "So right now if there was someone assisting a juvenile to escape, nothing could be done to that person?"

Ramey: "No."

Flowers: "And..."

Ramey: "They ruled that they could not because there's nothing in the law to cover them. When they wrote the law it only covered the adult felons. So we're just covering the loophole that the Supreme Court recognized."

Flowers: "I guess my problem with the legislation, Sir, is that if it... it should be tweaked a little bit, it should not be the same playing field as the adult, because the adult

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institution is the adult institution and the juvenile is the juvenile, and all things are not equal. And so therefore the laws that pertain to one doesn't pertain to the other."

Ramey: "Well, we're just following what the Supreme Court ruled, Ma'am."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Dennis Reboletti."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, the reason this was brought to your attention and Senator Millner's attention is because based on the Supreme Court case, if a juvenile were to escape from any facility in the State of Illinois right now there would be no appropriate criminal charge."

Ramey: "That is correct."

Reboletti: "To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, that's all were doing is closing a loophole. We don't believe that juveniles should be allowed to escape from any facility or aid the facil... aid the facil... or facilitate a... an escape from any facility and not have them held accountable whatsoever. This has nothing to do with any type of other prosecutions or anything of that nature about the death penalty, which I'd be glad to discuss at some other point in time, but this is an important piece of legislation. What the prosecutors have been doing is charging this offense and now the Supreme Court says they cannot do it because when you are convicted of a felony in juvenile

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court it's not a conviction, it's called adjudication of a minor and the court's saying that that is not a felony conviction, therefore this would not stand. So I'd urge an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Gordon: "I'm a little... I'm a little confused, Representative. I guess... So the question then becomes, if the juvenile is in custody, based upon being adjudicated a delinquent minor. So they're in custody as a minor and they try to escape or they don't return from a work furlough, will they... can they also again be charged as a minor under your legislation or is... are these automatic adult charges?"

Ramey: No, they'll be charged as a minor."

Gordon: "They'll be charged as a minor?"

Ramey: "Correct."

Gordon: "So then, but that's... what I have in front of me shows that you're changing the Criminal Code as well as the Sentencing Code, but that you're not changing the Juvenile Code. So you're adding escape and aiding and abetting and aiding escape to the Juvenile Code, is that correct?"

Ramey: "I... the language came from the State's Attorneys Office. I would assume that's what they wanted because of what the Supreme Court..."

Gordon: "There's two (2) people right next to you. It's a yes or no question."

Ramey: "Yes."

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Gordon: "Is what you're adding is escape or aiding escape or knowingly helping someone escape to the Juvenile Code and making it a juvenile offense or are you only making it a mandatory adult offense? Is it a juvenile offense or is it an adult offense?"

Ramey: "I don't think that's clear in here, Representative."

Gordon: "Well, it better be clear, because the kid's going to end up locked up as a... and have a conviction as a... an adult if it's not clear, Representative. And if it's not clear, you better pull it from the record and find out."

Ramey: "Well, it's... they're counting on the state's attorneys from Cook County and from Kane County to follow the language that was added to that by the Supreme Court."

Gordon: "Well... if... with all due respect, State's Attorney Devine's not here and I need to know. Because if you are automatically making escape of a juvenile who is in custody on juvenile charges an adult offense, then this entire piece of legislation should be voted 'no' by every single person in this chamber. It's..."

Ramey: "Representative, I found the answer to your question. It says, 'at the time of escape the offender is still under 17 years of age, the escape offense will still be dealt with in a juvenile court.'"

Gordon: "So you are making escape or aiding escape, it's still a juvenile offense, is that correct?"

Ramey: "I'm sorry. I didn't hear your question."

Gordon: "It's still a juvenile offense and they can be adjudicated as a minor, is that correct?"

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Ramey: "As long as they're still under 17 at the time of escape."

Gordon: "It is not an automa... if they are in custody on juvenile charges and they're 14 and they try to escape, is it an automatic transfer to adult court if they try to escape?"

Ramey: "If they're... what'd you say, if they're 14?"

Gordon: "If they're 14 and they're in custody because they've been adjudicated as a delinquent minor and they try to escape, are they automatically transferred to adult court under adult charges of felony escape?"

Ramey: "No, it says in the language that it still will be dealt with in Juvenile Court if they're still under 17 years of age."

Gordon: "Are you sure?"

Ramey: "I'm looking at the..."

Gordon: "Will you pull it... will you pull from the record for just 5 minutes, Representative, please? Just for 5 minutes."

Ramey: "Just for 5 minutes, Representative..."

Gordon: "Please... Thank you."

Ramey: "...at your request."

Gordon: "You pull this from the record for me."

Ramey: "Pull it from the record."

Gordon: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, on request of the Sponsor we'll pull that Bill out of the record. Mr. Clerk, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, on page 4 of the Calendar,

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Representative Chuck Jefferson has House Bill 2310. What's the status of that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2310, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Jefferson, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Chuck Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Amendment #1 guts and replaces the Amendment of the shell Bill; it amends the Municipal Code by allowing municipalities to include graduated fines scheduled for repeat violators or truants, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) or community service. This is a Bill that was required by the City of Rockford and I would ask that we adopt the Amendment that becomes the Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion on the Amendment? Representative Lang, do you wish to speak to the Amendment of Representative Jefferson's Bill? No. Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Should Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2310 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. The Chair recognizes Representative Susana Mendoza for an announcement. Personal privilege? Proceed, Representative."

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Mendoza: "Personal privilege, please, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, behind me in the gallery up above here we have a group of visitors from the Little Village Lawndale High School campus. I was hoping they could rise and we could give them a big welcome as we do here in Springfield. They are coming to observe us in action today, so let's put our best foot forward. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield. Enjoy your day. Mr. Clerk, on page 10 of the Calendar, Representative Golar has House Bill 4913. What's the status of that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4913, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. Amendments 1, 2 and 3 have been adopted. Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Golar, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Esther Golar, on Amendment #4. Representative Golar on Amendment 4, House Bill 4913."

Golar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to... for Amendment #4... is there anyway that I could table, Mr. Speaker, Amendments #2 and 3?"

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, you have to file a written Motion for those to be tabled, so I'd suggest you come down to the well. We'll take this Bill out of the record."

Golar: "Okay."

Speaker Lyons: " Mr. Clerk, take this Bill out of the record. On page 11 of the Calendar, Mr. Clerk, is House Bill 56... 5064. What's the status of that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5064, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 11 of the Calendar, Representative Saviano has House Bill 5067. What's the status of that Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5067, 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 Saviano, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Skip Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Floor Amendment #2 represents a culmination of about three and a half years of work, getting all the groups together: the Illinois Bankers, Community Bankers, Illinois Appraisers, Illinois Realtors, Illinois Department of Prof.. Financial and Professional Regulation. This is an agreed Amendment and I would ask that it be adopted to House Bill 5067."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion on Floor Amendment #2? Seeing none, all those in favor of its adoption signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. On page 11 of the Calendar, Representative Saviano has House Bill 5070. What's the status of that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5070, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. No... Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. On page 11 of the Calendar Representative Saviano has House Bill 5071. What's the status of that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5071, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Representative Saviano has House Bill 5073. What's the status of that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5073, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 13 of the Calendar, Representative Saviano has House Bill 5501. What's the status of that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5501, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Flider, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

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

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

Flider: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'm proud today to let you know that there's a group of students here from my district, also Representative Rose's district. They're from Arthur and they're members of the Amish community and they attend school in Arthur at the Oak Lawn School and they are residents of Moultrie and Douglas Counties. They're behind the Republican side in the chambers above and wish you'd give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield. Enjoy your day. Mr. Clerk, on page 29 of the Calendar, under House Joint Resolutions, Representative Kathy Ryg has House Joint Resolution 112. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Lake, Representative Kathy Ryg."

Ryg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Resolution was intended to recognize Crohn's and Irritable Bowel Disease Day for a group of constituents and advocates who are in Springfield to increase awareness."

Speaker Lyons: "All those in favor of the Resolution... of the adoption of House Joint Resolution 112 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Joint Resolution 112 is hereby adopted. Leader Gary Hannig in the Chair."

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Speaker Hannig: "On page 34 of the Calendar is House Resolution 1092. Representative Ryg."

Ryg: "Thank you. This Resolution was in recognition of Pediatric Cancer Survivorship Week earlier in the Spring Session. And I'd like to thank all my colleagues who responded to the advocates who asked for their support of this Resolution and signed on as Sponsors."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then all in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Senate Bill 2135?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2135 is on the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Return that to the Order of Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor. Mr. Clerk, read the Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 1324, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, would you proceed with advising us on the committee announcements."

Clerk Mahoney: "Immediate... to meet immediately following Session is Appropriations-General Services in Room D-1, Appropriations-Public Safety in Room 114, Appropriations-Human Services in Room 118, and Environment & Energy in Room C-1. The committee meeting in 115, the Housing & Urban Development Committee has been canceled. Housing &

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Urban Development has been canceled. Juvenile Justice Reform will meet in Room 122B. At 2:30 Drivers' Education & Safety will meet in Room 122B, Judiciary I - Civil Law will meet in C-1, and Revenue will meet in Room 115."

Speaker Hannig: "Fine. So, if I could have the Members attention, we have to do a few items on Second Reading that will be mostly perfunctory in nature and then we're going to adjourn 'til tomorrow at 9 a.m. So, 9 a.m. So, on Supplemental Calendar #1, Mr. Clerk, would you read Senate.. read House Bill 6025."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6025, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. No Amendments. No Motions filed. Second Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6027."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6027, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second, Mr. Clerk, and read House Bill 6034."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6034, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6069."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6069, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6086."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6086, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6345."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6345, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6348."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6348, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second Reading and read House Bill 6349."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6349, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6350."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6350, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments filed. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Hold that on Second, Mr. Clerk and read House Bill 6351."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6351, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6352."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6352, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6353."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6353, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read 63... House Bill 6354."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6354, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read 60... House Bill 6355."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6355, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6357."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6357, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6359."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6359, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6361."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6361, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6363."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6363, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6365."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6365, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6367."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6367, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6369."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6369, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6371."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6371, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6373."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6373, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6375."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6375, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6377."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6377, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6378."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6378, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6379."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6379, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6380."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6380, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6381."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6381, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6382."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6382, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6383."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6383, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6384."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6384, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6385."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6385, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6386."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6386, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6387."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6387, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6388."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6388, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6389."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6389, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6391."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6391, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6393."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6393, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6395."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6395, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6397."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6397, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second Reading and read House Bill 6399."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6399, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6401."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6401, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6403."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6403, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6405."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6405, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6407."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6407, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6409."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6409, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6411."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6411, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6413."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6413, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6415."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6415, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6417."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6417, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6419."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6419, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6421."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6421, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6423."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6423, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6425."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6425, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6427."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6427, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6429."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6429, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6431."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6431, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6433."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6433, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6435."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6435, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6437."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6437, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6439."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6439, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6440."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6440, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6441."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6441, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6442."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6442, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6443."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6443, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6444."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6444, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6445."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6445, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6447."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6447, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6449."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6449, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6451."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6451, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6453."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6453, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6455."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6455, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6457."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6457, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6459."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6459, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6461."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6461, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6463."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6463, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6465."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6465, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6467."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6467, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6469."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6469, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6471."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6471, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6473."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6473, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6475."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6475, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6477."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6477, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6481."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6481, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6483."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6483, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6485."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6485, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6488."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6488, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6489."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6489, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6490."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6490, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6491."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6491, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6492."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6492, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6493."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6493, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6494."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6494, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6495."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6495, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6496."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6496, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6497."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6497, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6498."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6498, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6499."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6499, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6500."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6500, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read 65... House Bill 6501."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6501, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6502."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6502, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6504."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6504, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6506."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6506, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6508."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6508, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6510."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6510, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6512."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6512, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second. And why don't we break here and let Representative Dunkin, did you wish to make an announcement?"

Dunkin: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. We'd just like to welcome another school from my district, the Daystar Christian School. And they are also the

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wonderful people who brought some Leona's lunches for all of us here in the back. Thank you and welcome, Daystar Christian School. Welcome to Spring.."

Speaker Hannig: "Resuming with our House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 6514. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6514, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that on Second and read House Bill 6516."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6516, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6518."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6518, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6520."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6520, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6522."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6522, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6524."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6524 a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6525."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6525, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6526."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6526, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6527."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6527, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6528."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6528, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6529."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6529, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6530."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6530, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6531."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6531, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6532."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6532, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6533."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6533, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6534."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6534, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6535."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6535, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6536."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6536, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

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Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6537."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6537, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6539."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6539, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6541."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6541, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6543."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6543, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6545."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6545, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6547."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6547, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6549."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6549, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6551."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6551, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6553."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6553, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6555."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6555, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6556."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6556, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6557."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6557, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6559."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6559, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6561."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6561, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6563."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6563, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6565."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6565, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6566."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6566, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6567."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6567, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6568."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6568, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

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Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6569."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6569, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6570."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6570, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6571."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6571, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6572."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6572, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6573."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6573, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6574."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6574, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6575."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6575, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6576."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6576, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6577."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6577, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6578."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6578, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6580."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6580, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6582."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6582, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6583."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6583, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6585."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6585, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6587."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6587, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6589."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6589, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6591."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6591, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6593."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6593, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6595."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6595, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

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Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6597."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6597, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6599."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6599, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6601."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6601, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6603."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6603, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6605."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6605, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6607."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6607, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6609."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6609, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6611."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6611, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6613."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6613, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6615."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6615, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6617."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6617, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6619."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6619, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6621."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6621, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6622."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6622, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6623."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6623, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6625."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6625, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6627."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6627, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that Bill and read House Bill 6629."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6629, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Hold that last Bill as well, Mr. Clerk. Representative Brady, are you seeking recognition?"

Brady: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, for an announcement."

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Speaker Hannig: "Proceed."

Brady: "After we convene in the morning at 9 a.m., at the appropriate time the Republicans will then go to caucus. So, I just want to make that announcement that after we come in at 9 a.m., we will then deliberate for caucus... for a Republican Caucus in Room 118. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Are there any other announcements? Then allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Smith would move that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 21 at the hour of 9 a.m. So at perfunctory time for the Clerk, we're going to adjourn 'til tomorrow at 9. The Republicans will caucus at that time. And so, all in favor of the Motion say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted and the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Bolin: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' the following Amendments to the following House Bills: House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6348, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6349, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 63... 6361, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6377, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6378, House Amendment #2 to House Bill 6415, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6421, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6429, House Amendment #2 to House Bill 6433, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6455, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6488, House Amendment #1

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to House Bill 6516, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6520, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6524, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6526, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6543, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6545, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6547, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6561, House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6565, and House Amendment #1 to House Bill 6566. Representative Hannig, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-General Services, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for Agreed Bill List #1. Representative Yarbrough, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Public Safety, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for Agreed Bill List #1; 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 3944, House Bill 3949, House Bill 3951, House Bill 3956, House Bill 3959, House Bill 3966, House Bill 6075, House Bill 6079, House Bill 6080, House Bill 6082, House Bill 6083, House Bill 6084, House Bill 6085, House Bill 6097, House Bill 6560, House Bill 6592, House Bill 6594, House Bill 6596, House Bill 6600, House Bill 6604, House Bill 6610, House Bill 6612, House Bill 6614, House Bill 6618, House Bill 6620, House Bill 6624, and House Bill 6626. Representative Feigenholtz, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Human Services, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

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'do pass as amended Short Debate' for House Bill 3930; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for Agreed Bill List #1. Representative Holbrook, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for Senate Bill 2639. Representative Collins, Chairperson from the Committee on Juvenile Justice Reform, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' for Senate Bill 2821; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for Senate Bill 2047. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Drivers' Education & Safety, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for Senate Bill 2596. Representative Fritchey, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I - Civil Law, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for Senate Bill 1879, Senate Bill 2080, Senate Bill 2128, Senate Bill 2851; 'do pass Short Debate' for Senate Bill 2023, Senate Bill 2232, and Senate Bill 2721. Representative John Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 20, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations: recommends 'be adopted as

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amended' House Joint Resolution 93; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for Senate Bills 2015, 2820 and 2873. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6647, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of this House Bill. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1865, offered by Representative Gordon, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1869, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The following Bills on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading will be held... will be read for a second time and held on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading. House Bill 3861, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3865, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3867, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3868, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3869, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3879, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3880, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3881, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3883, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3884, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3887, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3888, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3889, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3890, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3892, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3894, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3896, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3897,

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appropriations. House Bill 6042, a Bill for an Act making
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appropriations. House Bill 6360, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. House Bill 6362, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. House Bill 6364, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. House Bill 6366, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. House Bill 6370, a Bill for an Act making
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appropriations. House Bill 6410, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. House Bill 6414, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. House Bill 6416, a Bill for an Act making
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appropriations. House Bill 6420, a Bill for an Act making
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appropriations. House Bill 6432, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. House Bill 6448, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. House Bill 6454, a Bill for an Act making
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appropriations. House Bill 6546, a Bill for an Act making
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appropriations. House Bill 6558, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. House Bill 6560, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. House Bill 6562, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. House Bill 6564, a Bill for an Act making
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appropriations. House Bill 6598, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. House Bill 6600, a Bill for an Act making
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appropriations. House Bill 6604, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6606, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6608, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6610, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6612, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6614, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6616, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6618, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6620, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6624, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6626, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6628, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. The following... the preceding House Bills were read for a second time and held on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading. The following Senate Bills, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, will be read for a second time and held on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading. Senate Bill 1879, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2015, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. Senate Bill 2023, a Bill for an Act to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. Senate Bill 2047, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 2080, a Bill for an Act concerning the Uniform Commercial Code. Senate Bill 2083, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 2128, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Senate Bill 2232, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2415, a Bill for an Act concerning state property. Senate Bill 2596, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation.

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Senate Bill 2639, a Bill for an Act concerning safety.
Senate Bill 2721, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law.
Senate Bill 2820, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue,
which may be cited as the Homestead Assessment Transparency
Act. Senate Bill 2821, a Bill for an Act concerning
juveniles. Senate Bill 2851, a Bill for an Act concerning
abuse. Senate Bill 2873, a Bill for an Act concerning
revenue. Second Reading of these Senate Bills which were
read for a second time and held on the Order of Senate
Bills-Second Reading. The following House Bill, on the
Order of House Bills-Second Reading, will be read for a
second time and held on the Order of House Bills-Second
Reading. House Bill 6479, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. There being no further business, the House
Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."