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Speaker Turner: "(sic-The House shall come to order.) October 28, 2009. We shall be led in prayer today by Rabbi Howard Lifshitz, who is the Rabbi with Congregation Beth-Judea Synagogue in Longrove, Illinois. Rabbi Lifshitz is the guest of Representative Sente. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers and rise for the invocation and the Pledge. Rabbi Lifshitz."

Rabbi Lifshitz: "Thank you. Oh Lord, what is man that You aren't mindful of him, that You have made him just a bit lower than the angels. Into every man and woman, insignificant in comparison to the size of the universe, You have breathed Your spirit, lifting us up to life, endowing us with the freedom to think for ourselves and to make our own decisions, thus allowing us to ascend towards You, through the performance of good deeds. Here today are gathered the Representatives of our great state. Grant them discernment and insight as they grapple with complex concerns and difficult developments. Renew in them the capacity to listen to each other with open minds, with mutual respect and with an unwavering commitment to serve the best interests of all the citizens of the State of Illinois and to meet the highest ethical expectations. Entrusted with great responsibility by the electorate, may those who serve in this chamber be humble enough to recognize that individually they can accomplish very little and at the same time to also be confident enough to believe that united in common purpose of building a better tomorrow for all who dwell in this land, they can do great things

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and truly reach remarkable heights of achievement. Then Divine One, who endows humanity with vitality and wisdom, may You vouchsafe to them Your guidance and Your support crowning their efforts today and every day with a success that brings blessings to them and to all whom they represent. So may it be now and always, Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge today by the Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Jackson."

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

Speaker Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Colvin and Careen Gordon are excused today."

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

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If you could, let the record reflect that Representative Stephens is excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

Speaker Turner: "The record will so reflect. The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."

Bost: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. It's come to my attention that Representative Coladipietro is also excused today on the Republican side of the aisle."

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Speaker Turner: "The record will so reflect. There are 114 Members present, a quorum being present, we shall proceed with business. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Jakobsson, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 760. Representative Froehlich, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 2188. Representative Fritchey, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I - Civil Law, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 395 and Senate Bill 931. Representative Smith, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' is a Motion to Concur in Senate Amendment #1 and Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 806. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 332 and Senate Bill 728. Representative

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McCarthy, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1946. Representative Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1942; 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 595; 'recommends be adopted' is a Motion to Concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2239. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 390, Senate Bill 747; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 2248; 'recommends be adopted' is a Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 941, and Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1471. Also accept an Amendatory Veto Motion for Senate Bill 1682. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 693, offered by Representative Lyons; House Resolution 695, offered by Representative Jackson; House Resolution 710, offered by Representative Kosel; House Resolution 712, offered by Representative Harris."

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

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to suspend the posting requirements of the Senate Bill 1896, may be heard in the Judiciary II Committee."

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Speaker Turner: "The Lady asks leave to suspend the rules so that Senate Bill 1896 can be heard in the Judiciary Committee. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the request is granted. The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy, for what reason do you rise?"

Eddy: "For purposes of an announcement, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "State your purpose."

Eddy: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I want to call your attention to a memo that may have landed on your desk and got swallowed by the pile. It talks about a breakfast tomorrow morning being host by the State Board of Education and the Illinois Board of Higher Education at 7:15 that'll last 'til about 8:30. The purpose of the breakfast is to unveil some proposals related to the Leader's initiative directed by House Joint Resolution 42 regarding new rules for principal preparation in the state. So, if you have an opportunity in the morning to stop by the Bistro sometime between 7:15 and 8:30, there'll be a presentation regarding that... that findings from that task force. Hope you can make it."

Speaker Turner: "On page 6 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1685. Representative Lyons. This is under the Order of Amendatory Vetoes. Joe Lyons."

Lyons: "Can we take this out of the record for a minute, I don't have the file with me. Please, do you mind?"

Speaker Turner: "That's fine. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to the Order of Amendatory Vetoes. We'll start on page 5 of the Calendar and we'll work our way down. So...

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Representative Will Davis. Out of the record. We'll come back. Representative Fortner, with Senate Bill 1882 on page 6 of the Calendar."

Fortner: "Thank you. Senate Bill 1882, I move to override the Amendatory Veto issued by the Governor. This was a Bill to create a task force to study ways to streamline our educational delivery. The Governor's Veto really went beyond in getting into the details of how we were going to set up carefully crafted set of appointments to make sure that all the stakeholders were covered. I'd be happy to answer any questions and ask for a concurrence with my Motion."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, Representative Fortner moves that Senate Bill 1882 do pass, notwithstanding the specific recommendations for change of the Governor. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting has now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 1 voting 'no'. And this Motion, having received the Supermajority, Senate Bill 1882 is hereby declared passed, notwithstanding the specific recommendations for change of the Governor. Next Bill is Senate Bill 2043, Representative Osterman."

Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to override the Governor's Amendatory Veto on Senate Bill 2043. The legislation deals with Health (sic-Healthcare) and Family Services and the Department of (sic-Public) Health sharing information regarding low birth weight. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, Representative Osterman moves that Senate Bill 2043 do pass, notwithstanding the specific recommendations for change of the Governor. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Lang. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, 113 voting 'aye', 1 voting 'no', 0 'presents'. And this Motion, having received a Supermajority, House... Senate Bill 2043 is hereby declared passed, notwithstanding the specific recommendations for change of the Governor. Representative Lyons on Senate Bill 1685."

Lyons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move to override the Governor's Amendatory Veto on Senate Bill 1685 and to pass the Bill and to have it become a law as we did back in May, when it passed out of here 105 to 0, in the Senate 57 to 0 to 1. So, I'd appreciate your support on the override."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing... seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall... Representative Lyons moves that... I'm sorry. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Excuse me for the late hit on the switch, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for recognizing me. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, is there some overriding reason why when we passed the Smoke-free Illinois Act, which I did not support even though I am a nonsmoker and it has caused all kinds of consternation in my district about businessmen and women, some have gone out of business, some don't like it

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ta da da da da da, but I see that evidently, some kind of smoking is okay. But smoking inside of a business that a private individual owns is not okay. So, why is this kind of smoking okay?"

Lyons: "Mr. Black, you should remember the conversation we had this last May. I know you are on top of so many issues, perhaps you forgot. This is to allow Indian tribes who use smoking as part of their ceremonial process to be allowed to continue so. So, it has a religious overtone to it on behalf of Native Americans. It has nothing to do with a business issue or, you know, smoking in other... under any other circumstances. This applies to Native Americans' ceremonial programs."

Black: "All right."

Lyons: "Remember that, remember this debate?"

Black: "I... I do and I appreciate your indulgence. As I've gotten older I find that I can't even remember what I had for breakfast this morning, let alone what we talked about some months ago. Let me refresh my memory. If... if the Standing Bear Council had some kind of ceremonial in my legislative district and they rented out, or they rented a facility that might be a bar or a restaurant, then as I understand this Bill, they could smoke inside that facility as long as it was part of their ritual or religious ceremony, but then the next day, obviously, it would go back to nonsmoking. Correct?"

Lyons: "That's correct. That's the way I would understand it, yes, Mr. Black."

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Black: "Huh. I... Refresh my memory. Are there a number of Indian tribes who have the consumption of tobacco as part of their ritual or religious beliefs?"

Lyons: "Well, again, the proponents of this thing was the Standing Bear Council. And you know, how large a group of American... Native Americans that includes, I don't know. I am sure it is a large portion of Native Americans here in Illinois that Standing Bear Council has the status to run this Bill on behalf of all Native Americans who do have this ceremony. So, to the best of my knowledge, Mr. Black, it is only for Native Americans, Indians who use this in their religious, ceremonial, or traditional ceremonies that deal with this peace pipe smoking."

Black: "I see. And... and this is, if I heard you correctly, protected by Federal Law, right?"

Lyons: "Yes, correct. That's right."

Black: "Okay. Now, what about the burning of incense in the Catholic Church as a part of their religious ceremony? Are they still allowed to burn incense? I just was at a Catholic Mass not long ago for a funeral of a friend of mine..."

Lyons: "Good for you."

Black: "...and they, you know, a lot of smoke..."

Lyons: "Yeah, they burn incense all the time in Catholic churches when they have benediction or exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. They have the ceremonial incense that is burned in Catholic churches, but again that is not inhaled..."

Black: "All right."

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Lyons: "...directly. I mean, that's not part..."

Black: "Well, I..."

Lyons: "...of a ceremony, it's a incense..."

Black: "Well, I..."

Lyons: "...to honor..."

Black: "I sat on the aisle down front and I did inhale whatever that was. I haven't felt well since, but that's neither here nor there. What about the... and I don't know if I can pronounce it, the Rafasarians or something. I know they have religious ceremonies and they smoke. Rastafarian..."

Lyons: "What group, Mr. Black, which group?"

Black: "Rastafarians. My legal advisor, Representative Durkin, just said it's the Rastafarians."

Lyons: "I don't know. I'm not familiar with that, Mr. Black. You may be more familiar than I am."

Black: "As I recall, they smoke great big, puffy cigarettes."

Lyons: "I'll defer to your experience and your expertise, Mr. Black."

Black: "Yeah. But even though they might be a religion, they're not covered under this."

Lyons: "Not covered by this. This is strictly for Native Americans."

Black: "Well, this is an interesting Bill. I thank you very much and thank you for jogging my memory."

Lyons: "Well, thank you, Representative Black. Always happy to answer your questions and I'm glad that I can."

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

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Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Bill. As you let me take up a point that may be more insightful than Representative Black realized. It is not necessarily the Rastafarians but the Coptic Indians. This issue, we've got to be careful of how we handle this Bill. This issue under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act actually has repercussions before... beyond this. The Bill doesn't deal simply with tobacco, but with any smoking product: weed, herbs, et cetera. There are religious exemptions that have been sought to be claimed by other groups. I will tell you that I see what we're doing right now and why we are trying to do it. People should be aware that the door may be open here to a federal challenge of the State Law for giving preference to one religion over another based on their religious practices. While American and Native Indian tribes may use tobacco in furtherance of their religious ceremonies, there are other recognized religions that do use marijuana and other herbs in furtherance of their religious ceremonies. There is a question as to how that law and how the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, both in Illinois and the U.S., will harmonize or not harmonize with this Act. So, Joe, I'm not putting you on the spot, I'm not asking you a question, I just want to put people on notice that it's actually a bigger and more interesting, a little trickier issue than some people may think. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Joe to close."

Lyons: "Appreciate your 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the quest... Representative Lyons move that Senate Bill 1685 do pass, notwithstanding specific recommendations for change of the Governor. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Clerk shall take the record. On this question, 113 voting 'aye', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Motion, having received the Supermajority, Senate Bill 1685 is hereby declared passed, notwithstanding the specific recommendations for change of the Governor. Representative Dugan on Senate Bill 1682."

Dugan: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to accept the Amendatory Veto of the Governor on Senate Bill 1682. All it does is change the date from January... that it takes effect from January 1 to January 31."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Indicates she will."

Brady: "Representative, was this going to be rolled into other legislation dealing with cemeteries?"

Dugan: "I'm not sure, Representative. I mean, nobody's come to me and asked me if it could be."

Brady: "Okay. Thank you very much. Thanks."

Dugan: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

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

Speaker Turner: "Indicates she will."

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Eddy: "Representative, as I recall, when this... this legislation was debated last spring there were... there were a significant number of votes in opposition to the legislation. Can you tell me if between the time the Bill was voted on in the spring and now there's been any removing of any opposition, the original opposition?"

Dugan: "No, I don't believe so, Representative, but of course it's... it was just to... the Amendatory Veto, of course, just changed the effective date from January 1 to the 31. So that's all I'm addressing is just the Amendatory Veto, that I'm accepting it be effective January 31 instead of the 1."

Eddy: "So, but it would be fair to say that those people, and I would caution the Body to take a look at the Roll Call on this Bill from the spring. It's fair to say that if you opposed the Bill in the spring, possibly you still oppose the Bill. The fact that the date of implementation was changed probably doesn't do anything to remove your opposition. It's just simply a date change. So, we move on these Bills real quickly and I want to make sure the Body takes a look at the Roll Call on this. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from McLean, Representative Brady, you spoke once."

Brady: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to see if I could have a follow-up question of the Representative."

Speaker Turner: "Go ahead."

Brady: "Thank you very much. Representative, just briefly can you explain any change on the Bill that deals with... substantive nature of any funeral homes that would have trusts or investments in a local financial institutions,

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how this would... legislation would affect them as far as not only the financial institution, how it would affect the financial institution, but the funeral home that has the deposits on record with those financial institutions?"

Dugan: "Representative, and again, I mean, I haven't changed the context of the Bill that was debated on the floor for quite a long time in the spring when we had talked about it. If you're asking specifically, as far as I think there is some discussion and I think some of that came out in some of the task force hearings that have been being held. So, I think some of the issues that... that some people had, you know, are going to be addressed or at least being talked about in task force. But this Bill has not changed from what it was when we passed it in the spring."

Brady: "I... I understand that. But in committee, in Executive Committee, when we dealt with this today, the Bill was presented for you. There was discussion from the Comptroller's Office about negotiable operations in language within this that has a clarification, I guess, that has changed and I'd like to try and get that on the record. So, I don't know if it's possible, if you'd be kind enough to take it out of the record just temporarily until maybe we could get some clearance on that and then we could hopefully, move the Bill after that. If you'd be amenable to that."

Dugan: "Well, and Representative, I mean, I... I am not quite sure what your... what the reason or what we're going to change. All I'm saying is, is the only thing different in this Bill that I passed in the spring is the effective date

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takes effect January 31 instead of January 1 and I believe some of the opposition to this Bill in the spring was because many felt because of the task force that were set up that maybe there could be some new recommendations. So, this particular Bill, again, is not changing anything from what I had originally passed except the effective date from January 31 to January 1. So, I am not sure taking it out of the record is going to change anything, because it's the same Bill that we passed in the spring."

Brady: "Representative, what I'm trying to do is help inform my colleagues that if we could share some information with you I think it would be helpful, you could share with the Body and I think we could probably provide that for you through the Comptroller's Office. If we could just wait a few minutes here and have them maybe come in, maybe he's there right now. Mr. Mayer might be able to assist you of which I'm trying to do the same."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Lyons in the Chair."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dugan, are you responding to that, or is the conversation finished?"

Dugan: "Yes. Representative Brady."

Brady: "Yes, Representative."

Dugan: "I just, thank you for, and I just got some information. So, the CDs that some of our funeral directors may have, some of this money in CDs that... that is a negotiable item and they don't have to cash them out and receive any penalty. They just assign them to the trustee, the new trustee. Does that... I'm sorry. Does that answer your question?"

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Brady: "Yes, thank you, Representative. I just wanted to make it clear to especially the Members on my side of the aisle that when we first discussed this, this is changing the effective date, but also that through financial institutions to help the funeral homes that have records of deposit on in those institutions there isn't a negotiable option that I think we're going to help try and to educate folks through financial institutions on, so it does make a difference. We've clarified that point. So, I appreciate it. Thank you very much."

Dugan: "Thank you, Representative."

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

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Representative, all... all you're doing is asking us to affect the Governor's or to accept the Governor's Amendatory Veto which delays the effective date until January 31, 2010. Is that correct?"

Dugan: "Correct, Representative, that's what I'm doing."

Black: "So that gives almost 12 months, or actually a little longer than that. The ongoing scandal of the IFDA so-called trust fund, I... I guess it's in court as memory serves me. On the underlying Bill, I didn't see where the underlying Bill, other than the section on the life insurance transparency, would have done much to stop this 10, 15, 20, I don't know how many millions of dollars in pre-need funds are in fact not present and I know funeral directors and constituents of mine have had a heck of a problem with this. When it comes time for the burial, the decedent was supposed to have 2300, 3500 dollars in the

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pre-need account and some of them were told, well, there's only a thousand dollars in the account. But that gets to the actual Bill and not your Motion before us. What... what... what is to be gained by delaying the effective date?"

Dugan: "The... the Governor put the Amendatory Veto on..."

Black: "Okay."

Dugan: "...and explained to me that because there are task force that had been set up, both in the Governor's as well as in the House, that he wanted... he thought it best to delay the enacting date 'til the end of the month because the task forces' recommendations are due at the end of the year. So, instead of making it effective January 1, it would be January 31, which would give the task force time to also make possible other recommendations."

Black: "But in the meantime, the underlying... the underlying language of the Bill, assuming there are no Amendments, and we're not scheduled to be back during this time. The underlying language in the Bill then becomes law on February 1, correct?"

Dugan: "Yes, January 31, yes."

Black: "Well, I didn't like the... I didn't like the language in the underlying Bill. Well, I... I... I appreciate your indulgence. I... I don't know what we gain by moving this back until January 31 of 2010, but I suppose we might need... might get a little information. But I didn't think the underlying Bill was very good to begin with, and I don't think moving it back a couple of months is going to make it any better. So I intend to vote 'no'."

Dugan: "Thank you, Representative."

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Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Ken Dunkin. Representative Dugan to close."

Dugan: "Thank you. Again, I just want to remind the House that this was a Bill that we debated and was passed back in the spring and the only thing that has changed in this Bill at all is the effective date. Instead of January 1, it will be January 31. So I would like an 'aye' vote to accept the Amendatory Veto. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "So, Gordon (sic-Dugan) moves to accept the specific recommendations that the Governor has to House... to Senate Bill 1682. 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 Schmitz. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 92 Members voting 'yes', 22 Members voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Supermajority, House Bill 16... Senate Bill 1682 is hereby declared passed, notwithstanding the recommendations for change by the Governor. Representative Will Davis, on page 5 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 47 on a Motion to override. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to override the Amendatory Veto on Senate Bill 47. This was the Bill that will require agencies to post on the Comptroller's Web site per unit cost for services rendered. While we appreciate the Governor's Amendatory Veto, we think that that's something that we can address in a trailer Bill in the

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spring. So, I ask for your vote on the Motion to override."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion to override the Governor's Veto. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Jim Durkin."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Durkin: "Representative, what is the position of the Comptroller's Office since this is going to be the agency that has to administer and go along with this? What... what position have they taken on the legislation?"

Davis, W.: "This is an initiative of the Comptroller's Office."

Durkin: "Our side says it's otherwise. In any event, do they support the Amendatory Veto of the Governor?"

Davis, W.: "Well they are supporting Senator Pankau's override of the... of the complete override of the Veto. And again, what our plan was, is because the Governor's Office is just recognizing that there may be some instances where you can't always identify a per-unit cost, based on the language of the Amendatory Veto, our plan is to come in the spring with a trailer Bill that essentially puts the AV language into the statute to allow that flexibility for agencies like CMS."

Durkin: "Well then, why wouldn't we just now... why wouldn't we accept the Amendatory Veto if that's what we are going to be planning to do in next Session?"

Davis, W.: "I guess you'd have to ask Senator Pankau that question."

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Durkin: "Well..."

Davis, W.: "I am following her lead on this one, Sir."

Durkin: "That's somewhere I'm not going. But I don't think I can support this, 'cause I think that the Amendatory Veto is sufficient 'cause it does give some flexibility on some of the issues that these agencies have. So... I wish that we would have another position. We'd be better off that we accept the Amendatory Veto, but I'm not going to be able to support this Motion."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Black: "Thank you. Representative, you said this was an initiative of the Comptroller's Office and yet, staff on our side of the aisle says the Comptroller had no position on the original Bill."

Davis, W.: "Well, Representative, when I was approached about carrying the Senate Bill, I was approached by the Comptroller's Office that they had approached Senator Pankau about moving this Bill and they subsequently approached me about it. So, I can't speak to whatever is on your staff's analysis, incorrect or otherwise, but the Comptroller's Office, as I have talked to them, is in favor of this legislation. It has no problem with the Override Motion."

Black: "What... what exactly are we asking vendors to do? Provide the applicable rate and unit of measurement of goods, supplies, or services on the contract obligation

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document as required by the Comptroller. If I submit a bid for 250 thousand paper clips, do I have to list the rate per paper clip?"

Davis, W.: "I think that's essentially what they're saying, Sir, is a per-unit cost for whatever the item is that's being contracted for."

Black: "And when would I post that? Prior to the awarding of the contract or after the awarding of the contract?"

Davis, W.: "When the contract's awarded, I'm being told, Representative."

Black: "Well, I think following up on what Representative Durkin said, I don't know why we're doing this, because if I'm a competitor and after the contract is awarded I see that the unit rate is .00012 per paper clip, I get into my computer people, I say, can we beat that. It would seem to me like we're doing... that we're requiring a vendor to give proprietary information which would then be used against that vendor on the next bid process."

Davis, W.: "Well, Representative, if I have understood some of your comments about the state being more fiscally responsible over the..."

Black: "I won't live long enough to see that."

Davis, W.: "...over the months. Well, I'm just saying, though. So, if we're talking about putting information like that on the Internet, obviously that's information that the public would want to see. And as far as other vendors are concerned, while they may have won the bid that time, the next time that contract comes around, because it will come around again, there's an opportunity for someone else who

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may be bidding to see exactly what the last vendor paid or is getting paid, if you will, for that unit cost. So they can offer the state a better price."

Black: "Okay."

Davis, W.: "I think you can appreciate that."

Black: "I... that... now it begins to make sense. So, if I'm a vendor, and I know what I bid and that... the bid that I then see on the Web site is... Okay. You're trying to do a little transparency then, right?"

Davis, W.: "I... I think that's a great word, Representative, transparency."

Black: "Now... now I... now I understand, because I have had vendors who've said... have come to my office and said, I know my bid was lower than the one they took. And they give me some, not the Comptroller's Office necessarily, but somebody at CMS says well, yes, but your competitor's quality was better, or the delivery was better, or he had a nice red package and yours was blue. So, what you're doing then, is setting something out there where the public and all vendors can look on there and say, I couldn't beat that price and the public can then look at it and say, that's a fair price."

Davis, W.: "Absolutely, Representative."

Black: "Now, it begins to make sense. I appreciate your indulgence. Thank you."

Davis, W.: "Thank you."

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

Miller: "Just... just a quick question. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Miller: "In regards to the... the underlying legislation was to help with transparency, I looked at the analysis here dealing with the procurement law and just to have some sense of... of comparison with one product to the next is that the... my understanding of what the initial legislation?"

Davis, W.: "Yes."

Miller: "Okay. And what the... the... the Amendatory Veto essentially talked about, so it says, it recommends that the Bill be amended to... to the condition or requirement that the contracting agency provide the rate for unit of measure upon the availability of that information. In a concise sort of way, what is the availability that they're talking about in the... the Amendatory Veto, as you know, Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Well, essentially what the Amendatory Veto is asking is, was essentially in the underlying Bill. But again, because we're trying to override this Veto, we're simply saying that we'd like the opportunity to possibly come back in the spring with a trailer Bill that would incorporate the language of the Amendatory Veto."

Miller: "And this information would be provided on the Web site as listed here."

Davis, W.: "Absolutely."

Miller: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Davis to close."

Davis, W.: "I ask for a 'yes' vote."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Davis moves that Senate Bill 47 do pass, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor. All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, this Motion having received the Supermajority, by 114 'yeas', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. This Bill's hereby declared passed, notwithstanding the specific recommendations for change of the Governor. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my privilege to announce a former Member of the House of Representatives and a former Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois, by Renee Kosel on the Republican side, Representative... former Representative, former State Lieutenant Governor, Corinne Wood, welcome home, Corinne. Rules, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rules Report. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson to the Committee on the Rules, to which the following legislative measure and/or joint action Motions were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'approved for floor consideration' referred to the Order of Concurrences is House Bill 1195. A Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to that Bill, House Bill 1195, is referred to... is approved for consideration on the floor. Senate Bill 1846, Amendment #2 to that Bill is approved for consideration, and Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 2109."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Cynthia Soto, you rise for a point of personal privilege, Representative?"

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Soto: "Yes, I do. Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I'd just like to introduce my mother and my two sisters. And I just want to let... let them know how much I love them and appreciate everything they do for me."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield, Mom. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Jim Durkin."

Durkin: "Point of... point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Representative."

Durkin: "I'd like to recognize the John Marshall Law School who is here today up in the gallery. We have a number of students who have joined us along with one of the former staff members for the House Democrats, Kevin Hull, who is now on faculty at the John Marshall Law School. We have a number of Members here in the House, I'm looking at one right now. I think we have approximately five or six Members who are graduates of John Marshall who are Members of the House of Representatives and also a great number in the State Senate. It's an outstanding school and I am pleased to say that they got their Bar results back and they were 92 percent passage rate on the first time. And also there is a reception this evening at the Sangamo Club, which I hope you all can stop by and talk to the students. They're down here to watch, the sausage making, I mean the legislative process for the day. But we're very proud of John Marshall Law School. I happen to serve on the board of trustees as well. So, I'm even more proud of what they've been able to accomplish over the years. So, thank

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you very much for joining us and if we could give them a warm Springfield welcome, I'd appreciate it."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to the Capitol, John Marshall Law School. Glad to have you. Representative Dugan, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Dugan: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Dugan: "Fellow House Members, if I could have your attention. I'd like to introduce, next to me here, Austin Cote. He's an Eagle Scout and he's from my district. And of course, I think we all know the Eagle Scout is the highest award you can get in the Boy Scouting field. And so I am very proud of him. He's here shadowing me today. I think his mother is up somewhere, Gerri Cote, but again an Eagle Scout and seeing our youth make these kinds of accomplishments I think deserves a round of applause. So, please welcome Austin. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Congratulations, proud to have you on the floor. Representative Lashawn Ford, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Representative?"

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I would like to rise in point of personal privilege of Mike Reever from John Marshall Law School. He was a former staff member for me in my office and he left me to be a lawyer. So, I congratulate him and thank you, Mike Reever."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative. Enjoy your day. On the Order of House Bill-Concurrences, on page 5 of the

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Calendar, Representative Mike Fortner, you have House Bill 806."

Fortner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 806, to remind the Members, had to do with recognizing that certain students who were not yet six years old had already gone through a full kindergarten class and should be permitted to go into first grade. The Senate has amended that and has further tightened and made more specific exactly what those terms would be and has added some other associated provisions. And I would be happy to answer any questions and would ask for you 'aye' vote on the concurrence."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 806?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. This is final action. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Cultra, Shane. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 3 Members voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Supermajority... this question, having received 113 votes in the positive... the House does concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 806 and this Motion carries. Representative John Bradley, on page 8 of the Calendar, on the Order of Resolutions, you have House Resolution 674. Representative John Bradley.

Bradley: "Yeah. I... I thought I'd already passed this, but this would designate the second Tuesday in October in 2009 and

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2010 as Food Service Workers Day. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 674 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed vote... say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 674 is adopted."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Black, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Inquiry the Chair, if I might."

Speaker Lyons: "State your inquiry, Sir."

Black: "Thank you. I just received this copy of the House Bulletin, always informational, always on the best seller list. I was looking under the information section and I see there's going to be a juice machine outside of the chamber tomorrow, a juice machine. Would that be 'Juice' Williams, related to 'Juice' Williams, the quarterback at the University of Illinois or is this a different kind of juice?"

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Black, I guess we're just going to have to wait and see what shows up. Usually, a juice machine means a nonhuman piece of machinery..."

Black: "Well, now keep in mind, we grew..."

Speaker Lyons: "... but we never know. I mean, some of those..."

Black: "...You and I grew up in Chicago and we have a whole..."

Speaker Lyons: "'Juice' Williams looks almost like a machine at times quarterbacking the University of Illinois, I agree."

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Black: "Well... You and I have a whole different definition of 'juice', but since they have a machine... I see that the juice will be free. Mr. Speaker, I know that there is no free juice. Will you accept donations if I take a cup of juice?"

Speaker Lyons: "Just wait 'til tomorrow, Mr. Black. We'll just play it by ear..."

Black: "All right."

Speaker Lyons: "...and see how tomorrow..."

Black: "And then this last sentence, juice container may not be taken to the House Floor without a lid? What if they don't give us a lid?"

Speaker Lyons: "Those are standard operating procedures here on the House Floor, as I know you well know and are familiar with. If we're going to bring something on the House Floor, it has to have a lid."

Black: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. We just passed Food Service Workers Day in a Resolution. I am going to ask before we adjourn, sine die next year that you'll join with me and bring in juice, water, Pepsi-Cola and a Chicago-style hot dog and we're allowed to eat and drink at our desk on the House Floor. We're all adults. I won't spill; if I do, I'll clean it up. I mean, give me a break here. I've got a Medicare card. I'm a senior citizen. I can ride buses for free, unless you take that away from me later today, but I can't eat on the House Floor. I can't drink on the House Floor. I... I ask you, Ladies and Gentlemen, where's the fairness in that? Where's the fairness, Mr. Speaker? One of these days the

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House will rise as one and we will eat on the House Floor and then throw mustard packets at a certain Chief of Staff."

Speaker Lyons: "I'm at a loss for words, Mr. Black. Thank you very much for your comments. Representative Chapa LaVia, you have a Resolution, House Resolution 572. Do you wish to call that Resolution, Representative? The Chair recognizes Representative Chapa LaVia on House Resolution 572."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Members of the House. The House Resolution just congratulates Pastor Paul Hernandez of Casa del Alfarero, a church in Aurora for 50 years of ministry and his 75th birthday. And I would ask for its adoption. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Seeing no discussion, all those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 572 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 572 is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are going to proceed to the Supplemental Calendar, House Calendar, Supplemental 1. So everybody should have received a copy of the Supplemental Calendar. I'm just going to read through it. If you want to move your Bill to the Order of Third Reading, give me the heads-up and we'll proceed with that. Senate Bill 332, Representative Saviano. Read the Bill Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 332, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Motions. No Amendments filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill... on Second Reading. Representative Mautino, you have Senate Bill 390 in the Supplemental Calendar. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 390, a Bill for an Act concerning city government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill, hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Riley, Senate Bill 395. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 395, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading for this Senate Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Move that Bill to the Order of Third Reading. Representative Gordon, you have Senate Bill 595. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 595, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Representative Miller has Senate Bill 728. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 728, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. Representative Acevedo has Senate Bill 747. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 747, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Representative Howard has Senate Bill 760. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 760, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mautino has Senate Bill 931. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 931, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading, Mr. Clerk. Representative McAuliffe has Senate Bill.. Amendment.. Senate Bill 1942. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1942, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Move that Bill to the Order of Third Reading. Representative Currie has Senate Bill 1946. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1946, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading, Mr. Clerk. Representative Winters, you have has Senate Bill 2188. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2188, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Finally Mr. Clerk, on the Supplemental Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2248 for Representative Joyce. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2248, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 690, offered by Representative Durkin. House Resolution 691, offered by Representative Mautino. House Resolution 692, offered by Representative Reitz. House Resolution 694, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 694, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 696, offered by Representative McGuire. House Resolution 697, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 698, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 699, offered by Representative Burns. House Resolution 700, offered by Representative Burns. House Resolution 701, offered by Representative Eddy. House Resolution 702, offered by Representative Collins. House Resolution 703, offered by Representative Durkin. House Resolution 704, offered by Representative Cavaletto. House Resolution 705, offered by Representative Jakobsson. House Resolution 706, offered by Representative Mathias. House Resolution 707, offered by Representative Lyons. House Resolution 708, offered by Representative Flider. House Resolution 709, offered by Representative Flider. House Resolution 711, offered by Representative

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Reitz. House Resolution 713, offered by Representative
Rose. House Resolution 714, offered by Representative
Rose. House Resolution 715, offered by Representative
Brauer. House Resolution 716, offered by Representative
Cross. And House Resolution 717, offered by Representative
D'Amico."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Miller moves for the adoptions
of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by
saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of
the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions
are adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, the committee schedule
is being circulated. It should be coming on your desk.
It's on a goldenrod piece of paper, but the Clerk will read
the schedules of committees for after Session. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "The following committees will meet immediately
following Session: Elementary & Secondary Education in
Room 118, Elections & Campaign Finance Reform in Room 122B,
Financial Institutions in Room 114, Higher Education in
Room C-1, Judiciary -Criminal Law, Jud II, in Room D-1."

Speaker Lyons: "And now, seeing that no further business will
be coming before the House of Representatives and allowing
perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative David Miller
moves that the House stand adjourned until the hour of 10
a.m. on Thursday, October 29. All those in favor of the
adjournment signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say
'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and
allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House stands
adjourned 'til the hour of 10 a.m., Thursday, October 29."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Elections & Campaign Reform, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 146. Representative Boland, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' accept Amendatory Veto Motion on Senate Bill 1698. Representative Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary II-Criminal Law, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1896; 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 1369; accepts Amendatory Veto Motion to Senate Bill 1050. Representative Brosnahan, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on October 28, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 253. Introduction and reading of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 4665, offered by Representative Davis, Monique, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4666, offered by Representative Davis, Monique, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4667, offered by Representative D'Amico, a Bill

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for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4668, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4669, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. And House Bill 4670, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bills -Second Reading. Senate Bill 1896, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."