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Speaker Lyons: "Good afternoon, Illinois. The Illinois House of Representatives will come to order. Members should be at their desks. We shall be led in prayer today by Dr. Don Miller, who is the pastor of Coal Creek Bible Church in Fairview, Illinois. Dr. Miller is the guest of Representative Mike Smith. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers and our guests are also asked to please rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Miller."

Dr. Miller: "Would you pray with me. Almighty God, what an honor it is to stand here today in such a beautiful and historic place. We recognize today the significance of the task before those who gather here as our state, our nation faces difficult and trying days. We ask You, Lord, to grant wisdom, discernment, insight and understanding to those who serve here on behalf of the fine people of Illinois. There's much to be done and many difficult decisions to be made. As those decisions are considered, I do not ask You, Lord, to bless what we do, but rather may we do what You bless. It's in Jesus' name that I pray, Amen."

Speaker Lyons: "We'll be led in the Pledge by Representative Bob Biggins."

Biggins - 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."

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Speaker Lyons: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, Democrats."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Michael Bost, GOP."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Kosel, Mulligan and Rose are excused on the Republican side of the aisle and thank you so much for the sandwiches today."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 114 Members present, we have a quorum. We're ready to do the work of the people of the State of Illinois. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rules Report. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or Joint Action Motions were referred, action taken on March 24, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'approved for floor consideration' is Amendment #3 to House Bill 272, Amendment #1 to House Bill 374, Amendment #3 to House Bill 528, Amendment #1 to House Bill 629, Amendment #2 to House Bill 738, Amendment #1 to House Bill 740, Amendment #1 to House Bill 770, Amendment #1 to House Bill 838, Amendment #1 to House Bill 1088, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2254, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2275, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2298, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2325, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2365, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2383, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2392, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2420, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2424, Amendment #1 to

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House Bill 2428, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2451, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2485, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2530, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2644, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2660, Amendment #2 to House Bill 2664, Amendment #2 to House Bill 3649, Amendment #1 to House Bill 3715, Amendment #1 to House Bill 3787, Amendment #1 to House Bill 3792, Amendment #1 to House Bill 3796, Amendment #1 to House Bill 3802, Amendment #1 to House Bill 3987, Amendment #1 to House Bill 4046, Amendment #1 to House Bill 4051, Amendment #2 to House Bill 4077, Amendment #1 to House Bill 4186, Amendment #1 to House Bill 4206, Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 4209 and Amendment #2 to House Joint Resolution 18. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 198, House Resolution 201, House Joint Resolution 39 and House Joint Resolution 40."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Poe, you're recognized on House Resolution 174. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Raymond Poe."

Poe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We got a Resolution to read."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 174, offered by Representative Poe."

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the coaches and players of the Grant Middle School Generals 8th grade basketball team on the occasion of winning the 2009 8th Grade 4-A State Championship and wish them continued success and happiness in the future."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Poe."

Poe: "Yeah. Mr. Speaker, we want to congratulate them. They're in the Speaker's Gallery today and we're quite proud of them here in Springfield to have a Class 4A eighth grade boys basketball state champions. The coaches, Gardner, Baird and Fisher, are they here? Raise your hands. We appreciate you guys coming and Tracy Stephens is the one that organized it with my office. So, I want to thank them and give them a big welcome."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Poe moves for the adoption of House Resolution 174. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 174 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, on House Resolution 194."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 194, offered by Representative Pritchard."

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Hinckley-Big Rock girl's basketball team, the Lady Royals, and give our best wishes to the team members in their future pursuits and wish them success for the next season."

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

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I draw your attention to your left in the balcony today where we have the 10 members from the Hinckley-Big Rock Royals basketball team who dominated in the Class 1A this year. Hinckley-Big Rock is a combined

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school district that comes from a community of 2300 with roughly 270 students in... in the high school. And besides the Lady Royals that are here today, we have coach Greg Burks, who is a first-year coach, along with a coaching team that just took over last fall. Also, the assistant principal Tim Furnas and the athletic director Bill Sambrookes. We're pleased to have them here today. They're a great example of how a small team with a big heart and a strong goal can go on to great heights. Ladies, we congratulate you and hope that you'll come back next year. Thank you. Would you join me in congratulating them."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Pritchard moves for the adoption of House Resolution 194. All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Congratulations. The Chair recognizes the Lady from DuPage, Representative Patti Bellock. For what purpose do you seek recognition, Representative?"

Bellock: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Bellock: "I just wanted to thank you, Mr. Speaker and ask everybody to give a round of applause to Representative Lyons for bringing the corned beef sandwiches. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative Bellock. You're more than welcome. I'm glad you enjoyed. Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen, for your information, I'm going to be moving Bills that are on the Agreed Bill List. There's a group of them that I have here. We're just going to simply

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be putting them on Third Reading and then reading the Bill for... for action later on. This has been agreed to by both Democratic and Republican staff, so... First Bill, House Bill 73. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 73. Put the Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 73, a Bill for an Act concerning certain offenses. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 185. Put the Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 185, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on Third Reading. The Chair recognizes Representative Bill Black. For what purpose do you seek recognition, Representative?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Would the Chair please take House Bill 73 off of Third Reading. We had an agreement to hold that on Second until we could amend it so that all parties would be in agreement and that has not happened. So, I need House Bill 73 to stay on Second Reading. I would also suggest that we take it off the Agreed Bill List. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Clerk, on the request of the Sponsor, take House Bill 73 and put it back to the Order of Second Reading. Thank you, Mr. Black. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 217. Put the Bill on Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 217, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 237. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 237, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on Third Reading. House Bill 276, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 276, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 361. Put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 361, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on Third Reading. House Bill 399, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 399, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. Representative... House Bill 416, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 416, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. House Bill 493, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 493, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 516, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 516, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 696, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 696, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "...that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 748. Put that Bill on the Order of... on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 748, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 759, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 759, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 804. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 804, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 810. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."



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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 810, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that... hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 811. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 811, a Bill for an Act concerning institutional funds. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 869. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 869, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 873. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 873, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 900, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 900, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 927. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 927, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 931. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 931, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 944. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 944, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 973. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 973, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1013, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1013, a Bill for an Act concerning state buildings. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1065. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1065, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1108. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1108, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "...that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1110. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1110, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1112. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1112, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1119, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1119, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1122. Put the Order... put the Bill on the Order... put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1122, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1132. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1132, a Bill for an Act concerning families and children. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1181, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1181, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1190. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1190, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1195. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1195, a Bill for an Act concerning vacant and abandoned property. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1293. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1293, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1294. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1294, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Third Reading. House Bill 1306. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1306, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1314. Put that Bill on the Third... on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1314, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1318. Put that Bill on the Third... Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1318, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1319. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1319, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1329. Put that Bill on Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1329, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1336, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1336, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1348, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1348, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 1353, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1353, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2246. Mr. Clerk, put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2246, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2279, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2279, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2280. Mr. Clerk, put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2280, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2281, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2281, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2284. Put that Bill on the... on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2284, a Bill for an Act concerning warehouses. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2289, Mr. Clerk. Put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2289, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2322. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2322, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2337. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2337, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2351. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2351, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2362. Mr. Clerk, put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2362, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2395. Put that Bill on the... on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2395, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2396. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2396, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2410. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2410, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2414. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2414, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2433. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."



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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2433, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2437. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2437, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2439. Put that Bill on the... on the Order of Third Reading and Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2439, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2442. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2442, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 2443. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2443, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2444. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2444, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2505. Put that Bill on the Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2505, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2506. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2506, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2507. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2507, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2513. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2513, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2533. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2533, a Bill for an Act concerning warehouses. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2536. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2536, a Bill for an Act concerning former prisoners of war. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2537. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2537, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2539. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2539, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2548. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2548, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 25... 2592. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2592, a Bill for an Act concerning fees and fines. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2593. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2593, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2598. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk and put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2598, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2612. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. On 2612, out of the record. House Bill 2641. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2641, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2649. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2649, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2650. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2650, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2651. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2651, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2661. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 20... House Bill 2661, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2670. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2661, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "I believe we did that last... It should be on the Order of Third Reading and hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. You have House Bill 2670, Mr. Clerk. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2670, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2674. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2674, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 2675. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2675, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3635. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3635, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3636. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3636, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3646. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3646, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3647. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3647, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3672. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3672, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. It's House Bill 3697. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3697, a Bill for an Act concerning the Secretary of State. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3726. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3626 (sic-House Bill 3726), a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3730. Put that Bill on Third Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3730, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3776. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3776, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3785. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3785, a Bill for an Act concerning local government."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3828. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3828, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3832. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3832, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on Third Reading. House Bill 3843. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3843, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 3856. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3856, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3897. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3897, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3908. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3908, a Bill for an Act concerning domestic violence. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on Third Reading. House Bill 3918. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3918, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Thirteen (sic- Third Reading). House Bill 3922. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3922, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3950. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."



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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3950, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3971. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3971, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 3995. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3995, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4035. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4035, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4038. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4038, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4048. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4048, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4066. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4066, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4081. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4081, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4096. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4096, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4109. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4109, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4117. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4117, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 4169. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4169, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4170. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4170, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4173. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4173, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4208. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4208, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4236. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4236, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4237. Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4237, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4241. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4241, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. House Bill 4242. Put that Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4242, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Menard, Representative Rich Brauer. For what purpose do you seek recognition, Representative?"

Brauer: "Personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, recognize the students from Lincoln College, the Student Senate from Lincoln, Illinois. They're here at the Capitol today. They are led by Jean Ann Hutchinson and these students are interested in State Government. They've been touring the Capitol this morning and they're going to meet with the Secretary of State this afternoon. Please give them a Springfield welcome."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield, enjoy your day. Thanks for coming over. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 151."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 151, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 214."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 214, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 238."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 238, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 289, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 289, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Read House Bill 301, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 301, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 306, Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 306, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 519. Mr. Clerk, the status of House Bill 306."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 306, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, the status of House Bill 519."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 519, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, House Bill 604."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 604, a Bill for an Act concerning tobacco. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "The status of House Bill 613."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 613, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 615, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 615, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 621, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 621, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 669, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 669, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 680, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 680, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 699, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 699, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 719, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 719, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 722, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 722, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 725, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 725, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 737."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 737, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 743, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 743, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 768, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 768, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 791, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 791, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 797, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 797, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 798, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 798, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 805, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 805, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 818, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 818, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 860."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 860, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 865, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 865, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 914, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 914, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 972, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 972, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 986, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 986, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 1002, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1002, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 1014, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1014, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 1015, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1015, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 1032, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1032, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 1060, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1060, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 1089, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1089, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 1307, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1307, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 2283, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2283, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 2294, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2294, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading."



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Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 2296, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2296, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 2429, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2429, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 2470, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2470, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill... House Bill 2494, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2494, a Bill for an Act concerning vacancies in the position of Lieutenant Governor. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 2527, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2527, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 2535, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2535, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 2542, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2542, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 2574, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2574, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 2612, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2612, a Bill for an Act concerning education programs. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 3658, Mr. Clerk."

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Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 3663, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3663, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 3664, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3664, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 3731, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3731, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 3779, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3779, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 3845, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3845, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 3911, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3911, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 3974, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3974, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 4088, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4088, a Bill for an Act concerning privacy. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 4094, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4094, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 4098, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4098, a Bill for an Act concerning state budgets. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 4124, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4124, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 4205, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4205, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "House Bill 4223, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4223, a Bill for an Act concerning radon. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, House Bill 3723."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3723, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, what we've just done was take every Bill on the Agreed Bill List and it had to be moved from Second to Third, we did so. If it was on Third, we read it for a third time. Listen up, everybody. This is important. We haven't done this in six years, so I've been reminded. Everybody received the Agreed Bill List, that's every Bill that we just read in the last hour or so. We are going to make a one Roll Call on this list. Everybody has the opportunity to vote 'yes' or 'no', 'yes' on... 'yes', 'no', or 'present', of course, on the entire list. You will also be given a couple hours to go through this in case you want to vote 'no', 'present' or not voting on the list as you want to go through each individual Bill. If there are some Bills here that you choose to change your

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vote, over the course of the next several hours, just do so by marking it appropriately, probably letting your staff know that you are marking something... a certain Bill 'no' or 'present' so we have that. And then we're asking you, folks, listen up, signature on the top of the pink sheet, print your name for you doctors in training so we know where it came from, print your name on the... on the... on the second li... on the second line here. So, does everybody understand what we're doing? We're going to take the Roll Call now. I will not announce the call... I will not, you know... we'll take the Roll Call, but we'll not read the... that total into the record until you have a chance to go through this list individually in case you want to change your vote on any of the Bills on the Agreed List. Are there any questions? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair. As much as I would like to pass House Bill 73, it's simply is not an Agreed Bill and I want to make sure you have taken that off the list."

Speaker Lyons: "It is... it has been do so, Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "It's off the list."

Black: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you for your inquiry. Chair... the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair. If you do not wish to record yourself as 'no' or 'present' on

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any of these Bills, is there... do we still need to sign this or will the Roll Call up on the board be sufficient?"

Speaker Lyons: "Dave, we would like everybody to... whether you need to keep everything 'yes', sign and print your name on this thing..."

Winters: "Okay."

Speaker Lyons: "...and turn it in, so we have everybody on the record for verifying their own vote."

Winters: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "So, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, on Agreed Bill List 1, all those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. Mr. Flider, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "State your point, Representative."

Flider: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Behind us in the rear of the chamber on the fourth floor, I'm proud to announce today a guest of myself and also Roger Eddy are the... is the seventh grade middle school from Lovington and also their superintendent, Roy Smith. And I wonder if you'd please give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield. Enjoy your day. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're back to the normal Calendar on the list of Bills that have been prepared and are ready for Third Reading. We'll be going... we have a list for Democratic and Republican Bills that we'll be

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going through over the next hour or so. And the first Order of Business, Representative Acevedo, on page 42 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 165. Out of the record. Representative Arroyo, on page 41 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 12. Out of the record. On the Order of Second Reading, Mr. Black, you have, on page 12 of the Calendar, House Bill 862. Is it your pleasure to move that to Third Reading? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 862, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Mr. Durkin, on page 49 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 1116. Out of the record. Representative Mike Boland, on page 48 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 934. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 934, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Mike Boland."

Boland: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 934 amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that the prohibition on the possession of an unsterilized or vicious dog by a person convicted of dog fighting, it prohibits them from owning a vicious or unsterilized dog for a period of 10 years."

Speaker Lyons: "There any discussion on the Bill? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Dennis Reboletti."

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

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Speaker Lyons: "He indicates he will."

Reboletti: "Representative, you said they cannot possess these animals for 10 years. Obviously, most of these folks are either on parole or probation and the parole and probation will be over. Is it now a separate crime then? Does that become a whole separate issue that they could be charged under or who's going to monitor this?"

Boland: "What this does is there's certain felons that are prohibited from owning such a dog for 10 years following release and this just adds dog fighting to that list of crimes."

Reboletti: "So, this will be a separate offense that would be... would that be a misdemeanor?"

Boland: "Right. It would be a Class A misdemeanor under a year or a \$2500 fine."

Reboletti: "Would that be 10 years after the date of the conviction for the felony or is that 10 years after parole or probation is terminated?"

Boland: "After release from incarceration."

Reboletti: "Well, not all felons would necessarily be incarcerated for a long period of time, so I guess that's..."

Boland: "What..."

Reboletti: "...where my concerns is, is that when you go to court and enter a plea or are found guilty by a jury or the bench does that mean on that day once a disposition is entered does a 10-year clock start ticking from there?"

Boland: "Well, according to what I have, after they're released from the Department of Corrections."

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Reboletti: "Is it only then for people that have been to the Department of Corrections? So, it would be after... so, they would be on parole?"

Boland: "Yes. Yeah. Anybody convicted of a forcible felony or imprisonment."

Reboletti: "So, they wouldn't be able to poss..."

Boland: "Oh, excuse me, and imprisonment."

Reboletti: "So, they wouldn't be able to possess it while on parole, MSR, mandatory supervised release and then assuming they're on one, two or three years, there'd be an additional point tacked on that would be a new offense? Is that what my understanding?"

Boland: "It would be included in the earlier penalty then."

Reboletti: "Well, that's my concern. Is that the Department of Corrections loses jurisdiction over the incarcerated person upon the parole terminating. So, if it's a Class X felony, it's three years of parole. Does that mean for seven more years they cannot possess this type of animal?"

Boland: "Yeah. Let me explain it. Yeah. This Bill does nothing... the 10-year thing is not new. This is just adding the offense of dog fighting to that. It's already covered in methamphetamine, you know, marijuana, some other controlled substances, deadly weapons offenses. So, it would be separate."

Reboletti: "Was... was this an issue in your district or who brought this Bill to you?"

Boland: "This was brought to me by the Best Friends Animal Society."



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Reboletti: "I... I guess I'm kind of concerned how... and I talked to some of the folks from those groups on the rail... how this would be enforced, because if you're a convicted felon and you're trying to find out if a dog is unsterilized or is a 'vicious' dog, I mean, how does an officer know about that?"

Boland: "Yeah. This does not change enforcement. This would just be as currently..."

Reboletti: "I guess, I'm just con... just concerned about the enforcement of it, what it adds to it because in looking at my analysis it just talks about the felons cannot possess unsterilized or vicious... vicious dogs. You're saying for 10 years after the conviction?"

Boland: "After their period of incarceration."

Reboletti: "Can you take the Bill out of the record for about 2 minutes, so I can talk to you about it?"

Boland: "Sure."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Boland: "Pull this out for about 10 minutes. We'd like to talk about it."

Speaker Lyons: "On the request of the Sponsor, Mr. Clerk, we'll take this Bill out of the record. Representative Washington, you seek recognition? Representative Fred Crespo, on page 45 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 656. Out of the record. Representative Debbie Graham, on page 42 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 180, 180. Do you wish to call the Bill, Representative, or you want it out of the record? Out of the record. Representative Bill Mitchell, on page 43 of the Calendar, you have House Bill

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268. Bill, are you ready to call the Bill? Out of the record. Representative Betsy Hannig, on page 52 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 3606. Out of the record. Representative Karen May, on page 51 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 42... excuse me... House Bill 2428. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Representative May."

May: "I believe there's an Amendment to be adopted. I move the adoption of Amendment #1."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, we'll have to move that Bill back to the Order of Second Reading and then we'll get back to you. So, on the request of the Sponsor, Mr. Clerk, move House Bill 2428 to the Order of Second Reading for the purpose of an Amendment. Representative May, I think we are ready to go on the Amendment. Want to present your Amendment, Amendment #1, to House Bill 2428?"

May: "Yes, Speaker. The Amendment makes several changes that were suggested by other Members of the General Assembly. Tying the amount more closely to Federal Law referencing it, so not actually mentioning the amount of \$2400, and instead of just individuals it includes household members."

Speaker Lyons: "Are there any questions on the Amendment? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative John Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Amendment real quickly. I just want to thank the Sponsor for pulling this out of the record last week. As I said at that time, she had a very, very good concept, but I thought there were some drafting issues. She was generous enough to work with me

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on those and I think she's got an excellent Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "No one seeking further recognition, all those in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to 2428 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2428, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Lake, Representative Karen May."

May: "Yes. This... this Bill amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. And I think that I personally am very committed and many of us are committed to restoring confidence of the citizens of state in the ethical conduct of all members in State Government. It limits contributions to persons appointed to boards and commissions that make to the appointing Executive Branch officer that appoints them for one year before and one year after. This is aimed at cleaning up the 'clout club' and I will be happy to answer any questions and ask for your support."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Jim Durkin."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

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Durkin: "Representative, you've included household member as a... in your Amendment. Can you explain to me whether or not who..."

May: "Yes. That... we have in..."

Durkin: "Do they have to live under... in... within the four... the walls of the home to qualify as a household member?"

May: "Who would qualify... I'm sorry. Repeat the..."

Durkin: "Well, I'm saying that you're saying that a household member is prohibited from making a contribution."

May: "Yes. It's anyone... any persons occupying the same single dwelling."

Durkin: "Well, how about my child who has graduated; I'm on a board and they move out of the house. They are no longer part of it."

May: "They're not part of the household."

Durkin: "So, they can still make a contribution to the appointing officer, correct?"

May: "That's correct."

Durkin: "And does it make a difference of whether or not they... if they are... the son and the father work in the same family business and the check comes from that family business..."

May: "They are..."

Durkin: "...and the son signs it. Is that, you know, is that possible?"

May: "Yeah. That would be a different part of the Bill. Household member really is about family members, but there's other language 'cause' or may... may not make or 'cause to be made' contributions. And that phrase 'cause to be made' would refer to businesses."

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Durkin: "All right. So, the... so, the..."

May: "So, if there was a person in a business and they caused it to be made, it would be prohibited."

Durkin: "But if the son wants to make that contribution on his own, but he lives off of some type of trust, are they free to make whatever type of contribution..."

May: "If they live on their own, if I understand it. Yes, they live on their own; they're free to make it."

Durkin: "Don't you sense that there would be a bit of a hole that you created with this definition by restricting it to individuals who lived..."

May: "No, I don't think so because if someone is under the same roof and a family member under the same roof, if someone's living on their own, they're supporting themselves and an independent person, is how I would define it."

Durkin: "Not necessarily. I mean, there's a lot of people out there who have moved away from the home who are not necessarily supporting themselves, but are no longer living within the... in the home of the... of that individual. So, I think that while you're well-intentioned I still think that you have created a scenario where there will be people who are going to make substantial contributions because there is a hole that you've created."

May: "No, I don't agree."

Durkin: "I agree."

May: "I think that this is an excellent... I think that this is an excellent start to define household, not just the individual and to also attempt to limit the business contributions, the cause to be made. So, I think that

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we've made... we've made progress and that this is a very good step forward, a needed step forward."

Durkin: "And two steps back with that definition."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, in the original Bill, if you could explain something for me that appears on page 2 of the Bill, line 5. A person is ineligible for appointment to a board or commission if that person during the preceding year has made aggregate contributions. Can you define 'aggregate' as you use it in that... that sentence?"

May: "It would be household aggregate contributions of everyone in the household."

Black: "So, if you had... if you had 10 people in your family and each of them gave..."

May: "Two hundred and forty."

Black: "...\$500, you'd be in trouble."

May: "That would... Yes. That would be... it would not be possible to do that."

Black: "All right. That's interesting. Let me ask you another question in the Amendment that you had... was just accepted, if I can find it. Here it is. Page 2 line 3, 'political committee' has the meaning set forth in Article 9 of the Election Code.' What is that definition? I don't have the Election Code with me."

May: "Well, I don't have it with me either, but I think that that means our political committees that, you know, it's

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Friends of Bill Black or Committee to Elect Bill Black or something. You know, that... that type of committee that puts the officeholder in office."

Black: "What about the Illinois Democrat Party? What if you gave \$25 thousand to a state Party and then you wanted to be appointed to the Building Commission or the Health Facilities Planning Board and you had donated \$25 thousand in the previous year to a... an established state Party?"

May: "The Bill is drafted to mean the political committees for that person, as I said, the officer... the Constitutional Officer."

Black: "All right. That's... I think that is a glaring weakness. On one day in the last election cycle an unnamed political committee in this state took in \$750 thousand. Now, you're not going to tell me that that committee has no influence on the appointments of someone of the same political Party."

May: "I think it's much different. The problem that I'm trying to attack is the \$25 thousand club, the 'clout club', the people who give large amounts... large contributions to one Constitutional Officer. So, your influence of a Party, like you're saying, is something... is something different."

Black: "Well, let's just take a hypothetical. In the State of Illinois right now there are no Constitutional Officeholders except of the Democrat Party. So, what's to prevent me from going to constitutional elected officeholder A and saying, verbally, you know, I want to give you... I'm just a staunch supporter of Democrat Party policies. I want to give you \$25 thousand and could you

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put in a good word for me with Democratic Party constitutional elected officeholder B that I would like to be appointed to the Sewer Control Panel. All right, what... you know, there... I know what you're trying to do, but there are more ways to get around this, I'm afraid, than you've anticipated."

May: "You know, Representative, there... there are always... I won't... I'm a good believer in sunshine, as I'm sure you are, that sunshine is a good disinfectant, but this is making a serious attempt at cutting down on the 'clout club'. Now, I know what you're saying that only the Democratic Party has Constitutional Officeholders now, but I think you would agree that hope springs eternal for both Parties, that we want to set our Constitutional Officers to the highest standard that both Parties would like to see."

Black: "Well, after the last six years, I think hope not only springs eternal but I think it might come to fruition in about two years. But... and I believe in sunshine as well, Representative. What I think you should do is to either further amend this Bill to one, either limit political contributions across the board... We're one of the only states left where you can donate..."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Black, your time has expired. We'll give you another minute or so to conclude your questions."

Black: "All right. Well, as I was saying, if we're really interested in sunshine and given the horrible history of this state, this Bill limits contributions to a very few elected officials. I think what we would best try to do is one, limit the amount of political contributions, period,



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across the board, where we're probably the only state left in the country where it's unlimited. You can donate hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars to a candidate, a political committee or better yet, make all of these contributions be reported within 72 hours. I... I can hide... any of us in here can hide a contribution for the next six months and they can be large contributions. I... you know, there's... if we really want to get to where you want to go, you could amend this Bill and really let the sunshine in on the process. This opens the blind about an inch and a half and there are more ways to get around it than I can think of, but, you know, it's your Bill and obviously you have it in the position that you want. So, I would just say, it really doesn't go far enough. We could do much better and maybe that's what we need to strive for."

Speaker Lyons: "No one seeking further recognition. Representative May to close."

May: "Yes. I would just like to respond to the last point. I agree with what much of the Representative has mentioned here, but there are other Bills out there. Representative's Bill... Representative Osterman's Bill which is about general campaign contributions from the public, I support that, also. This is a tandem Bill to that. The contributions to Constitutional Officers is not in that Bill. I'm a Sponsor of that Bill, so I agree with that also. But this is a tandem Bill that will work with it to, as I say, cleanup the ethics and restore confidence in State Government. I ask for an 'aye' vote. This is one

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part of many Bills that may come out of this chamber.  
Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 2428 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? Will Davis. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 264?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 264 is on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "On the request of the Sponsor, move that Bill back to the Order of Second Reading. Representative Danny Reitz, on page 49 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 1010. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1010, a Bill for an Act concerning dental practice. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Randolph, Representative Danny Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1010 is a rewrite of the Dental Practice Act. It provides that the board may review emerging scientific technology. It also provides the training for CPR certification will be required in the Act. It counts toward the dentist's continuing education hours. And it has language in there to make sure that if anyone who takes impressions of human teeth or performs any phase of teeth whitening is... will have a license

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administered by the department. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 1010? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 1010 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 Durkin, Representative Jerry Mitchell. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 2 Members voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Representative Bob Rita has House Bill 786. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 786, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill is a Bill that we passed out last year. It got caught up in the rulemaking procedure. This Bill classifies it for identity theft for roofing contractors who submit a roofing contractor that will knowingly is not going to be performing the work on the particular project, but put down that contractor on the paperwork to obtain a building permit and what then happens, they use the unlicensed and unqualified roofing contractor to complete the work. This is an initiative from the Chicago and Downstate Roofing Contractors Association, the Illinois

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Council of Code Administrators... the Illinois Council of Code Administrators. And also is a second partner to there's a grandfather Act that opens up to 2012 for their licensing to allow individuals that have... had been licensed and a contractor for 15 years to be grandfathered in as a licensed roofing contractor. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Michael Bost."

Bost: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for the... for the record, we need to go ahead and excuse Representative McAuliffe at this time from the..."

Speaker Lyons: "The Clerk will so note the excusal..."

Bost: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "...of Representative Michael McAuliffe at this time. Any further discussion? The question is, 'Should House Bill 786 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 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Pihos, on page 47 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 821. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 821, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from DuPage, Representative Sandy Pihos."

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Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 821 provides an exception from leasing restrictions only for non for profits. It states that if a condominium association amends its bylaws prohibiting the leasing of a condo unit, that a unit order... owner who is a 501(3)(c) (sic-501(c)(3)) that is leasing their unit may continue to rent it until such a time as they sell it, when the new owner would come under the new rules. And I'd be happy to take any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there anyone seeking recognition? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative John Fritchey."

Fritchey: "A quick question. Will the Sponsor yield? Speaker, I apologize."

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Fritchey: "So, a quick question. What would prevent an individual from creating a not-for-profit corporation to simply hold the condominium as a way of getting around this?"

Pihos: "It's only for people that are already in the pipeline. It's not for the future. So, it's for 501(c)(3)s that are already in the pipeline leasing these units."

Fritchey: "When you say already in the pipeline, you mean that have a lease as of the time of this Bill becoming law?"

Pihos: "Yes. And even if another 501(3)(c) (sic-501(c)(3)) were to buy that unit, they would not be able to continue to lease it."

Fritchey: "What happens when the lease expires?"

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Pihos: "They can continue to lease that unit to another renter until such a time as the unit is sold and then the new owner would have to come under the new rules."

Fritchey: "So, you... so, essentially... did this come out of a specific situation? I mean, it seems that you are... you're looking to prevent somebody that has a lease currently from being removed by virtue of actions of a condominium board, but the fact of the matter is that I don't think a condominium board could do anything to impact an existing lease today anyway."

Pihos: "No. And that really isn't the intent. The genesis of this Bill was a 501(3)(c) (sic-501(c)(3)) group in my district who owned about 65 con... townhomes, actually, and what happened is those townhome associations changed the rules, no longer permitted leasing and they had to begin to sell their townhomes off because they only allowed for unit-occupied ownership. So, what this does is just preserve affordable housing for those 501(3)(c)s (sic-501(c)(3)) that already own these townhomes that are currently leasing them. So, it's not about the lessee; it's about the 501(3)(c)s (sic-501(c)(3)) that own the townhomes already."

Fritchey: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Debbie Graham."

Graham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I stand in support of this measure. It's a very important piece of legislation. 501(c)(3) organizations may own some of the condo units. They're units that were put there to help

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families become productive members of society. They are case-managed and these are units that these organizations use to help families along the way. It's an important piece of legislation and I understand what some of the condo owners and associations, what their concerns are, but this legislation has been narrowed, has been worked on for the last couple of years. I want to thank Representative Pihos for working on this legislation. Please add me back as one of your Chief cosponsors on this Bill. It's very important. It is to the har... to the core of what we've been trying to do when you talk about helping families stay together and be stable. So, thank you for continuing to work on this Bill and narrowing it so that we can continue to move forward with it. Thank you."

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

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Sponsor yield? Representative, just one question. Many people buy a condo... condominium properties because they know their investment will be protected somewhat by the codicil enforced by the condominium board. Now, if I understand your... your legislation, this usurps the authority of that board, correct? In other words, the board may say, no, we don't want to lease to this group. If this becomes law, then the condominium property association, the board, would not be able to inhibit in a 501(3)(c) (sic-501(c)(3)) the ownership of the unit, correct?"

Pihos: "Only if that... only if the ownership is already in place. So, in other words, another 501(3)(c) (sic-

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501(c)(3)) can't come along and buy the unit with the intent to lease if it already has a rule in place that it can only be owner-occupied units."

Black: "All right. If a 501(3)(c) (sic-501(c)(3)) had a valid lease under existing law, then why... I don't understand why you need to change it. Obviously, some condominium boards have allowed a 501(3)(c) (sic-501(c)(3)) to invest and own this condominium property. So, what are you trying to correct? If that can already be done, what does the Bill do?"

Pihos: "This isn't really about the lease. What's happening in my district is my 501(3)(c)s (sic-501(c)(3)) who own townhomes, who bought them when they were allowed to lease them, are being run out of their townhomes because the associations are changing the rules and they can no longer continue to rent their townhomes; therefore, they have to sell them."

Black: "Okay. All right, all right. Thank you very much, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "No one seeking further discussion? Representative Pihos to close."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 821 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 103 Members voting 'yes', 7 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is



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hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 49 of the Calendar, Representative Ray Poe has House Bill 1003. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1003, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Sangamon County, Representative Raymond Poe."

Poe: "Yeah. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is a Bill that excludes some counties in the state currently and will continue to, but other counties may pass an ordinance to control annexation of land one and a half miles outside of municipal boundaries. These agreements are commonly referred to as preannexation agreements. Now, this is... it does not apply to Cook County, collar counties, Metro East and this is a very similar Bill that Representative Pritchard passed that current law reads that we'd be doing the same thing that they do in Boone, Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall, LaSalle, and Ogle and Winnebago. So, I'd ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DeKalb, Representative Bob Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, we passed this several years ago in some of the collar counties up in northern Illinois. It has worked well. We've not heard of any problems that develop with this and I know there are other counties that are trying to maintain their land use plan which this Bill will now allow them to do and allow them to negotiate, if that's the case, with the municipality that wants to expand, but otherwise

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helps preserve the county's land use plan. I would support this Motion and encourage your support as well."

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

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Representative's Bill. This would be very good for all of the counties that are not, as of this point, part of that an... have that annexation agreement. And I just urge everyone to vote 'aye', please."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, why do we need this law?"

Poe: "Basically, right now, and I think this one statement simply pretty well says as the law reads now... now a municipality can go anywhere in the state and enter into an annexation agreement that assumes jurisdiction over the property just as if the property were next to the corporate limits of any municipality."

Franks: "But I'm not sure how it works in the practical term. So, let's assume there's a municipality and they sign a... an annexation agreement with a developer and they do it at the edge of their land... at the edge of the municipal area and they go, I don't know, a half a mile out. Okay. And then they have someone else who also wants to build and they're 1.1 miles past that, but because of the economy the first builder for the first half mile never builds it. Then would the municipality under your Bill be prohibited from

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annexing unless they had two-thirds agreement by the county board."

Poe: "That's... that's my understanding, and I think, where you check that is the county board would have to pass that by two-thirds vote for that not to work. So, I think, that's sort of the check. And a lot of reason we're wanting to do this on the basis on account of county government and you know, we're trying to have more green plans, open space in our counties and this is a way that someone could circumvent their zoning and they could shop their zoning to a municipality and if the one near them doesn't like it, they might come up in your area. And that's basically all we're trying to stop."

Franks: "I'm happy to hear that, 'cause I was concerned when I was reading this what you were trying to solve. I see the Farm Bureau's for it and Metro counties are for it and some... and even some of the municipalities. I see the only opponent is the Illinois Municipal League, correct?"

Poe: "I think... and I think that's probably the reason is they have actually some cities in the state, preferably... probably just one that actually opposed it and they're representing one of their constituents."

Franks: "Well, as usual, you always bring very thoughtful, direct Bills. So, thank you for bringing this forward."

Poe: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill... Mr. Poe, would you care to close... any closing remarks on House Bill 1003?'"

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Poe: "No. Just ask for a favorable vote and I think this corrects people from trying to do some zoning... to shop that zoning all over the state and this keeps it close to the municipality and that's the way it should be. So, I would ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 1003 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 Beth Coulson. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 100 Members voting 'yes', 13 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mike Smith, on page 51 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 2377. Out of the record. Representative Pat Verschoore, on page 52 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 2626. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2626, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Pat Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I ask your support on House Bill 2626 which seeks to end the practice of demanding \$30 thousand for crossing the right of way of the former Rock Island Lines. Some 30 years ago, during the railroad bankruptcy proceedings, Hawkeye Land Development of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, purchased the Rock Island Line's real estate across Iowa and portions of Illinois, ending near Ottawa. Hawkeye has been collecting

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outrageous crossing fees from Illinois electric and gas utilities, telephone and telecommunication providers and units of local government to cross this Hawkeye right of way. This... this right of way would provide services to homes, farms, factories, schools, businesses large and small in House District 72 and 74 and across to Ottawa. Until now, Hawkeye has held the upper hand in what are basically unilateral take it or leave it transactions. The granting of crossing easements certainly is no longer an accommodation for these utilities and others who might extend service across Hawkeye right of way. These crossing fees have been a profit center or prime revenue source for Hawkeye. Of course, it's our constituents who ultimately pay in the end the 30 thousand fee. So, my solution goes like this. The party seeking the crossing from Hawkeye would submit an application describing what needs along the engineering specification and a check for \$1500. Hawkeye would have 30 days to review the request before the crossing construction activity would commence. This legislation... or this legislative solution to Hawkeye's problem has been in place in Iowa and Wisconsin for more than six years. Crossing fees in those states are capped at 750 and Hawkeye owns much more right of way in Iowa than in Illinois. You may have noticed my Bill exempts all registered rail carriers in Illinois. That's because in recognizing Hawkeye's bad behavior the rail carriers have executed reasonable right of way payment agreements with the utilities and others. I'd urge your support of 26... House Bill 2626 and I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 2626?  
The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook,  
Representative Jim Durkin."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Durkin: "Representative Verschoore, I asked this question in  
committee. I just want to make it perfectly clear that  
this is strictly prospective. You cannot use this cap on  
any agreements that may be in place in which the... there is  
a... a too high of a fee which has been assessed against the  
railroad, correct?"

Verschoore: "That's right."

Durkin: "It can't be used to... it can't open up any agreements.  
This is strictly on ones going down the road, all in the  
future, correct?"

Verschoore: "Correct."

Durkin: "All right, thanks."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Flider: "Yes. Representative, reading this analysis and  
hearing the discussion, it sounds like the concern is that  
the railroads are charging fees that are, in some  
estimations, way too high?"

Verschoore: "No. It's not railroads. It's the... this land... a  
land management company bought up the right of way from the  
old Rock Island Lines and they're charging railroads and..."

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not railroads... but telecommunications or utilities and local governments these outrageous fees."

Flider: "Now, when the utilities would have to pay these fees, what would actually... how would they recoup their costs?"

Verschoore: "They would just... that would be part of doing business which they don't have a problem with paying 1500, but they have a real problem paying 30 thousand. But I suppose if these fees stay in place like they are, they'd have to pick that up from our constituents."

Flider: "So, this... so, basically, what they're trying to do is limit their fees which in turn would be... they try and pick up at the ICC in increased rates?"

Verschoore: "Right. And what they do is bring them in line with what fees that are already in place in Iowa and Wisconsin."

Flider: "Okay. Thank you."

Verschoore: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Verschoore to close."

Verschoore: "I would just ask for an 'aye' vote. Thanks for the questions."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 2626 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 Chapa LaVia. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 98 Members voting 'yes', 15 Members voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, just as a reminder, we'll be

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saying this a couple times in the course of the afternoon. Turn in the Agreed Bill List even if you're saying 'yes' on all the Bills. Sign and print your name on the pink copy and bring it to the well. So, we're going to take the final vote in the next hour or so, but please, everyone bring your tally sheets to the well. Representative Mark Walker, on page 51 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 2394. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2394, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Mark Walker."

Walker: "I am delighted to offer this as my first Bill. It is House Bill 2394. It amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, so that TIF funds can be applied to development and redevelopment around star... purposed STAR Line stations. For those... as a reminder, the STAR line is a... is a transit proposal that goes from Joliet all the way around the suburbs to O'Hare. It connects the ends of the spokes of the commuter lines that go out from Chicago. This is a Bill that allows local municipalities and others to develop the area around the STAR Line stations. The TIF will be set up and applicable only if there is unanimous approval of the local taxing bodies. I ask for your approval of this."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."



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Bost: "Is this your first Bill, Representative?"

Walker: "This is my first Bill."

Bost: "Okay. Now, this is... this has to do with a TIF district."

Walker: "That's corr..."

Bost: "Is that correct?"

Walker: "That's..."

Bost: "Can you explain to me exactly what a... exactly a TIF district does?"

Walker: "A TIF... a TIF district allows the establishment of a redevelopment area to which increment tax funding can be applied with the approval of the taxing bodies that themselves are not receiving the funds."

Bost: "So, you're... you're saying that there's certain people you don't want to pay taxes so that other peoples' taxes have to go up?"

Walker: "I would say that what I'm looking for is a way for local communities to redevelop areas around the STAR stations for the future."

Bost: "Representative, and all kidding aside, these TIF districts, quite often, are very controversial. If... if someone is looking, you know, to try... and I understand what you're trying to do, but how many school districts does this affect?"

Walker: "Well, it affects over a hundred communities and hundreds of taxing districts... taxing bodies in those hundred communities."

Bost: "So... so, this isn't just a small TIF district we're talking about here."

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Walker: "No, no. It is... it's provides the option of those hundred communities to establish 22 TIF districts around STAR stations."

Bost: "So... so, how many school districts are we talking here?"

Walker: "I don't know exactly. I know it is well more than a hundred."

Bost: "So, you're looking at taking away funding from a hundred schools?"

Walker: "I'm looking at providing the option. If the school district does not unanimously... every taxing body in that district unanimously approve this, that is doesn't happen."

Bost: "Well, now... now, give the area of description, again, if you could, please?"

Walker: "The area?"

Bost: "That where these TIF districts will lie."

Walker: "They are a ha... in half a mile radius around the proposed locations of the stations of the STAR Line. And the STAR Line itself goes from Joliet to around the suburbs to the west of O'Hare, down the northwest highway, ends at O'Hare."

Bost: "Well, excuse me for my confusion, but now... now, we don't have a thing from my district called a STAR land... STAR Line. Exactly what's a STAR Line?"

Walker: "It is the... it is a transit line proposed by Metra. It's call... it is the... I've forgotten the... what the acronym means, but it is a rail line to move people in the suburbs between suburbs. It affects 1.2 million people; it affects a hundred communities. They'll be seven..."

Bost: "Rep..."

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Walker: "Pardon me."

Bost: "Representative, you don't... don't... you said you didn't understand what the acronym means. Well, you want to pull this out of the rec... out of the record until you find out exactly what the acronym is? I think it's very important..."

Walker: "I certainly do not."

Bost: "...on your first Bill that you would know exactly what this is especially since it... you know, we're talking a hundred school districts here."

Walker: "It is the Suburban Transit Access Route, is what the acronym..."

Bost: "Suburban Access Transit Route."

Walker: "Right. Suburban Transit Access Route."

Bost: "Now, that... that... is that kind of like... you know, in our area I'm trying to think. We've got a... we've got a route, it's kind of a back route and well, I'm saying we'll say root... and it goes from You Be Dam Holler over to Cobden. Is that similar to that type route or exactly what we're talking about?"

Walker: "It... I would guess it's much larger. I'm not familiar with your route."

Bost: "Oh, yours are always larger than mine. You know, you took... you know, you ought to be able to work here among each other and not have controversy between districts. Now, all of a sudden, you're bragging about the size of your lines in comparison to mine. I have a problem with this, Representative."

Walker: "I understand."

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Bost: "You... you understand, but you're not going to change the Bill."

Walker: "No, I would not change the Bill."

Bost: "What does it... how does this benefit my district?"

Walker: "This benefits the whole region of the suburbs around northern Illinois."

Bost: "No, that's not what I asked. I said, how does it benefit my district. I'm a Legislator from southern Illinois. You're asking me to support this and I'm a little concerned because, you know, I need to know. Where do my constituents see the benefit? Is this special legislation specifically for your area?"

Walker: "It is... it's focused legislation, but it covers a very large area, unlike most special legislation. It allows a hundred communities an option to redevelop. The benefit, I think, are masked because it allows a lot of people to commute in all kinds of directions around Chicago to get labor to where the jobs are."

Bost: "Well, Representative, my time is at hand here. So, I would just simply say I'm going to watch this very closely and as downstaters I'm going to have that question, you know, when we start arguing about the fact of whose line's bigger and everything like that, we want to watch it very closely. I think there's a problem here."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Representative, to your Bill. I'm not sure what this does or does not do for my district, but the reason I asked to be recognized

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is, Ladies and Gentlemen, in the gallery above me is Super Bowl Champion Dennis McKinnon, who's down here today representing the Jason Foundation which deals with suicide prevention. They're having a reception at Panther Creek Country Club tonight from 6 to 7:30. Everyone is invited. Ladies and Gentlemen, Super Bowl Champion, Dennis McKinnon."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield, Dennis. We wish you could still suit up for the Bears. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, this is not the first time these Bills have been before this Body. Last year, in the 95th General Assembly, Representative Ryg had a Bill and I believe Representative Fortner had Bills that I think were identical and they were not even granted a hearing in the Revenue Committee. Your Bill is now on Third Reading. What do you attribute that to? Is it you're a better Legislator or you got more help or... I don't understand how two senior Members couldn't even get their Bill heard in committee and you get it on Third Reading."

Walker: "I'm certainly not a better Legislator. I'm here to listen and learn. What I did with this Bill was narrow it down to a specific use in a specific area and thereby avoided what I'd heard were the problems with the other Bill that other geographies had."

Black: "Okay. That's a very good answer. You may have an illustrious career here. Let me ask you what those uses

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are. If I look in here, it says that TIF funds may be available for the development of public transit station, those areas around them. Mixtures of residential, commercial and other facilities that support the station's use are not currently eligible for TIF funds and that's what your Bill, of course, is trying to do, would make them eligible. What... what kind of... if I owned a house in your half mile radius, how would my house be designated as supporting the station's use?"

Walker: "I don't know the answer to that. I know I have gone to the planning... the initial planning sessions of four villages in my district that are planning their stations and they are talking about everything from garages to small factories to retail to multifamily housing."

Black: "That's the only thing that concerns me really, Representative, is how it may impact housing. I can understand a restaurant, a newsstand, something of that sort, but if I own a piece of property that's residential in nature, do I have to give up... am I giving up any control over the future use of my residence to the TIF board? They want to come out and say, well, we're going to make you put on siding or... I just want to make..."

Walker: "I don't... I don't believe so."

Black: "What property... so my property rights would still be sacrosanct as far as... under your legislation?"

Walker: "Sacrosanct under this legislation, there might be a taking of, but those..."

Black: "Under eminent domain?"

Walker: "Of eminent domain, but that's a different process."

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Black: "Okay. There's no quick-take in here, though, right?"

Walker: "Correct."

Black: "All right. The Joint Review Board, I've not heard that term. What is a Joint Review Board in the TIF legislation?"

Walker: "The Joint Review Board is a board that... that confirms the establishment of a TIF, sets goals for it and manages it. In this case, it involves representatives of each of the taxing bodies impacted by the TIF, plus one civilian."

Black: "All right."

Walker: "If that... if I'm calling him a civilian. And they have to vote unanimously to approve it in any given situation."

Black: "All right. I think that's an important key. If a school district does not want that half mile radius around your... one of your STAR Line stations, can they veto that? I mean, do they have the ability to say, all the other taxing bodies say we don't, yeah, that's fine, we don't have a problem, but the school district says, we don't want to give up the current tax base. Does that stop the redevelopment under your... under your law?"

Walker: "That does stop the TIF redevelopment, yes."

Black: "Okay. So, a school district does then have literally... literally veto authority over... over this development in a TIF district, correct?"

Walker: "That's correct."

Black: "Okay. All right. I... what is... I've been here a long time and I can't remember. What does TIF stand for?"

Walker: "Tax Increment Financing."

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Black: "And that means the assessment is what? Frozen, and the improvements go to the TIF district rather than the taxing bodies. Is that the way it works?"

Walker: "That's essentially correct, yes."

Black: "Okay. All right. Do you own any stock or have you invested in any of the rural transit lines?"

Walker: "No, I have not."

Black: "So, have you filled out your ethics and financial disclosure statement yet?"

Walker: "I have not turned it in yet, but I know that I have no conflict."

Black: "All right. Now, that's due on May 1."

Walker: "Yes."

Black: "Could I review that before this Bill is passed by the Senate?"

Walker: "I can share it with you personally."

Black: "I would... I would appreciate that. If your... if yours is like mine, it's embarrassing to always put 'does not apply', 'does not apply', 'does not apply'."

Walker: "Right."

Black: "But I want to make sure that that's how you fill yours out."

Walker: "Right. That's what mine looks like."

Black: "That's called DNA. You understand. Be careful when you put that down because the DNA lasts forever. We could come back and check that."

Walker: "All right."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Black, I believe you're finished. Do you need another minute?"



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Black: "Well, Mr. Speaker, whatever happened to free and unlimited debate. I mean, I don't know, ever since you've been in the Chair you use that timer more than anybody. You realize that?"

Speaker Lyons: "That's what it's there for, Mr. Black."

Black: "Oh."

Speaker Lyons: "I... you still... it's still free and unlimited in a lot of times, though."

Black: "Yeah. As long as you can be free and unlimited in five minutes. All right. Well, I think you've done a reasonably good job, Representative. I still... and I won't put you on the spot... I still... maybe afterwards you and I can talk. Representative Ryg is a good Legislator. Representative Fortner's a good Legislator. They couldn't even get a hearing on a very similar Bill and you... you may very well pass this, I don't know. Did you have help from the staff person in the Revenue Committee?"

Walker: "I had help from the staff... the Speaker's staff people."

Black: "Oh, the Speaker's staff."

Walker: "Yeah."

Black: "Oh. Who might that be?"

Walker: "I don't know, actually. I... I..."

Black: "You don't even know the staff that helped you?"

Walker: "I have it... I have it in a note. I'm... I don't know it right off the top of my head."

Black: "You must get to know staff and pay them compliments..."

Walker: "Yeah."

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Black: "...'cause if they've helped you, then you certainly will owe them a thank you after this. Did... Was one of the staffers named Jessica?"

Walker: "I don't know."

Black: "You don't know."

Walker: "Yes."

Black: "Oh. It was... Was that Jessica behind you?"

Walker: "Yes. Thank you for pointing that out."

Black: "And look, there's another... there's somebody else helping you over there."

Walker: "Oh, Elaine always helps."

Black: "And the Speaker's staff, right? The entire staff of the Speaker of the House helped you with this Bill."

Walker: "Everyone helped me."

Black: "Okay."

Walker: "But I also..."

Black: "All right."

Walker: "...pay close attention to the Leaders in this chamber."

Black: "Oh, as well you should. Let me... just one personal question. Is this your idea or did somebody else bring it to you?"

Walker: "This is my idea."

Black: "Do you live in the affected area?"

Walker: "I live... I started attending planning meetings and saw that four of my local villages were planning stations. And I said, well, why don't we figure out a way to make TIFs."

Black: "They don't have a station now?"

Walker: "Pardon me?"

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Black: "I mean, what do they do if they don't have a station now?"

Walker: "No, no. These are new lines. These are new locations for stations."

Black: "Oh, these are new lines."

Walker: "Yes."

Black: "So, you're not replacing old stations, you're putting in new stations?"

Walker: "That is the plan."

Black: "Like brand new."

Walker: "It is a new train line."

Black: "Ahh. All right. Well, this is fascinating Bill. I may give you a suggestion. These Bills can be complicated. You may want to look into, during your freshman year, really important Bills like: what should the official state dance be and what should be the official state mascot and things like that. All right."

Walker: "Yes."

Black: "But you... you've obviously been well-prepped. My... my compliments to the Speaker's staff."

Walker: "I'll pass that on."

Black: "And you didn't do too bad, either."

Walker: "Thank you."

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

Lang: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's a hard act to follow. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "I believe he will, Sir."

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Lang: "So, in all the hubbub of this exciting discussion, I don't think I heard. I this your first Bill, Sir?"

Walker: "This is my first Bill."

Lang: "Well, I think you're duty bound to tell us that before you started."

Walker: "It was the first words out of my mouth."

Lang: "Well, then I think you're duty bound to tell us every 30 seconds 'cause I missed it."

Walker: "This is my first Bill."

Lang: "Thank you. So, I don't really have a problem with the Bill. I think it's probably an important Bill for your district, but we have this ritual and this exercise we must go through. And so let me... let me ask you this question. So, I printed out your Bill. It's got 108 pages, but only on four pages of the Bill are there any actual changes in the law."

Walker: "That's correct."

Lang: "Four pages. So, we printed out 108 pages, you killed many trees, how many killed a tree reading this Bill? All right, a couple. And why did we waste all this paper on this Bill, Representative, couldn't you have just changed those four pages without doing 108 pages to do it?"

Walker: "That's sounds like a very good idea. But I followed what the process normally is here and I was handed this package."

Lang: "You're not going to have a very long career here, Sir, if you follow the process. Representative Black has never followed the process, look how successful he's been. Right? All right. So, on page 27 of your Bill, lines 1

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through 4, there are some Sections removed and these Sections are all letters: DDD, EEE, FFF, GGG. Do you get my point?"

Walker: "Yes."

Lang: "And then it says something about the Village of Libertyville and there's a line through that, so what is all this? What are these changes?"

Walker: "These were TIF districts referred to in the previous legislation that have now expired."

Lang: "So, has the Village of Libertyville expired?"

Walker: "I've been corrected. They are changes. They were moved to another Section not in this Bill."

Lang: "Well, that's an important correction. And so the Village of Libertyville has not expired; it still exists?"

Walker: "It is 23 years old and..."

Lang: "Well, we'll throw a birthday party. I wasn't really asking how old it was, Sir."

Walker: "Ordinarily they expire after 23 years, but..."

Lang: "Oh, I see, I see."

Walker: "It's been expired, I think..."

Lang: "So, it's not the Village... it's not the Village of Libertyville that's 23 years old. It was the TIF that was 23 years old."

Walker: "That's correct."

Lang: "And you've now moved that to a different Section of the statute?"

Walker: "Yes."

Lang: "What Section? Don't ask for help, just tell me."

Walker: "I don't know."

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Lang: "I don't think I know either. I don't really care. On another Section of your Bill... and by the way, page 80 repeats this same stuff. Why do we have to do it twice? Why do we have to remove the Village of Libertyville twice, Sir?"

Walker: "I honestly don't know that. I rely on the issues staff."

Lang: "All right. I wouldn't think you'd... I wouldn't think you would know that. On page 102 of the Bill, you seem to be deleting the entire 95th General Assembly. Is that something you intended to do? Are all of the Acts that were undertaken by the 95th General Assembly and I'm certain that means the signature of the Governor on every Bill in that General Assembly, are you trying to void all of that?"

Walker: "I am not. I'm simply trying to reproach that."

Lang: "You want to... you want to take your Bill out of the record and check to see if you've made an error in drafting here, Sir?"

Walker: "I would prefer to go forward with the Bill."

Lang: "I said... I'm sorry?"

Walker: "I'd prefer to go forward with the Bill."

Lang: "So, even if you're voiding every law, every Act, the budget of the 95th General Assembly, you're prepared... you're prepared to just let that go without even reading it?"

Walker: "I am certain I'm going forward properly."

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Lang: "All right. You know, I trust staff too, but even Ronald Reagan said, trust but verify. And you know what I think of Ronald Reagan, Sir."

Walker: "I can guess, yeah."

Lang: "All right. And so, I don't have much else to say. Do you have any questions of me, Sir?"

Walker: "I do not, but..."

Lang: "Well..."

Walker: "...I continue to take your leadership and advice."

Lang: "Well, that's very kind of you. Well, I think we're done here then, Sir. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Lang, in keeping with tradition, no comment on the neckwear?"

Lang: "I... I would just compliment the Gentleman on his tie, Sir."

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

Fortner: "I believe I heard my name used in debate earlier. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Fortner: "Representative, this Bill is about the STAR Line. You told us what it means and you've been to some meetings as I understand. So, you're very familiar with the STAR Line and what it's all about? Is that..."

Walker: "I would say I'm fairly familiar with it, yes."

Fortner: "And do you know when it was... when was it announced? When was it created? How long has this been around?"

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Walker: "My understanding is that it was first proposed as a full project in 2003, as a Metra project and they estimated that the cost at that time would be \$1.1 billion."

Fortner: "And do you know who the cochairs of the task force at that point were?"

Walker: "I do not know."

Fortner: "Do you know that you're talking to one of them?"

Walker: "No. I'm..."

Fortner: "Well, you are. The... What was there... what was there before 2003? Did this just come out of thin air? Do you have any idea what brought this about?"

Walker: "I really have no idea."

Fortner: "I mean, where's... where's the trackage for this project?"

Walker: "On Route 90, it goes... first it leaves O'Hare, the two stations that are there, it goes up the northwest highway then far..."

Fortner: "And then... are there railroad tracks on Route 90?"

Walker: "There are railroad tracks from the city to O'Hare on Route 90. This extends that out all the way to Hoffman Estates to near the Sears..."

Fortner: "And... and was the original idea to do this with Metra?"

Walker: "I don't know the original idea."

Fortner: "Actually, I think you'll see there are something called the Blue Line extension. Originally, this was actually a CTA idea. And then you said it goes out a ways and then it does something else. Is that right?"



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Walker: "Yes. It goes out to Hoffman Estates near the Sears campus. It goes by a lot of employers on the way and then it turns south, goes down the old E & J line all the way to Joliet.."

Fortner: "And..."

Walker: "...including Naperville, Plainview, a lot of the communities.."

Fortner: "And do you know how long they've been thinking about doing commuter rail on the EJ & E?"

Walker: "I do not know that."

Fortner: "It actually goes back a long time. In fact, the original project was called the Outer circle Circumferential Study and that was something that Metra was looking at for a long time. They merged it with the Blue Line extension project to create the STAR Line. Now, you've described one route. Is that all that people imagine who'd be in the STAR Line?"

Walker: "Again, I don't... I don't know that. I'm looking at the STAR Line as proposed now."

Fortner: "Well, actually, even on their maps they show extra lines as potential future phases that would include running through the south suburbs along EJ & E tracks and maybe even running along north from the Hoffman Estates point up to Waukegan. Here's actually a serious question. Does this Bill... would it cover future extensions, if it was all under the STAR Line?"

Walker: "The Bi..."

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Fortner: "'Cause there are 19 stations that are currently proposed for the phase 1 STAR Line, if there is a phase 2 or phase 3, would stations also be covered under this Act?"

Walker: "I believe that the stations that are defined in the proposal, because they're called proposed STAR Line stations, that are defined in the current proposal are covered in this Act."

Fortner: "So, later there's a phase 2 that runs from Joliet down through parts of like through Lennox and Frankfort and all the way across to Linwood in South Cook, those stations would not be covered, just the... the other ones."

Walker: "Not as proposed in this Act, but I'd be happy to go forward with a plan for those stations, if it comes to fruition."

Fortner: "Well, I think that would be a fine idea. In fact, I would make a further suggestion that there are probably other types of transportation projects like this that aren't necessarily on the STAR Line. What if they do the southeast rail corridor which is also one of Metra's new starts or some of... or some highway extensions where you might want to have park and ride for express buses. I'd love to see this extended to include those. As was mentioned, there were Bills in the 95th General Assembly that would have included that wider range of projects and I hope that in the future, if we get this through, we can also extend it to make sure it covers more than just this one certainly valuable project, but some of the other ones as well. I thank you for finding a way to get it through so we could bring it to floor debate and I hope that we can

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come back with those appropriate extensions of this... of this Bill. Thank you."

Walker: "I look... I look forward to working on it with you."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Miller: "A couple questions regarding this. Do... do you have any indication of a timeline in which the TIFs will be activated?"

Walker: "I don't. I don't know when the STAR Line will start, if it starts."

Miller: "I'm sorry."

Walker: "I do not know when this project, the STAR Line itself, will start if it is... if it's going forward."

Miller: "In terms of the municipalities that this will be affected, in our analysis none of the municipalities are listed nor are the school districts that would be affected. Have you had any conversations dealing with them in terms of establishing a TIF district through this?"

Walker: "I have had conversations with representatives of the school districts and villages in my district about this, which includes four of the stations, but I believe that..."

Miller: "Which communities? I'm not familiar with exactly which communities these are, but can you identify them?"

Walker: "Yes. Des Plaines, Arlington Heights, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg."

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Miller: "Okay. And you... I'm sorry to interrupt, Representative. You were saying that... that you'd had a conversation with the school district."

Walker: "I've had a conversation with some of those school districts, yes, but I believe that since I structured the Bill so that you would have to get unanimous approval in any case, that their rights are covered in... in any potentiality here."

Miller: "All right. When you mentioned unanimous approval, are you saying within that particular school districts... school district or are you saying within all of the school districts that... and the taxing bodies that would be affected by the TIF district would have to agree with this?"

Walker: "That is correct."

Miller: "And I guess the speculation, how... how likely would this happen? I mean, what is your indication that something like this would... that all districts would agree?"

Walker: "I believe that if the proposal was strong enough for the community and the economic benefits to the community were strong enough, the districts would agree."

Miller: "Now, in terms of... did Metra bring this to you or was this..."

Walker: "No."

Miller: "Okay. We have a line out our way that we've been trying to develop, the southeast rail that goes from downtown to the Village of Dolton, South Holland out to Crete and I just want to make sure that this would still keep that rail, the STAR Line, on similar footing. And so,

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what I'm hearing from you saying, you're not sure if there will at least be... there's no indication from you passing this Bill that the school districts or the local communities will be supportive of this in any greater strength. Is that a fair statement?"

Walker: "I think that's a fair statement; it's hard to predict."

Miller: "Okay. And so, what you're trying to do is just make sure, if and when the STAR Line moves forward, that this vehicle for the municipalities be used is in place?"

Walker: "That's correct. I want them to have the option."

Miller: "Okay. And as far as the Senate is concerned, have you identified a Senate Sponsor?"

Walker: "Not formally."

Miller: "Oh..."

Walker: "I have discussed it with my Senator."

Miller: "Okay. And so, it will be attempted to be moved forward there?"

Walker: "That's correct."

Miller: "Okay. All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, you said this is... the STAR Line is a pretty major infrastructural need for your area? Would that be fair to say?"

Walker: "That's fair to say and surrounding areas."

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Reboletti: "Has there been any contemplation of light rail going through the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway? Are you aware of any?"

Walker: "I... I am not aware of any."

Reboletti: "Do you know if that's been studied or not?"

Walker: "I don't know."

Reboletti: "Would you consider the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway a priority also?"

Walker: "I do consider the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway a priority and its access to O'Hare to be a priority."

Reboletti: "Was this... was this your first Bill out of committee?"

Walker: "I don't think so."

Reboletti: "So, did... you had other Bills out of committee first then..."

Walker: "We had... we had an earlier Bill out of committee that I put in the Agreed Bill List."

Reboletti: "I'll have to take a look at some of my Bills because I've got some... I haven't even been invited to Revenue yet, so I'm hoping one day maybe I will get a call from Chairman Bradley, but maybe you can carry some of those Bills for me. Next year I'd be glad to be a Chief cosponsor with you. Has there been any consideration of maybe making the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway go from Elgin all the way to Elgin and to O'Hare? Have you talked to anybody about that in your area?"

Walker: "I have not."

Reboletti: "You have not? Okay. And this would also add transit areas to the already... the different blighted areas,

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industrial parks and other things, that just adds this as a new category?"

Walker: "That's correct. It adds a new category."

Reboletti: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes Representative Sid Mathias."

Mathias: "The Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Mathias: "Representative, I have to say, in the 10 years that I've been down here I think you're the first Representative that actually admitted in his opening remarks that this is their first Bill. So, I do congratulate you on that. Did you ask Representative Krause, former Representative Krause, if it's okay to go forward with this Bill?"

Walker: "I did not ask her if it was okay, no."

Mathias: "Didn't you... wasn't she the Representative that you replaced?"

Walker: "Yes."

Mathias: "And nobody told you, as a freshman, you're supposed to get permission on your first Bill to ask the prior Representative for... for permission?"

Walker: "No one told me. I'm sorry I missed it."

Mathias: "I... I don't know if I can vote for your Bill then. You know, that's a pretty fatal flaw. And of course, you do know that at the end of this month you can't ride the elevators anymore for free, so I do have elevator passes here if you'd like to purchase one."

Walker: "Thank you."

Mathias: "Good luck on your Bill."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Randy Ramey."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Ramey: "Well, first of all, a point of... or a... ask the Chair a question. Can we improve the color coordination on the screens or is this jacket too bright for the screens?"

Speaker Lyons: "You... you... you know, you look rather good in pink as well as in red, Representative. So, you... either color works for you."

Ramey: "Thank you, Representative..."

Speaker Lyons: "You know, it's a marvelous color on you."

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that. Will the Sponsor yield? Representative, on your... how long... what's your timeline on this issue? Did you answer that question already?"

Walker: "The..."

Ramey: "The timeline."

Walker: "The option to... the option to establish a TIF starts with the passage of the Bill, but any municipality can start their TIF when they want to."

Ramey: "Okay. And so with that TIF they're going to build these train stations, correct?"

Walker: "I'm sorry, I missed your question."

Ramey: "Tell the Representative to leave you alone when you're getting grilled on your first Bill. That means some of the towns in your district are going to start building train stations for the STAR Line? Could... If you pass this Bill today, it gets passed in the Senate next week, the Governor



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signs it in a couple of weeks, are they going to start building train stations for the STAR Line..."

Walker: "I..."

Ramey: "...in your district?"

Walker: "...I doubt it unless there is a very firm plan for the construction of the STAR Line itself."

Ramey: "Well, that's my point. Did you know that the major portion of the STAR Line which would be the EJ & E was sold to CN?"

Walker: "Yes."

Ramey: "And how many trains are going to be on line now?"

Walker: "I don't know exactly how many. I know..."

Ramey: "Twenty-four."

Walker: "...more..."

Ramey: "It's going from 4 to 24. Now, is there going to be any room for the STAR Line on that line now?"

Walker: "People are working on that now."

Ramey: "Who, what people?"

Walker: "The people who are planning the STAR Line, Metra."

Ramey: "Well, did you know that CN has said that they are not going to be able to use their line, that there's room to build another track?"

Walker: "I'm aware of that, yes."

Ramey: "And that... do we have any money to build that track?"

Walker: "I know neither the estimated additional cost nor whether we have any money to build any of this."

Ramey: "Well, how does Barrington feel about another line going through their town?"

Walker: "Which town?"

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Ramey: "Barrington."

Walker: "Oh, Barrington has been very upset with the delay in traffic that is caused through the center of their town."

Ramey: "Absolutely. And in my towns, such as Bartlett, Wayne, West Chicago, we have big issues because there's not going to be any grade separations 'cause there's no money for it from CN. So, how are we going to get another line in there?"

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, the clock has expired. If you could wrap it up in the next 30 seconds, please."

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Thirty seconds."

Ramey: "To the Bill. I applaud what this... the Sponsor's trying to do, but I don't see any timeline for this at all because with that sale of the EJ & E and 24 more trains and in three years that could up to 50 more trains, that we are going to have any room for the STAR Line. That line should have been... that proposal should have been stopped by the Federal Government; it was not. I don't see what your Bill's going to do for the future for this line, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "Our final speaker is, Representative Jack Franks and then Representative Walker to close."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, I wanted to... I'm not going to kid around with you. I want to ask you some serious questions about this. I... I read the Bill and I know what you're trying to do. And I appreciate how we're all trying to

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bring business to our areas, but what I'm concerned about, quite frankly, and I'd like to hear your thoughts on this, is the fact that we're going to be increasing the definition of what could be used as a TIF district much past what we thought when this was first started, because now you'll be able to have a TIF district legally in a nonblighted area. Are you aware that this is a major expansion of the ability to have TIF districts?"

Walker: "I am aware that it is an expansion. There are many cases where TIF districts have been used where we would traditionally not call them blighted areas."

Franks: "No. I... I'm sorry."

Walker: "But I don't... I want to take advantage of this now. The whole issue of the structure and the operation of TIFs, I think, is a larger issue."

Franks: "And I think you hit on something very important when you talked about there has been many instances where we've given TIFs in areas that have not been blighted. That was never the intent and I think as a result there's been a real abuse of the TIF law, and a matter of fact, I'd rather see a definition that would tighten the definition of what would be available for a TIF rather than expand that definition. And I'd like to know your thoughts."

Walker: "I believe that given the TIF law as it is today that this would allow the option for communities to do significant economic development. The larger issue of how we improve the whole TIF concept, I think, is a larger discussion."

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Franks: "But why do we need a TIF district if the area is not blighted? Let's assume you have an area that, within the boundaries in which you're proposing, but it has thriving businesses, shops, restaurants, bars, et cetera, why would that area be able to be placed in a TIF district so the rest of the... you know, the schools or the other businesses would not have the benefit of their contribution of their tax dollars?"

Walker: "I believe that they probably would not establish a TIF district in that case and that the taxing bodies, who have to approve this unanimously, probably at least one of them would not stand for it."

Franks: "Well, I appreciate your... your candor and your hard work on this. I'm just not convinced this is the public policy that we... that we ought to be chasing in this state."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mark Walker to close."

Walker: "The goal here is to allow other options for local communities to focus on and develop the economy for this whole region. And I would ask for your 'aye' vote on this Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 2394 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? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 82 Members voting 'yes', 31 Members voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Congratulations,

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Representative Walker, on your first Bill. Nice job.  
Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Frank Mautino in the Chair."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, House Bill 3957. Representative  
Sacía. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3957, a Bill for an Act concerning  
civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative  
Sacía."

Sacía: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
House, this is a very straightforward Bill brought to me by  
the DuPage County State's Attorneys Office. It simply  
allows the prosecution to retrieve reasonable expenses much  
like is now currently done by defense attorneys. Be glad  
to answer any questions."

Speaker Mautino: "On House Bill 3957, Representative Jack  
Franks."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Indicates he will."

Franks: "Representative, our analysis indicates this is not  
costs only that they'd be... be able to get. They'd also be  
able to collect attorney's fees."

Sacía: "Absolutely correct. I apologize for not stating that.  
It was an oversight."

Franks: "How would the attorney's fees be determined?"

Sacía: "I do not have the answer to that."

Franks: "Is it listed in the Bill text?"

Sacía: "Give me one sec, would you, Representative?"

Franks: "Sure."

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Sacia: "Court ordered service or restitution. The court would determine, Representative."

Franks: "And my question is, maybe for legislative intent, we're going to have to give the court some idea of how to determine what's reasonable, because what's reasonable for a public entity is certainly different than what may be reasonable for a private entity. Would it be based on the salary of a first-year assistant prosecutor or would it be based on, you know, a salary of a 20-year partner in a mega law firm in Chicago?"

Sacia: "Representative, if you'd indulge me, I'm going to ask the Speaker to pull this out of the record until I get an answer that.. that is solid."

Franks: "Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Sacia to close. Seeing no one else to speak. No... Excuse me..."

Sacia: "I asked to pull it out of the record until I could get an answer or clarification, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, would you take the Bill out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. Mr. Clerk, on the Calendar, page 50, appears House Bill 2365. Representative Washington. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2365 is on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Mautino: "Are there any Amendments or Motions filed?"

Clerk Mahoney: "There's Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Washington, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Mautino: "Would you return that Bill to Second Reading.  
Mr. Clerk, read Amendment #1."

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative  
Washington, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Washington on Floor Amendment  
#1."

Washington: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this  
particular legislation, it deals with the kinship care and  
I'm sure we all know a grandparent, godparents,  
stepparents, somebody has to take care of those that are  
finding themselves in a situation and they're not being  
nurtured. And this has been such a hardship on the state  
and then generally, if the people don't get the care that  
they deserve, they wind up being candidates for Children  
and Family Services, they wind up being candidates for  
IDOC. So, this Bill is to add some correctness to that and  
put some of the responsibility with the different agencies  
which all have joined this Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman moves adoption of Floor  
Amendment 1. Seeing no one's seeking recognition, all in  
favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed say 'no'. The  
'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk,  
Third Reading. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2365, a Bill for an Act concerning  
children. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Washington."

Washington: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I was stating  
earlier, this defines the kinship care, as a full-time  
care: nurturing and protection of children by relatives,

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members of their tribes or clans, grandparents, godparents, stepparents, or any adult who has physical custody and a kinship bond with the child. This definition is designed to be inclusive without age restriction on the kinship caregiver and respectful of cultural values and ties of affection. It allows a child to grow to adulthood in a family environment, establishes a program to be administered through a grant to a not-for-profit organization to serve as liaison among state agencies and groups to promote kinship care through conferences and to provide the following services: organizing diverse, enriched, and culturally conscious kinship support groups and counseling; assisting when applying for benefits within the family community resource centers and for those who qualify; publishing monthly newsletters, coordinating respite and crisis care services, assisting kinship caregivers with job readiness, job search and job retention; and providing technical assistance to start up kinship support groups and it amends the Children and Family Service Act to provide the coordination with the grandparent child care program. And I ask for support and favorable support of this particular legislation."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman moves passage of House Bill 2365. No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Acevedo. Representative Washington, Lang, Hannig. Mr. Clerk, take the record. 113 voting 'yes', 0



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voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. The Bill is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 44 of the Calendar appears House Bill 608. Representative Yarbrough. Out of the record. On page 46 appears House Bill 710. Representative Zalewski. Mr. Clerk, read Representative Zalewski's first Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 710, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 710 is an initiative of the Illinois State Police. Prior.. in recent history the Illinois State Police was charged with transporting prisoners to hospitals for medical research. Thankfully, they don't do this anymore. However, it's still located in the Civil Administrative Code. So, pursuant to an audit, the Auditor General asked that this language be removed from the Administrative Code. So, this language simply deletes, as part of the furlough language, that the Illinois State Police would have to transport prisoners for medical research. I'll be happy to take any questions."

Speaker Mautino: "On the Gentleman's first Bill, is there anyone seeking recognition? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "You know, Representative, I think this is your first Bill."

Zalewski: "It is. It is that..."

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Lang: "And you weren't going to remind us because we were like tired or something? You were just going to let this go, weren't you?"

Zalewski: "No, Representative. The Speaker was kind enough to state that in his opening remarks, so I thought that..."

Lang: "Well, then, fine. Well, that's a good point, isn't it? So, you were a Legislator actually before this term began in January, weren't you?"

Zalweski: "That's accurate, that's accurate."

Lang: "And when did your first term start?"

Zalewski: "December 6, 2008."

Lang: "December 6, 2008."

Zalewski: "Yes."

Lang: "Well, did you have any... Never mind. So, in that first term... so, you're in your second term now and this is your first Bill."

Zalewski: "Yes, Representative."

Lang: "So, what the heck were you doing around here during your first term?"

Zalewski: "Attending to other... other business that came before the General Assembly."

Lang: "I see. So, you had no Bills?"

Zalewski: "No Bills."

Lang: "Did you get a chance to vote on anything interesting during that first Session, Sir?"

Zalewski: "One or two things, yes."

Lang: "Okay. I'm just wondering. All right. So, since no one was really paying attention to what the heck your Bill did, you want to tell us what it does?"

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Zalewski: "Sure, Representative. Again, the Illinois State Police was audited by the Auditor General. It's language within the Civil Administrative Code."

Lang: "It did what?"

Zalewski: "It basically required the Illinois State Police to transfer prisoners for medical research. We don't do that anymore, thankfully. So, this simply deletes that language."

Lang: "So, you really haven't written a Bill at all. You've deleted an old... part of an old law."

Zalewski: "Yeah. Yes."

Lang: "Is that correct?"

Zalewski: "Yes, Representative."

Lang: "So, this still really isn't your first Bill. All it is is a piece of paper drawing a line through three lines of an old law. Is that correct?"

Zalewski: "It's... it's a statutory change which deletes some language."

Lang: "Now, was... is there a big hue and cry in your district for this kind of legislation, Sir?"

Zalewski: "I'd imagine that if my constituents were aware that this language were still on the books, they would... it would be their preference for it to be removed."

Lang: "Now, this is about furloughs. Is that correct?"

Zalewski: "Yes, yes."

Lang: "So, does this have anything to do with the four furlough days the Governor would like state employees to take?"

Zalewski: "No. No, Representative. This..."

Lang: "It's not that kind of furlough?"

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Zalewski: "Not that kind of furlough."

Lang: "But this does involve the State Police."

Zalewski: "It does, yes."

Lang: "So, this doesn't mean that the State Police are going to arrest all 20... sorry 60 thousand state employees for their four furlough days, does it?"

Zalewski: "No, Representative, it doesn't."

Lang: "No. I don't think I'm going to ask that question. So... so, Representative, who brought you this Bill?"

Zalewski: "The Illinois... the Illinois State Police asked me to present this Bill."

Lang: "Well, let me ask you a question as a new Member. Don't you think they should have gone to somebody with a little more experience to handle this tough Bill?"

Zalewski: "Perhaps... perhaps, they should have, but I... I gave it my best effort and hopefully, my coll... the Body will accept it."

Lang: "You know what I find interesting that you're handling this without a group of staff around you. Mr. Walker, you'll recall, needed a staff person and Representative Nekritz and all kinds of people. But you are able to describe the three scratch outs in your Bill without any help at all, aren't you?"

Zalewski: "Representative Walker did a really good job with it... with complicated TIF legislation."

Lang: "Well, yes, he did."

Zalewski: "I... I felt comfortable enough with this Bill that I felt I could go it on my own."

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Lang: "Let me ask you one additional question. Mr. Speaker, I'm going to need just one more second here. Thank you. Just asking, is it tough to wait 'til the Zs..."

Zalewski: "It is."

Lang: "...to get a chance to do your Bill?"

Zalewski: "It' very tough."

Lang: "So, do you think we should start with the Zs going the other way."

Zalewski: "No."

Lang: "Are you prepared to do your second Bill?"

Zalewski: "No. I take the system as it is right now."

Lang: "Does your second Bill... do you have another Bill?"

Zalewski: "I do."

Lang: "Does it actually add anything to any statute that we have in the State of Illinois?"

Zalewski: "It does."

Lang: "All right. Well, I look forward to that. Thank you, Sir."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Mautino: "Further questions? The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Reboletti."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Indicates he will."

Reboletti: "Representative, I'm looking at the Sponsors. I look up at the board there and I see your name..."

Zalewski: "Yes."

Reboletti: "...and I'm looking at my computer screen, if everybody thought this was a pretty good Bill, how come nobody else joined you as a Chief cosponsor or cosponsor?"

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Zalewski: "Representative Reboletti, I would... I would say that the Body... the Members have quite a bit of information and things they have to do, so this is one I felt I could go it on my... on my own and not have to burden any of my other cohorts."

Reboletti: "I'm sure you thought this was a very important measure. You wanted to make sure this was your first Bill. Did you do a Roll Call on this Bill?"

Zalewski: "I did not."

Reboletti: "So, you didn't ask anybody on my side of the aisle what their thoughts were before you ran the Bill?"

Zalewski: "Not during the Roll... not for the floor vote. During the committee process, I did... I did speak to committee Members from Judiciary II."

Reboletti: "What committee was this in?"

Zalewski: "Judiciary II."

Reboletti: "You didn't ask me if I wanted to join you as a cosponsor?"

Zalewski: "I didn't, Representative."

Reboletti: "Even when you were in there and we... we got you in and out pretty quick, didn't we?"

Zalewski: "You did, yes."

Reboletti: "I... I think we did. I want to follow up on Leader Lang's questioning because, are you going to go back and tell the people in your district that your first Bill did nothing?"

Zalewski: "What I'm going to tell my constituents, Representative, is that I made State Government more

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efficient by deleting statutes that were not necessarily operative anymore."

Reboletti: "Are you a lawyer by trade?"

Zalewski: "I am, Representative."

Reboletti: "Did you ever used to be a prosecutor, you're a former prosecutor?"

Zalewski: "I am, Representative."

Reboletti: "Well, I appreciate that and Representative, I'll look forward to going through the Code with you to get rid of a lot of these other Bills... these laws that are there that do absolutely nothing. So, I commend you on the beginning of a bipartisan era here on the House Floor."

Zalewski: "That'd be great."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Zalewski: "Thanks for agreeing, Representative, thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "Further questions? Representative Monique Davis, the Lady from Cook."

Davis, M.: "How do you do, Representative Mike?"

Zalewski: "I'm doing good, Representative."

Davis, M.: "Good."

Zalewski: "Thank you for asking."

Davis, M.: "Where are these inmates going?"

Zalewski: "Well... Previously, the Illinois State Police would transfer them to hospitals for the purposes of medical experimentation. As I mentioned, they don't do that anymore. So, the inmates will remain in the Department of Corrections' care."

Davis, M.: "So, are they being researched on with their permission?"

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Zalewski: "They were, I believe... Well, I don't... I can't speak to what was occurring except to say that they were being transported at the... to the hospital. I don't know whether they had the permission, not then and to have this done to them."

Davis, M.: "I mean, so, did they agree to have research done on them? Have they signed legis... you know, papers to say I agree to have this test done on me?"

Zalewski: "Again, Representative, without speculating, I... I would imagine that being under the care of the Department of Corrections, they... they weren't necessarily volunteering for this duty, but I can't give you an answer for certain on that."

Davis, M.: "Thank you very much, Representative."

Zalewski: "Thank you."

Davis, M.: "And I wish you the best of luck on your legislation."

Zalewski: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Mautino: "We have one Member seeking recognition. And at this time, I'd also like to remind the Members that the Agreed Bill List, which is out there, needs to be turned back in. Take a look through, evaluate the Bills on it and see if you would like to vote 'no' or 'present' on any of those Bills and then sign the front page and turn those back in. It's nice to see an Agreed Bill List after a number of years. So, please get those back in so we can get your votes recorded. For a final speaker on House Bill 710, Representative Eddy, the Gentleman from Crawford."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Sponsor yield?"



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Speaker Mautino: "Indicates he will."

Eddy: "Representative, I just have a couple questions regarding this Bill. Representative, the Speaker just mentioned that there was an Agreed Bill List that..."

Zalewski: "Yeah."

Eddy: "...that the Body reviewed earlier today."

Zalewski: "Yes."

Eddy: "Was there any particular reason why you didn't petition this Bill to be on the Agreed Bill List?"

Zalewski: "Yes. I had previously submitted this Bill as one of the Bills I'd like to present to the Body and as such, it... I didn't include it among my requests for the Agreed Bill List."

Eddy: "Well, that didn't answer my... Why... why wasn't this on the Agreed Bill List?"

Zalewski: "I... To be honest with you, Representative, I... I couldn't say for sure that this would be... the Bill of this nature would be agreed to by the Body."

Eddy: "So, you are expecting opposition to this Bill."

Zalewski: "I couldn't speculate one way or the other..."

Eddy: "Well..."

Zalewski: "...and I didn't want to take that chance."

Eddy: "...it would seem to me that if you weren't expecting opposition to this Bill, you would have put it on the Agreed Bill List and it would have flown out of here. Now, you have given the Body the opportunity to vote 'no'."

Zalewski: "I have given you that opportunity. Right, Representative."

Eddy: "Well, some would characterize that as a rookie mistake."

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Zalewski: "They may. It very well may be."

Eddy: "And you may pay dearly for that..."

Zalewski: "I may."

Eddy: "...depending, this could be the red board. You mentioned earlier that you... by prof... you're not a leisure professional, are you?"

Zalewski: "I'm not. As Representative Jackson said, not to my knowledge."

Eddy: "You're a lawyer?"

Zalewski: "I am."

Eddy: "Do you specialize in any area of law or are you just like a general practitioner?"

Zalewski: "Well, in my former... well, in my former life, I was an assistant state's attorney handling criminal issues. I've also practiced in the civil field as well. So, I am... I have practiced in a multitude of areas."

Eddy: "Why do they call it practicing? You don't know what you're doing..."

Zalewski: "That's a good question."

Eddy: "...so you practice?"

Zalewski: "Yeah. I... I have engaged in the practice of law in other areas."

Eddy: "Representative, when are you going to get it right? When are you going to quit practicing? You need to quit practicing and get it right..."

Zalewski: "I hear you."

Eddy: "...at some point."

Zalewski: "I hear you, Representative."

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Eddy: "Our analysis says... and I'm not sure why anyone would bring a Bill like this to the House Floor, honestly. If you read the analysis, it says that this practice of special project for furloughs for incarcerated individuals has not been used in over 50 years."

Zalweski: "Right."

Eddy: "So, in the last 50 years no one has used this practice and in your first several months here, you discovered that this obsolete Code needed to be struck?"

Zalewski: "Well, again, Representative, what occurred was the Illinois State Police, pursuant to the Civil Administrative Code, still had this duty even though they never exercised it. So, pursuant to an audit by the Auditor General, they were asked to remove this from the Administrative Code and they just wanted to be in compliance with the Auditor General's recommendation."

Eddy: "Well, we're going to save a lot of ink and I think that's important. Now, let me make this... I want to review your Bill for the Body..."

Zalewski: "Sure."

Eddy: "...just very briefly. You bring to us a Bill today that you didn't work, you didn't do a Roll Call on, that really doesn't do anything except draws a few lines on existing statutes and you're attempting to affect change in an area that for the last 50 years has yielded no movement whatsoever and you're bothering this Body with that kind of trivial nonsense. Is that what you're telling us today?"

Zalewski: "I... I wouldn't, Representative, I wouldn't characterize... I wouldn't characterize it as bothering the

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Body. Again, I'm trying to make the Civil Administrative Code more streamline and... and come into compliance with the Auditor General's recommendations."

Eddy: "Well, would you consider putting the Bill back on Second and amending it with something worthwhile?"

Zalewski: "I... I wouldn't. I... respectfully, no, Representative, I think the Bill is solid as it is."

Eddy: "Well, you're taking a real chance."

Zalewski: "Thank you."

Eddy: "Your best bet, Representative, was to put this on the Agreed Bill List and hope that no one saw it. Now, you're expecting us through... through some type of sleight of hand for all of us just to vote 'yes' and let you skate out of here with a Bill that does absolutely nothing. I urge a 'no' vote."

Zalewski: "Thanks."

Speaker Mautino: "On House Bill 710, no one else seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Poe, Representative Wait, do you wish to be recorded on this Bill? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill is declared passed. Congratulations, Representative Zalewski, on your first Bill. Mr. Clerk, on page 54 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4039. Representative Stephens. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4039, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, this simply allows, with respect to the State Scholar Program, provides that the applicant is eligible if they attend a... a school designated by the Department of Defense as a Department of Defense school. I would appreciate your vote."

Speaker Mautino: "On House Bill 4039, no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor signify by voting 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting... Excuse me. On the Bill, the Gentleman from McClean, Representative Brady is seeking recognition."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Indicates he will."

Brady: "Representative, I doubt that it was because you had your mouth full of something, when you're eating, presenting the Bill, but I had trouble hearing what the Bill actually did. So, if you could just go over that one more time for me. Maybe I'm a little slower than other people, but I was having trouble understanding you."

Stephens: "I'm sorry, Representative, I didn't understand your question. Could you repeat it?"

Brady: "If you could give me whatever you're eating, maybe I could... we could communicate together there and then we could understand each other, but..."

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Stephens: "Popcorn."

Brady: "...I don't know what you said."

Stephens: "Popcorn."

Brady: "I don't want to oversimplify it, but what'd you say?"

Stephens: "This Bill... this Bill, with respect to the State Scholar Program, provides that an applicant is eligible to be a designated State Scholar if he or she re... is a resident of the State of Illinois and attends a Department of Defense school. For instance, if they were sta... their parents were stationed in Germany temporarily, and they attended a school on base in... at Basenbaden or whatever that school is over there... they would qualify, if they ever... otherwise met the qualifications of being a State Scholar."

Brady: "That is... that is much clearer at this point and I appreciate that. Being that I had legislation dealing with the skate... State Scholar Program in the State of Illinois, I was very interested in what... what you're offering here. So, thank you very much."

Stephens: "Representative, this is about State Scholars not skate scholars."

Brady: "State Scholars, correct. I was just trying to mimic you in your presentation there and I know I have to come up with. Yeah."

Stephens: "Well, you should set your goals high. That's an appropriate thing."

Brady: "Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "Thank you. And further questions? The Lady from Cook, Representative Deborah Graham. Out of the

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record. On... further questions? The Gentleman from DeKalb, Representative Pritchard."

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

Speaker Mautino: "...cates he will."

Pritchard: "Representative, is this your first Bill?"

Stephens: "Well, I was going to pass that distracted eating Bill..."

Pritchard: "Yeah."

Stephens: "...but I didn't think I could handle it. This is my first Bill this year."

Pritchard: "To the substance of your Bill and you may have said it, I'm sorry, it's a little bit noisy down here in the front row. So, do these students qualify in every respect, but that they're sometimes overlooked because they're in the... these special schools?"

Stephens: "My understanding is that if you are in a... a Department... a DOD school in Germany, for instance, you currently don't qualify. You need to currently attend an approved high school and that would only include schools in Illinois. Our Bill expands that to just all of the qualifications except that if you happen to be in a Department of... Department of Defense school, overseas, you would... and otherwise qualify... you would get the State Scholar."

Pritchard: "Very good."

Stephens: "I appreciate the delay."

Pritchard: "Representative, does this car... carry more than just the recognition of being a State Scholar? Is there any money that's associated with this?"

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Stephens: "There is none."

Pritchard: "Shouldn't there be?"

Stephens: "Yes."

Pritchard: "Are you going to support that Bill, too? Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a good Bill and it's a way to recognize students that have done well."

Stephens: "You think there... there's an increase in the appropriations from last year, I probably wouldn't support that."

Pritchard: "And I urge your support. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "On House Bill 4039, no one else seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Dunkin, Mathias, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. House Bill 4039 is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 54 of the Calendar appears... excuse me... on page 43 of the Calendar appears House Bill 241. Representative Sommer. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 241, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Tazewell, Representative Sommer."

Sommer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. House Bill 241 is a TIF extension for the Village of Downs. It's not creating a new district; it's not expanding in the use. This is extending the time frame. This legislation was



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passed overwhelmingly by us, both Houses, last year, but fell victim to one of the Amendatory Vetoes of the Governor. We have reintroduced the Bill identical to last year. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Mautino: "Thank you. House Bill 241. No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Durkin, would you like to be recorded on this Bill? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On House Bill 241, 106 voted 'yes', 7 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill will be so... is recorded as passed. Mr. Clerk, is Mr... Mr. Clerk, on page 53 of the Calendar appears House Bill 3666. Representative Sullivan. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3666, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Sullivan on House Bill 3666."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill basically just cleans up dates by which the Board of Review must adjourn. There's various statutory times available to various counties. What we are doing is making one date, March 15. It's technical cleanup language. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "On House Bill 3666, no one is seeking recognition. All in favor... The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; 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

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the record. On this Bill, 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0... 1 voting 'present'. This Bill is declared passed. Nekritz. Mr. Clerk, on page 43 of the Calendar appears House Bill 255. Representative Nekritz. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 255, a Bill for an Act concerning Revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 255 seeks to continue what has been the policy of the State of Illinois for the last 25 years that we impose an estate tax on the death of a surviving spouse where there is an existing trust. That... this sets that up. And we... this is only a problem for the year 2009 due to some discrepancies between Illinois law and Federal Law."

Speaker Mautino: "On House Bill 255, there is no... The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Mautino: "She indicates she will."

Black: "Representative, just for purposes of understanding, if the estate is not a cash estate, for example, a farmer, the estate is valued, depending on how much land they own, that would qualify. But does your Bill include land as an asset or just simply cash assets?"

Nekritz: "Representative, this is... this is only where there is a QTIP estate planning mechanism set up, which is a... I'm looking at... I'm trying to find it right now... it's like a qualified trust investment something. So, there..."

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Black: "Well, a QTIP is one of those things with cotton on it that..."

Nekritz: "That's..."

Black: "...you used to stick in your ear, but..."

Nekritz: "...that ...that, too, but it's also an estate planning tool."

Black: "Oh, it's an estate planning tool, too?"

Nekritz: "It is. Yeah, in addition to cleaning your ears, it will do estate taxes for you."

Black: "Well, it might help if I had one 'cause I couldn't understand you. I... So, if you didn't have, I know a lot of people who have land do have an estate planning document, but it has to be just this specific one in order to get this increased exemption?"

Nekritz: "It's... it's whatever assets are in the QTIP trust. It's whatever type of asset."

Black: "I know I'm going to get some calls from landowners in my district. If they're not currently in a QTIP, can they do so before the effective date of this Bill and be grandfathered in?"

Nekritz: "Yes, but they have to die in 2009."

Black: "If the economy gets any worse, I know two or three that probably will."

Nekritz: "To really take advantage of this, it would be best if they died in 2009."

Black: "Okay. So, there's no real... if you're trying to do estate planning now, then this Bill isn't really going to help you."

Nekritz: "I think for the most part that's correct, yeah."

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Black: "Okay."

Nekritz: "I mean, if... if you... if you went in, talked to your lawyer, got your estate plan set up and you happened to die and you're the first spouse to die in 2009, this would... this would assist you."

Black: "Okay. Do you have any idea how many people we're talking about?"

Nekritz: "We did ask that question of the Attorney General's Office because it is... they do... I thought it would be the Department of Revenue, turns out it's the Attorney General's Office that handles the estate tax issues for the state... and they did not because we... because we have never had this problem before where we've... so, they don't have any statistics, any numbers on it."

Black: "Okay."

Nekritz: "We couldn't even get an estimate as to how much the revenue impact would be. So..."

Black: "So, the only reason you're doing this is because we're... we're out of synch with the federal deduction?"

Nekritz: "Correct, correct."

Black: "All right."

Nekritz: "Yeah."

Black: "Did... did anyone ask of potential fiscal impact during the process?"

Nekritz: "Well, we... we... we tried to find that out and the Attorney General's Office, again, was not able to give us anything. I mean, it would just have been a complete guesstimate on their part..."

Black: "All right. Okay."

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Nekritz: "...as to what the fiscal impact would be."

Black: "Thank you very much."

Nekritz: "But we think it's relatively small, again, because it's, you know, it's... you have... it's only... it's a one-year deal and it's only... it's only if the... when the first spouse dies."

Black: "Right. Okay. Thank you very much."

Nekritz: "Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "On House Bill 255, no one else seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; 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, 112 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 49 of the Calendar appears House Bill 1137. Representative Watson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1137, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Morgan, Representative Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is an initiative of the County Treasurer's Association. I know of no opponents. This simply allows mobile homeowners to... to appeal a... an errant property tax assessment. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Mautino: "On House Bill 1137, there is no one seeking... excuse me... The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Sullivan, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Sullivan: "Would the speaker yield, please?"

Speaker Mautino: "Indicates he will."

Sullivan: "Representative, just quickly, a certificate of error is typically done with regard to real estate within the mobile... within... real estate on homes. Mobile homes, some have real estate. Is this on the... the use tax that you're talking about or the real estate accompanying the mobile home? Sorry, I..."

Watson: "I believe it's the real estate accompanying. Hang on one second."

Sullivan: "So, again, an attached garage to the home and it's been done in error. They would be able to fix the real estate portion attached to the mobile home."

Watson: "Correct."

Sullivan: "Okay. Thank you very much. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, a lot of times mobile homes are not taxed as normal real estate, but you add something to the home like an attached garage, a three-story... a three season room, a deck. As an assessor, we didn't have no way, if we should happen to make an error, to fix that problem and go back and refund the taxes on these homes. So, what this is going to do is give assessors the opportunity to actually have a legal way of correcting an error made by the assessor, not the homeowner. We do not have a way to do that right now; that's why I strongly urge a 'yes' vote for this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "No one else seeking recognition on House Bill 1137, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open."

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Berrios, Representative Hatcher, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. House Bill 1137, having received 111 'yes', 0 'no', and 1 voting 'present', is declared passed. On page 50 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2328, Representative Winters. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2328, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are currently five alternative engine technologies that are eligible to receive rebates and the problem is that propane and natural gas vehicles are not specified in that. They are eligible, but we're trying to move towards the gaseous fuels. This is a \$100 thousand appropriation. And I would urge 'yes' votes on this Bill. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Mautino: "On House Bill 2328, no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representatives Bellock, Pritchard, Tryon, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. House Bill 2328 is declared passed. The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Sullivan, is seeking recognition. For what reason do you rise, Sir?"

Sullivan: "A point of personal privilege."

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Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Sullivan: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, at the end of Irish Week, we are going to have a fund-raiser tonight. The Sullivan Caucus invites all Legislators' staff and friends out to Sammy's on Fifth for a fund-raiser that we are hosting for a USO of Illinois. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to USO of Illinois and you're all welcomed out tonight. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "Thank you, Representative Sullivan. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 35?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 35, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Tryon, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Mautino: "On Floor Amendment #1. Out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 2277?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2277 is on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading."

Speaker Mautino: "Any Motions or Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2277, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 2278?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2278, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."



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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, it's the intention of the Chair to return to the Order of Third Readings. On page 54 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4077. Representative Jakobsson. Out of the record. On page 50 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2343. Representative Mendoza. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, re... Mr. Clerk, on page 42 of the Calendar appears House Bill 867. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 867, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 867 changes the Criminal Code in two specific areas. First, in incidents where a student is shot on the school grounds, it would require... change the law to have that be a Class X felony with a mandatory 15 years. Additionally, what it would do is change the Criminal Code for a violation of unlawful use of a weapon to add public conveyance, as well as within a thousand feet of a public transportation facility for increase the penalties for violating the unlawful use of a weapon. All of us have seen this year the... as in past years, the incidents of shooting the school children in Chicago and throughout the state. Additionally, police have talked to us about the problem of transportation of weapons on public transportation. This Bill would increase penalties in both of those areas. And I would ask for your support of the Bill."

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Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved passage of House Bill 867. Seeking recognition is the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Reboletti."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Reboletti: "Representative, I'm looking at our analysis and it says it provides that the offense of aggravated battery with a firearm is also committed and then it talks about these... about a student who causes injury to the student. Isn't that already aggravated battery with a firearm which is already a Class X felony, if you shoot somebody with a firearm? Is that not... is that not covered or am I mistaken on that?"

Osterman: "As a former prosecutor, Representative Reboletti, you'd probably know better than I, but my understanding was that a Class I, 4 to 15. We wanted to specify, as under the Class X provision, there are certain things like a school teacher. So, if a school teacher was shot, it would be a Class X felony mandatory 15 years. It would hold true, I would think, that a student would have the same thing. So, that's... that's the intention of this legislation."

Reboletti: "I just want to make sure of that 'cause I'm looking at a Class II and III, and not having the Code in front of me, I wanted to ask that. But I agree with you that it should be a Class X if you fire a firearm and shoot somebody, especially in a school zone. So, I... I do support your legislation and would ask to be added as a cosponsor."

Osterman: "Thank you."

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Speaker Mautino: "No one else seeking recognition, the question is on House Bill 867, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Does Representative Rita wish to be recorded on this Bill? There he goes. And on this Bill, Mr. Clerk, take the record. 111 have voted 'yes', 1 voted 'no', 0 voted 'present'. House Bill 867 is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 54 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4077. Representative Jakobsson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4077, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, would you return this Bill to Second Reading. Any Motions filed?"

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

Speaker Mautino: "On Floor Amendment #2, Representative Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 codifies further what students need to have with them when they are going to vote, what kind of identification they need to bring with them, that they can bring a lease or a contract for a residence as part of their identification showing their current address."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady has... moves adoption of Amendment #2. All in favor signify by 'aye'; opposed same sign. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Motions or Amendments?"

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

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Read the Bill for a third time."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4077, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Thank you. This Bill allows and ensures that college students are permitted to register and vote using their college residence. There's a concern that sometimes election authorities don't permit college students to register or vote citing that the student's not a permanent resident of the jurisdiction. And the Illinois Constitution and Election Code permit a person to register in a jurisdiction if that person resides at their stated residence for 30 days and students do qualify there."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady moved pa... moves passage of House Bill 4077. On that question, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Mautino: "She indicates she will."

Black: "Representative, as... I want to make sure I understand. Floor Amendment #2 would seem to limit the Bill to only first-time voters..."

Jakobsson: "Yes."

Black: "...who have registered by mail?"

Jakobsson: "Right. If they've registered by mail or voter ID... voter... Motor Voter."

Black: "Okay. What... why the limitation? I... I... I mean, it seems to me that the difficulty is in college precincts is

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establishing your residency as to where you actually live. So, if you're not a first-time voter, I mean, you can be in college four years, vote in every election. What... what then constitutes positive identification the second, third and the fourth time you vote? Will you have an actual registration card from the county clerk or..."

Jakobsson: "They should have a registration card from the county clerk, but I believe it's... when there's a first-time voter is when they're challenged to show..."

Black: "Okay. All right."

Jakobsson: "...their identification."

Black: "Now, and that can't just show the college ID, they have to have collaborating identification showing where they live. Is that... that was done in Amendment 2?"

Jakobsson: "They're often challenged if they just show their college ID..."

Black: "Right."

Jakobsson: "...because that doesn't have an address on it."

Black: "So, they would have to show... what... a copy of their lease?"

Jakobsson: "They may show a copy of their lease. This codifies that they may do that."

Black: "What else would be sufficient? Do you have any idea? I mean, what... what would constitute... and I'm not opposed to your Bill... 'cause I share the concern, because I've heard from many university students that they're turned away and I'm just trying to make sure I understand a college ID with a copy of their lease showing the address..."

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Jakobsson: "A photo ID issued by a college or university accompanied by either a copy of the applicant's contract or a lease for a residence or a piece of mail delivered to the applicant..."

Black: "Okay."

Jakobsson: "...at his or her residence."

Black: "Okay. So, we're not further inhibiting. We're actually just trying to make it easier for college students to be able to vote and to verify their address when they show up for their first time after Motor Voter or mail registration."

Jakobsson: "Exactly."

Black: "All right. I think it's a good idea. Thank you very much."

Jakobsson: "Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Iroquois County, Representative Cultra, is seeking recognition. For what reason do you rise?"

Cultra: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Mautino: "Indicates she will."

Cultra: "Representative, is this an initiative of the Champaign County... let me look here... County Clerk?"

Jakobsson: "It's not an initiative of the county clerk, but the county clerk was in committee when this Bill came up and he is in favor of this Bill."

Cultra: "So, Mark Shelden's in favor of it?"

Jakobsson: "Mark Shelden is in favor of it. He was at committee and we had a phone conversation before this and told me he was very glad that I was doing this Bill."

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Cultra: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "No one else seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Would Representative May like to be recorded on this Bill? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. House Bill 4077 is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 48 of the Calendar appears House Bill 934. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 934, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Boland on House Bill 934."

Boland: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we've reached an understanding with Representative Reboletti and so, we're ready to go. I would ask the Bill be called."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman moves passage of House Bill 934. No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Does Representative Jakobsson wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. House Bill 934, having received 109 'yes', 3 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', is declared passed. The Gentleman from Vermilion is seeking recognition. Representative Black."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, inquiry of the Chair. Did you have a quick..."

Speaker Mautino: "Proceed."

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Black: "I thought I had my light on before we voted on that last Bill, maybe I didn't. I... I thought I did. Did you have your arm covering up the... You're new in the Chair. ...and sometimes your left arm will cover the lights on the Republican side of the aisle, purely by accident I realize. But was that the case?"

Speaker Mautino: "Actually, no. I always keep your switch and your light in plain sight."

Black: "Well, that's why I put in an LED bulb up there a long time ago, so it would be a little brighter. I... All right. I won't pursue the point. I would have liked to have asked a few questions as to enforceability and... but I just, in summation, I think that was a real dog of a Bill and should have had further debate, but too late now."

Speaker Mautino: "Well, I will be assured that whenever your light switch comes on I will call on you directly, Sir. Mr. Clerk, on page 2 of the Calendar appears House Bill 45. What is the status of that Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 45, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill's been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on the Calendar, page 28, what is the status of House Bill 2664?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2664, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill's been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Nekritz, has been approved for consideration."



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Speaker Mautino: "On Floor Amendment #2, the Lady from Cook, Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 simply takes out the no sweeps language on some funds that we're establishing."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady moves passage of Amendment 2, no one seeking recognition, all in favor signify by 'aye'; opposed same sign. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, place that Bill... Are there any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Mautino: "Place that Bill on Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 574?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 574, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Turner, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Turner, on Floor Amendment #3."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen. Hold on just... I'm trying to get my screen enlarged. House Amendment #... House #... Amendment #3 allows the ISAC to, subject to appropriation, to deduct 10 percent of the total amount that law students would owe on their initial loan to be... to be reduced on an annual basis if they, in fact, would work in underserved areas in terms of trying to deal with the issue of providing legal services in communities

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that don't have it. And I move for the adoption of Amendment #3."

Speaker Mautino: "On Floor Amendment #3, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black is seeking recognition."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, a quick question about the Amendment. I'm not sure I understand where you want to end up with this. If ISAC gives the individual a grant because the individual has an outstanding student loan, wouldn't it be... I don't know if simple is the right word, simpler or whatever... more direct to have ISAC simply pay down the loan directly. I guess, if what you're after is to help the public sector attorney pay off loans that he or she received while going to law school, rather than give the grant to the individual it would seem like the grant should go towards the repayment of the loan, but I'm not sure if that should... what your intent is here. Is the intent to get a grant because you're doing public service..."

Turner: "No. The... the grant is to repay the loan."

Black: "Wouldn't it..."

Turner: "There's an outstanding loan..."

Black: "Okay."

Turner: "...that these students have already."

Black: "I..."

Turner: "And then if they work in an under... in a certain area, then 10 percent of their loan could be written down on an annual basis."

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Black: "So, the grant would not then go to the individual and we would then trust..."

Turner: "No."

Black: "...the individual..."

Turner: "No."

Black: "...to pay the loan."

Turner: "No."

Black: "The grant would go to ISAC"

Turner: "Here... That's right. It's just a credit towards an outstanding loan that they have."

Black: "Okay. All right. Now, I understand. Thank you."

Turner: "Okay."

Speaker Mautino: "No one seeking further recognition, the Gentleman moves adoption of Floor Amendment 3. All in favor signify by 'aye'; opposed same sign. The 'ayes' have it. Floor Amendment 3 is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Returning to Third Readings, on page 52 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2660. Representative Bassi. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2660, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Bassi."

Bassi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could we move this Bill back to Second for the purposes of an Amendment that should be on the floor?"

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, place this Bill on Second Reading. What's the status of the Bill?"

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2660, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Bassi, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Bassi on Floor Amendment #1."

Bassi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is cleanup language that was requested by the DHS. It is technical language. And I would ask for its adoption."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady moves adoption of Floor Amendment 1. All in favor vote 'aye'... excuse me... all in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Mautino: "Would you return this Bill to Third Reading and read the Bill a third time."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2660, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Bassi."

Bassi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the trailer Bill to the Cindy Bischof Law which we passed unanimously last year after the murder of Cindy Bischof whose significant other had breached three orders of restriction. And it allows for the GPS to be put on an individual who has violated an order of protection. This is the trailer Bill that helps for the... to facilitate the implementation of the Bill. And I request its adoption. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady moves passage of House Bill 2660. No Members seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall

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this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Does Representative Davis wish to be recorded on this Bill? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 112 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. House Bill 2660 is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 50 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2343. Representative Mendoza. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2343, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2343 was originally the... the deal... I mean, the Bill dealing with the specialty care reimbursement rates for pediatric specialty care physicians. The Bill is now a shell Bill. I would like to send it on over to the Senate, continue to work out some negotiated language at which point we'd bring it back here, take it to committee and bring it before this chamber for a vote. So, I'd appreciate your support in moving it out as a shell Bill today."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady has moved passage of House Bill 2343. On that, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Mautino: "She indicates she will."

Black: "Representative, is it your intent to only let this Bill come back if it deals with Medicaid reimbursement rates for specialty pediatric care?"

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Mendoza: "That is my intention, yes."

Black: "All right. And I'm going to assume then that you're willing to work with the Governor's Office and the Office of Management and Budget knowing what our Medicaid obligations may be, if it's not feasible then it won't be feasible."

Mendoza: "Right. We're hoping that we can come to a good agreement..."

Black: "Okay. All right."

Mendoza: "...but at that point we'd put it up for a vote."

Black: "All right. Thank you very much."

Mendoza: "Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "No one else seeking recognition, the Lady moves passage of House Bill 2343. And the question is, '... all in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Colvin and Flider, do you wish to be recorded on this Bill? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. House Bill 2343, having received 68 'yes', 44 'no', 0 'present', this Bill is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 47 of the Calendar appears House Bill 845. Representative Acevedo. Out of the record. On page 48 of the Calendar appears House Bill 952. Representative Beiser. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 952, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Beiser."

Beiser: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 952 amends the Prevailing Wage Act and

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it in... to include demolition work. Previously, demolition was included in the prevailing wage if there was subsequent construction. This removes that requirement."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved passage of House Bill 952. And on that, the Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Eddy: "Representative, at this point, can you kind of outline the opposition that remains on this Bill? Our analysis indicates that the Municipal League and other groups are opposed. Can you... can you give us an idea of what they base their opposition on?"

Beiser: "Representative Eddy, I would, but to be quite frank, neither one... none of the people that are in opposition have contacted me and discussed this with me."

Eddy: "Well, I... I think their fears have to do with the cost factor. Now, I think at this point if we're talking about a demolition project, there is... there's not the same type of requirement for prevailing wage to be paid for some types of demolition work. And they may have a concern that this would increase the cost of these public projects."

Beiser: "I would... you know, I could certainly understand that rationale, but again, not having spoke to them, I really couldn't say if that is or isn't. But I would respect that that possibly is."

Eddy: "So, have you... during your work on this Bill, have you run across any estimates or cost increases that may... or any percentage this could add to the cost of a demolition of a

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project, if... if they were to be under the auspice of the prevailing wage?"

Beiser: "No, I haven't. And I will say that I've spoke to my local community, one of the communities that I live in and represent, and they had no problem with this. They did not cite any cost by removing that subsequent construction clause."

Eddy: "So, right now, if there's demolition that's being done on a public work site, let's say, and a school district is going to demolish an old building and have it taken away, a gymnasium that's going to be rebuilt. At this point, it's not required that prevailing wage be paid to the workers on that project. Is that correct?"

Beiser: "That's correct."

Eddy: "So, what this Bill would do is in those cases where a district was going to... to have that building razed and taken away, they would have to pay prevailing wage. Could... can you give us an idea of what the prevailing wage would be and what the skill category? Are we talking about laborers, union laborers?"

Beiser: "Yes, primarily, yes."

Eddy: "Can you give us an idea of what the wage is for... let's... I know they go by county, but what the difference might be between that and what they're able to get the job for... done for now?"

Beiser: "No, I do not have that information. I'm sorry."

Eddy: "Would a school district or a public works project still be allowed to use their own labor for demolition?"

Beiser: "Certainly, yeah."



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Eddy: "So, if they had the maintenance crew or if they had... if the city had a... a department that did this type of work, this Bill would not require that the city hire union labor for that project, but it would simply require that, if this was contracted out from their own local workers or people that are under their payroll, that they would have to respect prevailing wage in those situations."

Beiser: "That's correct."

Eddy: "Representative, I... my concern is obvious with this and that is the cost increase that this would have on public projects. It's very, very difficult now for... for school districts and other public bodies to meet budgets and requirements regarding contracts and construction and we don't really know what kind of a cost this would add: we don't know if it would add to the state contracts. The fiscal impact can't even be measured on this type of Bill. I think we've got to be really, really careful in this fiscal environment in adding costs. I understand what you're trying to do here, but I very respectfully would request that the Body reject this increase because of the... the impact it may have on the overall project. And this is just not the right time for municipalities and school districts to face these kind of cost increases. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "On House Bill 952, no other Members seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Beaubien and Cole,

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do you wish to be reported on... recorded on this Bill? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 86 voting 'yes', 27 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', this Bill is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on the Calendar appears, on page 48, appears House Bill 991. Representative Berrios. Out of the record. On page 50 of the Calendar appears House Bill 1332. Representative Boland. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Boland."

Boland: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1332 passed unanimously out of committee. We passed it last year in the House, went over to the Senate, got mixed up there. And basically, what it does is says that any public building that displays the United States Flag has to have flags made in the United States, copied after similar legislation in Wisconsin. And brought to me by the... incidentally, by the retail merchants."

Speaker Mautino: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1332 pass?' No one seeking recognition on this. All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Does Representative Dunkin wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. House Bill 1332 is declared passed. The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Reboletti is seeking recognition. For what reason do you rise, Sir?"

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

Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Reboletti: "Ladies and Gentlemen, behind me on the Republican side in the gallery, is an alderman from the City of Elmhurst, Diane Gutenkauf. If you could please give her a warm Springfield welcome from me and Representative Biggins and the whole entire Body."

Speaker Mautino: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, on page 55 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4151. Representative Biggins. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4151, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Biggins."

Biggins: "Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This Bill amends the Park District Code. It proposes that the principle on bonds issued by a park district shall be payable no later than 25 years from their respective date of issue. The current policy is 20 years. This extends them 5 more years to pay off the bonds. I'd be happy to answer any questions any Members may have."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman requests passage of House Bill 4151. On that question, no Members seeking recognition. All Members wishing to vote 'yes', vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Mr. Clerk, take the record. House Bill 4151, having received 85 voting 'yes', 28 voting 'no', 0 voting

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'present', is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 27... 277?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 277, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. However, notes have been requested and not yet filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Leave this Bill on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 21 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2330. What's the status of this Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2330, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 55 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4199. Representative Bost. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4199, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 4199 simply adds Marines and.. Marines, Coast Guard and other members of the veteran services to the Veterans Day celebration. When it was first drafted, it was just Army, Navy, this just adds all others into it. Be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens is seeking recognition. Out of the record. No one else seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'."

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The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. House Bill 4199, having received 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 44 of the Calendar appears House Bill 382. Representative Brosnahan. Out of the record. On page 48 of the Calendar appears House Bill 923. Representative Burke. Out of the record. Page 45 of the Calendar appears House Bill 667. Representative Chapa LaVia. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 667, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. What this simple Bill does is it takes a fire protection district and changes it from three board members to a five-board member to expand the fire protection district, must pass an ordinance to do so. And the two additional trustees shall be elected at the next consolidated election for trustees provided in the General Election Law. This was brought to me by the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts, the smaller districts, Illinois Firefighters Association, the Illinois Chief... Fire Chiefs. And I'll take any questions."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady moves passage on House Bill 667. And on that question, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Mautino: "She indicates she will."

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Black: "Representative, are these... I can't remember, quite frankly... are the trustees paid on a fire district board?"

Chapa LaVia: "Hold on one second. I'm checking, Representative Black."

Black: "Yes. I found it in my analysis. They're paid \$2 thousand a year. So, if you're going to expand the board, you do so by public referenda, correct?"

Chapa LaVia: "Correct, Sir."

Black: "All right. Is there any requirement that the referenda question would have that this would cost the residents of that fire district an additional \$4 thousand?"

Chapa LaVia: "I'm pretty sure it does. I don't have my notes on the Bill. I didn't know it was coming up so quickly."

Black: "Okay."

Chapa LaVia: "And I asked Mr. Vaughn to get me something..."

Black: "Well, I would assume..."

Chapa LaVia: "...but I'm assuming it'll be on the referendum 'cause they'd have to cast a vote in order..."

Black: "Right."

Chapa LaVia: "...for this to be enacted with the money."

Black: "So, it's a... it's a front door referendum, if they want to increase the number, correct?"

Chapa LaVia: "Correct, correct."

Black: "All right. Let me ask you, following up on that, if you'll... do you have a copy of the Bill in your file?"

Chapa LaVia: "Yes."

Black: "If you'd look on the beginning Section, line 9 and 10, it says, 'may provide for the establishment of a five-

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member board of trustees by adopting an ordinance to that effect'."

Chapa LaVia: "It is my recollection that we passed this Amendment. An ordinance still has to be attached by the governing municipality before it can be enacted, but what... because they're not home run... they not home run rule (sic- Home Rule run) that they need us to pass this legislation before they can even have it adopted for ordinance."

Black: "I'm trying to figure out with staff here how line 9 and 10 mesh with an ordinance. Representative, could you take this out of the..."

Chapa LaVia: "I sure will."

Black: "...record for a second?"

Chapa LaVia: "I'll be glad to take this off..."

Black: "All right. Thank you."

Chapa LaVia: "...record for the moment. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, at the request of the Sponsor, please take this Bill out of the record. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 2688?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2688 is on the Order of House Bills- Third Reading."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Peoria, Representative Leitch. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2688, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Leitch."

Leitch: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill corrects an omission that was made last year when the Carnival Worker Act passed and

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inadvertently included what are known as inflatables. And inflatables are very popular games that go on at different community events and church events and so forth. I've worked this Bill with the Department of Labor and I believe that everyone is onboard. And I would ask for its approval."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman moves passage of House Bill 2688. No Members seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Does Representative Colvin wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Bill is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 48 of the Calendar appears House Bill 923. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 923, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee pensions. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 923 would amend the Downstate Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code with respects to the term 'act of duty'. There was a... a matter in Aurora just recently where a firefighter was injured in the firehouse. The Circuit Court ruled in his favor and the Appellate Court ruled contrary and the man was denied a duty-related disability. This legislation would provide



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that any professional firefighter in our state that was injured in a firehouse related to the duties necessary to operate that firehouse would be included in a duty-related disability and that would afford a better percentage, certainly, of the salary. I believe that this is a very fair and equitable proposal. Those who are engaged in professional firefighting are those who have to maintain firehouses, have to maintain equipment and I think this is a very fair and equitable way to treat them if they suffer a career-ending disability or injury. This would also include EMTs and paramedics in our state. And I think on behalf of 14 thousand firefighters in the State of Illinois, we should give this its necessary attention. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Mautino: "The Bill is on Short Debate. The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Beaubien is seeking recognition."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Beaubien: "Did we get a fiscal impact note on this from the Commission on Government and Forecasting and Accountability?"

Burke: "Representative, COGFA, I guess, cannot determine the cost on this. This is, as you might imagine, a very rare occurrence. This is a career-ending injury, so for some reason they cannot determine cost."

Beaubien: "So, you did... you did request it?"

Burke: "Yes."

Beaubien: "Thank you."

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Speaker Mautino: "Further questions? The Lady from Cook, Representative Nekritz."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Nekritz: "So, it... what... what would be the activities that would now be considered part of the act of duty under this..."

Burke: "We are not suggesting that these are new activities, but as you might imagine, those who are engaged in the profession of firefighting have to maintain properties, equipment, in fact, very often have to do maintenance on the actual firehouse... firehouse. So, as one might imagine in this society, accidents can occur in relation to these duties and if they, in fact, occur in the firehouse related to their assigned duties, they would then be eligible for duty disability. Now, we are not talking..."

Nekritz: "And yet, does the legislation simply limit it to in the firehouse?"

Burke: "We are... it excludes emergencies. They are already included for emergencies and the advantage of being injured in an emergency situation would be that they would also be afforded health insurance. If in this duty disability, they are not afforded lifetime health insurance. The cost is..."

Nekritz: "I'm... I'm sorry, Representative. I... I'm... I thought that once the... once the sirens went off and the lights went on, that that was what... was considered... was con... sort of, you know, sort of where we're..."

Burke: "Yes."

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Nekritz: "...having the dispute, but that was in the act of duty."

Burke: "That's an emergency."

Nekritz: "This would say that it's not just limited to the firehouse. It's anything that their supervisor asks them to do. So, if they go to the grocery store to buy dinner that night, that's considered part of the act of duty."

Burke: "If they are assigned by their superior."

Nekritz: "And how does that... how would that fit with our workers' compensation laws? I mean, how would... what... how... you know, what... was it... was workers' compensation ever designed to cover someone while they were a firefighter or a policeman ever?"

Burke: "We're talking about sworn personnel, so the offsets would be identical."

Nekritz: "I apologize. I don't know what you mean by that."

Burke: "The same compensation, if that's your question."

Nekritz: "So, that... so, that they would get workers' compensation or they would not?"

Burke: "Well, they're..."

Nekritz: "Or they... there would be a..."

Burke: "Yes..."

Nekritz: "...deduction for that."

Burke: "...they would."

Nekritz: "But with... isn't... isn't the benefits that you're describing under here aren't those... aren't those significantly enhanced from what someone would get under workers' compensation?"

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Burke: "There's a difference between the retirement benefit and the workers' comp benefit and they'll receive the difference."

Nekritz: "So... so, here's what... I mean, if we... I... in... I've received a lot of communication from the municipalities that I represent about this and they're very concerned that this will significantly increase the costs of providing these benefits at a time when their... their budgets are already being hammered by a lot of the benefits that we've... that we've given and not provided funding for. And the concern is that someone else working in a firehouse or going to the grocery store or doing those kinds of job duties would be covered by workers' compensation, whereas this would give the firefighters a significantly enhanced benefit for a similar injury on... at a... at a... performing a similar task. And I think that's the... the tension that I'm not... and I don't feel prepared... I'm not... don't have enough information to say where the line should be between what is an enhanced responsibility because they're firefighters and what's a pretty typical duty that would... that should be or could be covered by workers' compensation."

Burke: "Along the line of your inquiry, it was suggested by the witness for the Illinois Municipal League that there should be no difference made between a professional firefighter and a janitor. I'm offended by that reference. I'm offended by that analogy. A janitor does not risk his life and safety every day going into these burning buildings nor does he have to endure the same training."

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Nekritz: "I understand that, Representative, which is why we have this enhanced act of duty for the times that they're at risk, but if they're performing a different kind of task that is not... that... where they're not in significantly increased risk, I guess the public policy question then is should we give them an enhanced benefit for performing what is not a risky activity."

Burke: "I think an important feature to keep in mind in this would be the fact that we're talking about a career-ending injury here. That is a major consideration. We're not talking about some other..."

Nekritz: "Right. And I appreciate that and I... but... but I think that those that suffer those... I mean, it's a... it's a fairly rare occurrence, I would believe..."

Burke: "Very rare."

Nekritz: "I mean, would be a rare occurrence where some... where, you know, a worker receiving... who's only entitled to workers' compensation would have also a career-ending injury for the most part it's, you know, something pretty minor and you come... you go... you rehab and you come back to work so."

Burke: "Right."

Nekritz: "But I think that's the policy question is, you know, when... when it's not a... when the firefighter's not engaged in a risk, the kind of activity that you... I would agree when they're putting their life on the line and at great risk of bodily injury that that's... that that's a time when we... when they're... they're... at significantly an increased risk and we should provide a benefit for that. I just am

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not sure on the other types of activities, but I appreciate your... the information. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "Further questions? The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr... thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the point... purposes of legislative intent, will the Sponsor yield, please?"

Speaker Mautino: "Indicates he will."

Bost: "Representative, on the Web site of the Illinois Municipal League they claim that the Bill will increase the city's liability for health insurance under the Public Safety Employees Benefit Act. Is that true?"

Burke: "Thank you, Representative Bost. The answer to that question is 'no'. Under the Public Safety Employees Benefits Act the catastrophic health insurance is only offered to employees who suffer a career-ending injury on an emergency call which this Bill clearly does not cover."

Bost: "Thank you. And another question. Representative, why do the... why did the Associated Firefighters of Illinois ask you to pursue this Bill on their behalf?"

Burke: "As I made reference to in my opening remarks, because of this unique Appellate Court case of an Aurora firefighter Wozniak v. Aurora Firefighters Pension Fund, the Appellate Court reversed a Kane County Circuit Court decision taking away this firefighter's line of duty disability and instead awarded him a nonline of duty disability. This was clearly wrong despite the fact that this firefighter was on top of the hose bed, climbed down the side and was in the process... in the process hit his

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knee on the fire engine and after surgery and extensive medical treatment Wozniak could not return to work as a firefighter. This Bill will not change the wrong done to this firefighter; there's no retro activity with regard to this legislation, but this, indeed, will prevent it from occurring to someone else in the future."

Bost: "Thank you, Representative. And Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "To the Bill."

Bost: "Ladies and Gentlemen, let's be real clear on what we're talking about here. This is not in a case where somebody's going to raise up, be at working on the... on a fire truck around the fire station, slam their finger in a door or do something like this, this is... that's... that's handled under a different claim. This is a case where they are totally disabled, but you can become totally disabled not like the judge says, when you say that you are actually in the act of saving lives is what his requirement was, but you could actually have this happen, one, while working on equipment; two, while training either on or off location, while working on facilities around the location preparing to fight those fires. You do not... under the way this judge ruled, it says that you must be protecting lives at the time. Basically, these guys are working 24 hours a day in training and many days when they are actually off they come back in and go into training. And we're going to all of a sudden say, oh, no, no, if you have a disabling injury that wipes you out from doing this job the rest of your career, now you're no longer covered because you weren't actually

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fighting a fire or trying to save lives at the time. Folks, it's a very commonsense Bill. I think that it deserves your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Mautino: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Franks."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Franks: "Representative, I know what you're trying to do and I admire it. I did speak with the firefighters about this Bill and following up on what Representative Nekritz said, I'm not sure it's drafted how you'd intended. And it may need... and I guess I want to know if... if we can find some ways to tighten it up in the Senate, whether you'd be willing to do that because... And I'll stop on that and then I'll follow up with my example."

Burke: "Certainly, Representative. I'm always inclined to firm up or correct or improve language and I'd be delighted to do that at the Senate level."

Franks: "I appreciate that because I think what we're worried about is the expansion here and certainly, we know the firefighters put their life on the line every day. But I'm going to follow up on the example that Representative Nekritz gave and I don't think this is what your Bill... what you really want it to do. In the case of there having to be some clean up done and there's a janitor and there's also a firefighter right next to each other. And assume for the sake of argument, the firefighter while mopping up the lunchroom slips and falls and tears his meniscus and tears his ACL and also crushes vertebrae at L2 and L3. He



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would be disabled for sure. Okay. And he... and under the workers' comp Code, I'm sure he'd be disabled and he wouldn't be able to continue to be a firefighter. But he wasn't in any higher heightened situation or danger than that same person who would have been hired possibly for cleaning, yet, the only difference is based on classification that individual would have a 30 percent increase in pension. Okay. If that's the intent of your Bill and that's how you want to keep it, I understand, but I think you might want to expand it but not have it so expansive and I'd like to expand it, obviously, but I'm not sure that we want to have something at that situation to occur."

Burke: "I believe you're correct in suggesting that I would interpret firefighters in a different category, certainly. These are trained individuals; these are individuals who are on 24-hour call. There is no question that they are the first responders in incidents that affect our daily lives and property safety. I absolutely hold those people up in a more important fashion than I would a janitor..."

Franks: "I'm not questioning that."

Burke: "...and if the injury would occur in a firehouse, they may very well not be engaged in an emergency situation, but as a... as a part of their duty they are required to maintain that firehouse and all the equipment they use to protect our property and lives. So, I indeed, think they should be looked at in a different (Inaudible)."

Franks: "Well, under the workers' compensation Code, when there's an injury and it's a no-fault statute, as you know.

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It's based on the loss of, you know, a limb or quality of life, but it's done on a percentage and it's based on salary. Okay? So, the more you make, the more you get back and that's how it is now and that's how it would still be because I presume that the firefighter would be getting a much higher salary than the person who would be cleaning up. But I think when you open it up where just because someone has a title of a certain job, I mean, even in... Here's... here's my point. To collect under workers' comp you actually have to be part of doing the job. For instance, if you're commuting from your work to... from your home to your work and you've not yet arrived at work and you didn't stop to pick up the mail or do anything there, you cannot collect because you were not at work. Now, I understand firefighters, 24/7, always on call, they have that privilege."

Speaker Mautino: "The time has expired. Can the Gentleman bring his remarks to the close? I'll grant another minute."

Franks: "Thank you. I just think there has to be some heightened danger for them to get such a premium on their return. And perhaps we could expand that definition to accomplish what we all wish to accomplish."

Speaker Mautino: "Further questions? The Gentleman from Kane, Representative Schmitz is seeking recognition."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Schmitz: "Representative, as we were going through the discussion on this and the previous speaker just talked

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about, you know, if we could tighten up the definition of... of an 'act of duty' or you know, the type of injury that occurred when you're doing it, a lot of the work that's done at the fire station is not glamorous. I mean, some of the standing orders and daily chores require waxing the floors, waxing the rigs, making sure everything's all in working order. Our stations, that I work at, we have two story buildings and a lot of your departments probably multiple stories. Every other Friday you got to get the ladder out, you got to go out and clean the outside second floor windows. It's not glamorous, but if that individual were to fall off that ladder, unfortunately, and then suffer a career-ending injury, you know, that's something that they were there doing their job. It is a standing order in many departments on a cleaning detail. As I said earlier, it's not glamorous. Some engines, you may have to climb up 6, 10, 12 feet to get to the back of the engine to load the hose. This firefighter, that the case he was talked about earlier, fell off the... fell off the rig and blew their knee out. The last thing any police officer, firefighter, any one of the public safety field wants to do is a)suffer an injury, b)suffer a career-ending injury because that's the job they chose to do and that's the job they like to do. And for us to get into a what's a act of duty, you're almost getting down on the road of what's heroic. You know, is the act of duty when you were pulling somebody out of the structure or is the act of duty while you were doing your general orders, standing chores, which are mundane. But I understand what you're trying to do

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here. I don't know how you can tighten it up any further. They are covered under workmen's comp. You do get the added bump here for act of duty, but as I said earlier, you fall off a 26-foot ladder, you're washing windows, or you're trying to get somebody out of that window, it doesn't matter the task you were doing, it matters that you're on a 26-foot ladder, wearing the uniform and doing the job. So, Representative, I do stand in support of your legislation and I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Mautino: "This legislation is on Short Debate. Two have spoken in response, two have spoken in support. The Lady from Cook, Representative Bassi is seeking recognition."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Bassi: "Representative, is this something that covers an individual who might fall in a training session? Trip..."

Burke: "Yes, absolutely."

Bassi: "Trip or fall?"

Burke: "That is correct."

Bassi: "With any kind of routine maintenance or housekeeping chores?"

Burke: "That would be included as well."

Bassi: "Yeah. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "To the Bill."

Bassi: "Unfortunately, I have to rise in strong opposition to this. My municipalities are absolutely going under with the pension costs that they have been subjected to. The state is not in the position to give them any assistance at

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this point in time. To add to their burden at the moment, I think, is irresponsible fiscally and I would request a 'no' vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "Thank you. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Burke to close."

Burke: "Thank you, again, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. How soon, for those of you who would get up and talk about these minor, minor increases. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're talking about professional firefighters that we depend on daily to save our lives, save our property, who are on 24-hour call. How soon we forget about 9/11. These are the same people that we applauded when they returned from service. How could we not afford them this decent, legitimate and reasonable inclusion? We're talking about individuals who might suffer an injury, whether they be sweeping the floor, whether they be washing a window, changing a tire on a fire truck or any other duty that a fireman in regular line of service has to do. For you to deny them this line of duty accommodation is obscene. They deserve it. I would insist to you let's not forget what these professional firefighters do for us every single day of the year. I think it's your responsibility, your duty to include them in this provision. Thank you very much."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman moves passage of House Bill 923. All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representatives Holbrook and Sommer, do you wish to be recorded on this

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legislation? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 98 voting 'yes', 15 voting 'no' and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 923 is declared passed. On page 45 of the Calendar appears House Bill 667, which has been previously debated. The Lady has asked that it be brought back to the record. Mr. Clerk, call the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 667, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady from Kane, Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. I think that we answered the question that Representative Black had drawn earlier. All this legislation strictly does is takes it so the fire protection districts can expand from three to four... I mean, three to five board members. This has nothing to do with their pay. This just allows them. It doesn't make them do it in the smaller districts, but it allows them the latitude to increase their board. And I'll take any questions."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady has moved passage of House Bill 667. On that, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... To the Bill. I appreciate the... the Lady's acquiescence to pulling it out of the record. We've had a chance to review this and as she said, there is no referenda in this Bill. If the elected members of the board want to increase the members from three to five, they do so by ordinance. And then those members would stand for election at the next election. So, there

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is no public referenda and the amount of compensation, if any, is determined, as is current practice, by the board. I appreciate the Sponsor's indulgence. We were able to get some confusion settled on the Bill. I rise in support of the Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Thank you. Further discussion? Representative Moffitt, the Gentleman from Knox."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I simply rise in support of this legislation. This was an initiative of the fire service. It was adapted... adopted unanimously by the fire service. And then when we met with our breakfast we actually adopted it as a caucus. This is only dealing when it's an elected board of trustees and in an actual fact you're going from three to five. You're increasing the opportunity for the public to have input. They can also reduce the size of the board back to three if they want to, but I think there's safety in numbers and I actually think it's a wise to consider the five members, gives the public more opportunity for input. So, it's... it is by ordinance, but it's only if that board is elected. And so, if you... the people are still going to have a chance to respond, so I certainly rise in support of it. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "No one else seeking recognition, the Lady now moves House Bill 667 pass. And on that, all in favor vote 'yes'; 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, 94 voting 'yes', 19 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. House

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Bill 667 is declared passed. On page 44 of the Calendar appears House Bill 472. Representative Lyons. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 472, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Lyons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 472 amends the Water Reclamation District Act to clarify the definition of 'allowable costs' to be charged in its reserve claim fund in instances related to the repair or replacement of district property that is damaged by fire, flood, explosion, vandalism or any other type of peril like that. Last summer, at the Racine Avenue Pumping Station, they had some major flooding problems there and the question came, well, should we use money that's in the reserve fund that can be used for, you know, some things but not others? This clarifies that in this case that they wanted... they had to get 24-hour security on the situation and some outside engineers that this would provide the language clarification would allow them to tap into their emergency fund. I know of no opposition. It's a clarification point. I'd be happy to answer any questions and be happy to get as many 'yes' votes as possible."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman moves passage of House Bill 472. And on that, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black is seeking recognition."

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



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Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, does the MWRD build or maintain any levies along flood prone areas? I don't think they do. I'm just trying to clarify some of the costs that they might be able to add on in case of an emergency."

Lyons: "Representative, it's just... it's just language clarification to the best of my understanding on this. Let me... let me... With all the noise in here, it's awfully hard to hear you..."

Black: "Yeah."

Lyons: "...Mr. Black."

Black: "I was wondering if MWRD has any levies that they maintain in flood prone areas."

Lyons: "Bill, hold on. Let me put my cheater on here..."

Black: "Okay."

Lyons: "...and then I can hear what you're saying."

Speaker Mautino: "I'd ask them to bring the noise..."

Lyons: "It's tough to get old, boys and girls."

Speaker Mautino: "...noise level of the House down, so the Gentlemen may discuss this Bill."

Lyons: "Go ahead, Bill..."

Black: "Okay."

Lyons: "...I've got the..."

Black: "Joe, do they have any... we'll try again. Does the MWRD maintain any levies in flood prone areas?"

Lyons: "No."

Black: "No flood walls of any kind."

Lyons: "No."

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Black: "Okay. Now, when you say 'allowable costs', there's no cap, correct? I mean, if the allowable costs turn out to be a million dollars for repair or replacement, then that.. that's what could be paid out of this levy, correct?"

Lyons: "No. I don't... I don't think so, Representative. I think there is a limitation on that. I think there is a dollar limitation on that existing in the statute. I believe it's \$10 thousand, but I'm not... I can't give you that as a definitive."

Black: "Okay. I didn't see it in the Bill. I mean, if there's a cap, I think that is a... probably a... certainly a protection. Now, this... this account that you're talking about has a separate levy, correct?"

Lyons: "It's done... Yes..."

Black: "Yeah."

Lyons: "...it's defined to be for..."

Black: "Right."

Lyons: "...emergency situations, correct."

Black: "Okay. Now, I don't see a cap. It says... All right. All costs related... on page 3, 'all costs related to the repair or replacement with a cost thereof exceeds the sum of \$10 thousand of any property,' et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, 'the aggregate amount which may be accumulated in the reserve fund shall not exceed...' Okay. All right. It doesn't appear there's any cap and I'm not sure how you could cap the amount given, I think, the intent of the Bill and that is to let them proceed with emergency repairs, whatever's necessary to get the system back in operation. I... I assume the board would act in good faith with the

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taxpayers, but this is its own levy and obviously, they would know, I would think, practice would be that you can't spend more than you have in the fund."

Lyons: "Correct."

Black: "Right. So, and you can't draw it down, I think it said, what, 5 percent."

Lyons: "Whatever's in the existing le..."

Black: "Right. Okay."

Lyons: "...Act, in existing legislation, yeah."

Black: "All right. So, does there have to be a declared emergency in order to invoke this emergency... the emergency expenditure of funds? It would have to be a declared emergency wouldn't it, not just something that the district itself would say, well, I think this is an emergency; therefore, we're going to buy new pumps at a cost of a hundred thousand dollars."

Lyons: "They would be... they'd have to have a what is generally by definition here an emergency situation from flood or from electrical..."

Black: "Okay."

Lyons: "...storm..."

Black: "Now..."

Lyons: "...or wind damage or something. So, there is definition of what quantifies..."

Black: "Okay."

Lyons: "...qualifies as an emergency."

Black: "I'm just trying to make sure I understand. Joe, is the... is the definition of an 'emergency' left at the

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discretion of the MWRD or would it be an emergency as declared by municipal, county, or state officials?"

Lyons: "Well, the Water Reclamation District has their own definition in statute of what is considered an emergency."

Black: "Okay. And this does not give them any ability to take funds out of any levy except the one that's referenced in the Bill?"

Lyons: "That's what this specifies for."

Black: "Okay. Fine. Yeah."

Lyons: "That's..."

Black: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved passage of House Bill 472. No other Members seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Does Representative Schmitz... Mr. Clerk, take the record. House Bill 472, having received 100 'yes', 13 'no', 0 voting 'present', is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 2 of the Calendar appears House Bill 44. And what's the status of this Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 44, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Arroyo... Arroyo, do you wish to move this Bill? Out of the record. On page 35 of the Calendar appears House Bill 3878. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of this Bill?"

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3878, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman wishes the Bill to... move this Bill to Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 22 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2383. What's the status of this Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2383 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Burns, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Burns on Floor Amendment #1."

Burns: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment was agreed to with the Illinois Department of Human Services. It makes a couple of changes to the Bill to make the Bill a better Bill. And I'd like to adopt the Amendment."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved adoption of Floor Amendment #1. No Members seeking recognition. All in favor signify by 'aye'; opposed same... 'no'. The Amendment... in the view of the Chair, the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. On page 44 of the Calendar appears House Bill 396. Representative Brady. Call the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 396, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from McLean, Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 396 is an initiative of local law enforcement in my community. It seeks to, through the Department of Unemployment Insurance, release information regarding individuals who should be registered sex offenders that are collecting unemployment insurance benefits that a present statute indicates State Police have the authority to find location of address where the individual is presently receiving benefit checks, if they are not registered as a sex offender and municipality law enforcement does not have that same ability. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman moves passage of House Bill 396. No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Beiser. Mr. Dunkin. Mr. Clerk, take the record. House Bill 396, having received 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 52 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2627. Representative Collins. Out of the record. On page 42 of the Cal... on the Calendar appears House Bill 69. Representative Colvin. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 69, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Colvin."

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Colvin: "Thank you, Mr... thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 69, for your consideration this afternoon, deals with the very serious problem of dog fighting in the State of Illinois. House Bill 69 amends the Humane Care Act... the Humane Care for Animals Act and the Criminal Code. And the Bill simply increases the penalty for various violations of the Act dealing... turning them all from misdemeanors to Class IV felonies and subsequent violations to Class III felonies for individuals who take part in any facet of dog fighting in the State of Illinois. The residual issue of this Bill is not only just the increasing of penalties, but to serve as a disincentive to those individuals who attend dog fights. As most of us know, dog fighting, the main purpose for its existence, is the vast amount of illegal betting that takes place at these dog fights. If we can somehow deal with the incentive of people attending dog fights, we can also deal with the issue of people being severely cruel to animals which is the second issue we're really dealing with here in the issue of dog fighting. I think we had some pretty good debate in committee. I believe the Bill passed unanimously. There were some concerns of whether or not we were creating a greater penalty for those individuals who participate in dog fights in terms of the handlers, but in the most recent raid in Cook County, where over 54 people were arrested for attending a dog fight, it's almost impossible to determine when the police break the door down and it's a crime you have to catch people in the act and committing, it was impossible to determine who was a dog fighter and who was a spectator. The net effect

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of this legislation is to put a dent in this grossly inhumane act. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman moves passage of House Bill 69. And on that question, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, under existing law, what is the... what level of felony is it for somebody who organizes and puts on these dog fighting exhibitions?"

Colvin: "Representative, to my knowledge, the only existing penalties are classified as misdemeanors."

Black: "That's what I was afraid you were going to say. In other words, if I... if I attend a dog fighting event and I never would, but if I did... now, you did amend the... Excuse me, Representative, I'm sorry. An inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker. What's the status of Committee Amendment #1?"

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk."

Colvin: "It was adopted in committee."

Speaker Mautino: "The question of the Clerk."

Black: "It was adopted in committee."

Colvin: "Yes, Sir."

Clerk Bolin: "Amendment #1 was adopted in the Judiciary Committee."

Black: "Okay. Fine. At least you've got in the Amendment, I have to knowingly enter into a... a dog fighting event, but if I do that, that's a Class IV felony..."

Colvin: "Yes, Sir."



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Black: "...for the observer? That's one to three years in the penitentiary. So, what's the penalty for the individual who owns the dogs and organizes and puts on..."

Colvin: "Well..."

Black: "...this horrendous event?"

Colvin: "Well, Representative, and I think, you know, after consulting with the sheriff of Cook County and others, that was precisely the problem they're dealing with. Again, this is a criminal act that individuals are caught in the act of doing. I mean, there are dogs in the pit fighting when they break down the doors of these highly secretive illegal activities. As such, when the police enter these facilities, keep in mind these dogs aren't registered with the local kennel club. There is no ownership papers. There's no way to identify a owner from a handler to a spectator. The purpose of the Amendment is to deal with those individuals who knowingly attend and are betting at these dog fights. It... So, that was really the purpose of the Amendment. And once again, the individuals who attend just to bet are perpetuating a very violent, very inhumane act against innocent animals and in that distinction.. and in that situation, it's hard to understand where the distinction lies."

Black: "All right. I appreciate that, Representative. I was asking our staff and perhaps yours could.. It would appear to me that perhaps the punishment for those who are organizing, aiding and abetting would be covered under the Criminal Code elsewhere in the statute rather than the Humane Care for Animals Act. I'm just trying to make sure

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that the penalty for the organizer, those who aid and abet, certainly shouldn't be any less severe for someone who attends such an event. But our staff indicates that that's probably taken care of in the Criminal Code rather than this... what you're dealing with now, the Humane Care of Animals Act. So, I think the key word then is 'knowingly'. If... if you had an affirmative defense or defense, he said, I was invited to a dog show. I thought it was a dog show. I end up and it's a horrible dog fighting event and the police show up. I was there to go to a dog show. I don't know whether that defense will carry any weight, but obviously, then the burden of proof is on the prosecution to say, in fact, you were there.."

Colvin: "That's correct."

Black: "...as a participant. Okay. Fine. You know, I've had dogs in my life for more than 50 years. I wouldn't hesitate if you wanted to make it Class X felony for people who aid and abet these kinds of ridiculous, asinine and savage events, but I think Class IV is probably the best we can do. I appreciate your indulgence. Thank you."

Colvin: "You're welcome."

Speaker Mautino: "Further questions? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Durkin."

Durkin: "The Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Durkin: "Consistent with what Mr. Black stated, would one have to pay an entry fee to 'knowingly' attend one of these events?"

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Colvin: "I'm sorry, Representative. Can you repeat the question?"

Durkin: "Would one have to pay some type of entry fee to 'knowingly' attend one of these events?"

Colvin: "Well, what we found out in the investigations that the Cook County sheriff and others have implemented, is that sometimes there is an entry fee, which... not like you're going to get a receipt when you attend... but it's just the standard, yeah, that speaks to the issue of 'knowing'... 'knowingly' attending a dog fight. It's something we debated in committee. We thought it was the standard for prosecutors to reach to be able to charge someone with something as serious as a Class IV felony."

Durkin: "Thank you."

Colvin: "But what the investigations typically yield is that these are very highly secretive events. You and I, it's very unlikely we would ever get invited to a dog fight. In fact, in first... in most investigations what they yield is that this is a very highly organized ring of individuals who participate in these activities. The likelihood that flyers are being printed and handed out are zero and none. Guards are at the door... When they raided the... and you may have seen in the newspapers in December the Cook County sheriff raided and arrested 54 people for dog fighting."

Durkin: "Okay. I understand; I understand. I don't want to... don't burn up all my time, but you know, the issue is when someone pays an entry fee there is a... I think, a greater... an easier way to establish the 'knowing' element, but there... I guess the situation that I... I would be concerned

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about is labeling somebody as a felon who out of curiosity, where there's no entry fee kind of sees a crowd and there's no... nothing in the legislation which states that it must be inside a enclosed structure, maybe out in the country, sometimes they have these types of events and someone sees, you know, a large gathering, they attend and all of a sudden, just out of curiosity's sake, since there's no entry fee, there is some type of sting by the... or raid by the sheriff and then automatically they are 'knowingly' attending... they're a felon. Is that.."

Colvin: "Well, I..."

Durkin: "I mean, that... do you understand that that could be a reasonable scenario that might occur with these types of events."

Colvin: "Representative Durkin, I guess part of it I don't understand the question and maybe that's just my fault, but whether or not they're a felon, I don't see where that distinction is one issue. Number two, I also think that the last thing you'll see is these fights out in the open in some, you know, play lot where people can have open and unfettered access. The typical MO for the dog fighting are highly secretive locations that are given out to known participants and gamblers just hours before the events. And the only way the police ever find out about them is through informants and confidential informants and those types of things. They work very hard; there are typically armed guards or guards at the door to allow them and alert them to strangers who are attempting to gain access. So, this isn't..."

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Durkin: "I understand. But I'm just suggesting that there are going to be those curiosity seekers who in the type of event that's going to be done where there's not a structure which is enclosed where you're limiting it and people have to walk through a door, through a guard, but people who will walk up and they'll witness and they'll watch this event and there is some type of wagering going on and dogs are fighting that they're going to be charged as felons. I know what you're doing."

Colvin: "I think that's..."

Durkin: "I'm going to support the Bill, but I think that it does, you know, it's... it isn't a very typical MO that these individuals are participating in. It's to find the most secretive location, whether it's in a structure or it's... someone's buried way out in the country. So, I'm just throwing that out as a suggestion to you maybe another day we can... we can address..."

Colvin: "Representative Durkin, I think those are excellent suggestions and if we can... any suggestions to further tighten the Amendment, the Amendment itself was a suggestion of a committee member who... why we did the 'knowingly' part. So, I... I appreciate your line of interest."

Speaker Mautino: "Further questions? The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Reboletti."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Reboletti: "Representative, I know we talked about this in... excuse me, Leader Stephens, could you, please..."

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Representative Colvin, I know we talked about this in committee, but when Representative Molaro carried this Bill last... almost the same Bill... we ended up with a Bill that allowed supervision and 20 hours of community service. I had suggested that maybe we change it to the first disposition as a conviction and that any other disposition after that would be... would be felony eligible. Is that something you might be amenable to in the Senate or at another Amendment here, 'cause I think I share the concerns of Representative Black and Durkin that I don't know if you can have the same penalties for the people that bring the dogs as to the people who watch the dogs. And I realize that you need one and the other to have... to have the fight. So, I still think that the worst actor of the two is probably the person that actually trains the dogs and brings the dogs to the fight and I think that they should be at a higher level not at same plane. What do you... what do you say to that?"

Colvin: "Representative, I would be open to an Amendment in the Senate if they felt that burden of proof could be raised by a decent Amendment. I do beg to differ when the distinction between the two based on the intelligence substance that county sheriffs have gathered in regards to what this crime is and what it does. I think this Bill does a pretty good job of trying to create an overwhelming incentive. I think the argument of handlers versus betters is one that me, personally, don't put a lot of weight on. In regards to the fact that, what's really at stake here are a lot of innocent animals being trained to become

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killers and in the sense that the major incentive to train them to become killers are the individuals who show up and bet on these dogs. So, there's incentive from both groups. To create a distinction between the two, when they both fuel the problem, to me doesn't connect."

Reboletti: "Well, I think one of the things that you did point out in committee which is hard to discern may be the... so the Body understands, is that obviously nobody's going to raise their hand at the fight and say, I brought the dogs. They're going to let the dogs go and everybody stands away from the dogs and so, at that point, everybody could be arrested for what you're alleging... would be alleging in this Bill. Is that... is that correct?"

Colvin: "Just so I know what I'm agreeing to, just repeat that. I couldn't hear you."

Reboletti: "You're basically saying... Mr. Speaker, if we could get some..."

Colvin: "Mr. Speaker, it's a little loud."

Speaker Mautino: "Can we have some order for the Gentlemen."

Reboletti: "I guess one of the things that you did point out in committee and so the Body understands, is that it's very difficult to identify who the person is who brought the dogs versus those that came to actually watch the dog fight. And I think that's one of the things that... and I can appreciate what you're trying to do here... I just have... if you're able to point it out, if they're able to talk to the informants, I still think there should be a heavier penalty on those people who bring the dogs versus those who watch. But I do appreciate you bringing the legislation."

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Colvin: "Thank..."

Speaker Mautino: "Okay. Is there... Further questions? Okay. Seeing no other Members seeking recognition, the Gentleman has moved passage of House Bill 69. Mr. Colvin to close."

Colvin: "I just want to be certain before we close. Mr. Reboletti... Representative, was there another question that we did not answer or... I couldn't hear him, so I wasn't sure if he was asking a question or making a statement."

Speaker Mautino: "Turn Mr. Reboletti's mic on."

Reboletti: "Speaker, thank you. No, I guess the point... you didn't make that point. You made the point in committee about the bad actors and being able to identify them, but I would hope that maybe you would talk to the Senate Sponsor about maybe discerning the two if they are able to be identified. Thank you."

Colvin: "Yes."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens is seeking recognition."

Stephens: "Well, I object. I heard every word he said and I don't know what he said."

Speaker Mautino: "And we'll take that under advisement. Thank you, Sir. Further questions? No one else seeking recognition, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Colvin to close."

Colvin: "I simply would appreciate an 'aye' vote. I think anything we can do to stop this horrible practice is a good step forward. This Bill, like most criminal procedure Bills, is probably not the end all to be all, but I think



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it's a real good first step and I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "On House Bill 69, all in favor vote 'yes'; 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. House Bill 69, having received 113 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', is declared passed. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Introduction and reading of Senate Bills-First Reading. Senate Bill 1186, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 1197, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 1221, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 1252, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. And Senate Bill 1342, offered by Representative Gordon, Careen, a Bill for an Act concerning intermodal facilities. This is the First Reading of these Senate Bills."

Speaker Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. On page 50 of the Calendar, returning to Third Readings, appears House Bill 2239. Majority Leader Currie. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2239, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Majority Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. This is a shell Bill for purposes of substantive language for budget

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implementation purposes. Remember, you'll have a second shot at this Bill whenever it has any substance in it. I'd appreciate your 'aye' vote, so we can begin further discussions about the budget for fiscal 2... 2010."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady has moved passage of House Bill 2239. Is there anyone seeking recognition? Seeing none, all in favor will vote 'yes'; 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. This Bill, having received 66 voting 'yes', 45 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', is declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 2240, appearing on Calendar page 50. Majority Leader Currie."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2240, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, and Members of the House. This, too, is a shell Bill for purposes of budget implementation language. I'd appreciate your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady has moved passage of House Bill 2240. No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; 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, 66 voting 'yes', 47 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. House Bill 2240 is declared passed. Members of the House, all Bills on the House Agreed Bill Calendar, having received the Constitutional

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Majority, are hereby declared passed. The Lady from DuPage is seeking recognition. Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Bellock: "I'm just reminding the Members that the Illinois Chamber is having a breakfast tomorrow morning to discuss Medicaid cost control and patient care and invited everybody to join them at the Abraham Lincoln at 8:00 tomorrow morning. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 3815?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3815 is on the Order of Third Reading."

Speaker Mautino: "Please return that Bill to Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 3721?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3721 is on the Order of Third Reading."

Speaker Mautino: "At the request of the Sponsor, please remove this... return this Bill to Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, the Adjournment Resolution. Excuse me. Mr... Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 199, offered by Representative Coladipietro. House Resolution 202, offered by Representative D'Amico. House Resolution 203, offered by Representative Flider. House Resolution 204, offered by Representative Ryg. House Resolution 205, offered by Representative Turner. House Resolution 206, offered by Representative Acevedo. House

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Resolution 207, offered by Representative Madigan. House  
Resolution 209, offered by Representative Lang."

Speaker Mautino: "(sic-Agreed Resolutions adopted per Journal).  
The Lady from Kane is seeking recognition. Representative  
Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. A point of personal  
privilege."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Chapa LaVia: "I just want to inform everybody. Tomorrow in the  
chapel we have a Bible study that meets and we're reading  
Why I Believe. If anybody would like to join us, we start  
at 7:30 in the morning. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Fulton, Representative  
Smith is seeking recognition."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the Members of the  
Education Committee, we will meet at 9:00 tomorrow morning  
instead of 8. That's 9:00 in Room 114, Elementary &  
Secondary Education."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative  
Turner is seeking recognition."

Turner: "(Horse whinny). Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For those  
Members that are interested in talking about horseracing  
and the horseracing Bills, either on behalf of the tracks  
or the thoroughbreds or the... whatever else there is left to  
run... the harnesses, we will be meeting tomorrow morning at  
1... in Room 115 at 9:30, 9:30 tomorrow morning to discuss  
horseracing legislation. (Horse whinny)."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Reis for a Motion."

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Reis: "Mr. Speaker, I request to suspend the rules to allow for a subject matter only hearing on House Bill 58 tomorrow in the Labor Committee."

Speaker Mautino: "The Motion from Representative Reis to suspend the rules. Seeing no objection, the request is granted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "A time change for tomorrow morning. The Executive Committee will meet at 9 a.m., 9 a.m. the Executive Committee will meet."

Speaker Mautino: "Allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie now moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Wednesday, March 25 at the hour of 10 a.m. All in favor signify by 'aye'; opposed same sign. The Adjournment Resolution is adopted. The House stands adjourned."

Clerk Bolin: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4414, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4415, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4416, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4417, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4418, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4419, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4420, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4421, offered by

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Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Auditor General. House Bill 4422, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4423, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4424, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4425, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4426, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4427, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4428, offered by Speaker... House Bill 4428, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4429, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4430, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning government. First Reading of these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."