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Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 251, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 252, offered by Representative Ann Williams and House Joint Resolution 27, offered by Representative Winters."

Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We ask the Members and their guests to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Today we will have two invocations, so today shall be a very holy day here in the House of Representatives. First we shall be led in prayer by His Eminence Francis Cardinal George. Cardinal George is the guest of Speaker Madigan."

Cardinal George: "Let us pray. Almighty and ever loving God, draw near we pray to those who gather here in service to the people of Illinois. Bless those they bring with them to this Assembly; their constituents, their loved ones, the sick, the poor, those who are in need of help from their neighbors make our state neighborly. Concerned about what is best for those You have given us to know and love and serve on the path of this life. In our search for and our dedication to what is genuinely the common good of all, enlighten our minds and open our hearts so that our paths may lead to what is Your will for Your people now and in the life to come. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven and when we find joy in doing it, save us from ourselves, preserve us in Your grace, bless our country,

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our state and this House so that turned from every evil we may find hope in You our God, living and true, now and forever, Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "Next we shall be led in prayer by Senior Pastor Samuel Duren who is with the Zion Baptist Church in Peoria. Pastor Duren is the guest of Representative David Leitch."

Pastor Duren: "May we bow our heads. Father, though we come today to stand to represent our citizens, our countrymen and definitely the State of Illinois, we ask You to shine upon this place as the Representatives, men and women, come here to debate, to argue, to come to consensus of celebrating and observing liberties, rights and justice. We ask that You continue to support them, guide them and direct them and bless this place as You always do. In our Lord's name we pray, Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Mathias."

Mathias - 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 Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the excused absence of Representative Mendoza."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Beaubien, Durkin, Kosel, Mulligan, and

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Stephens are excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 110 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 43, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 139, Floor amendment #3 to House Bill 192, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2086, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2104, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3027 and Floor amendment #1 to House Bill 3489. Representative Greg Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 164, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1152 and Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 1937; do pass, as amended Standard Debate is House Bill 2058. Representative Osterman, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2607. Representative Ford, Chairperson from the Committee on Tollway Oversight reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2270. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary-Civil Law reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: do pass as amended Standard Debate

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is House Bill 3005; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1032 and Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1552. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 929. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: approved for floor consideration is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 94, Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 159, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 181 and Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2056."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Joe Lyons in the Chair. Representative Monique Davis, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Davis, M.: "Mr. Chairman, I'd like to table Amendment 2 to House Bill 159."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold on one second, Representative."

Davis, M.: "Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Davis, which Amendment do you wish to table?"

Davis, M.: "Two, Amendment 2."

Speaker Lyons: "Amendment #2. I've been advised by the Chief of Staff the Amendment is in the Rules Committee, Representative, so you don't have to... you don't have to table it."

Davis, M.: "Okay. So we would like to address Amendment 3."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Davis, let's let the Chief of Staff and the Clerk get back to you in a minute on that."

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Davis, M.: "Thank you, just..."

Speaker Lyons: "Okay? They'll get right back to you."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Sir. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Jill Tracy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Tracy: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Tracy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is a very special day on this side of the aisle. We have two distinguished Members who are celebrating birthdays. My seatmate Representative JoAnn Osmond has a birthday today and behind me Senator Ed Sullivan also has a birthday. So please wish them a happy birthday today."

Speaker Lyons: "Happy birthday you guys. God bless you. Have a great, happy, healthy year. Ladies and Gentlemen, we will take leave of the Chair to introduce some special guests. As we all know, Cardinal George did our invocation. Shhh. But we're blessed today with having several bishops here from throughout the great State of Illinois. We have Bishop Tom Paprocki from Springfield. We have Bishop Joseph Siegel from Joliet. We have Bishop Dan Jenky from Peoria. We have Bishop Joe Perry and Frank Kane, Auxiliary Bishops from Chicago, and of course Cardinal Francis George. Let's give a long round of applause for our catholic bishops here in Chicago... here in Springfield. Representative Watson for a personal privilege."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Please help me in giving a warm welcome to the kids

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from the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired and the Illinois School for the Deaf. These kids come from all across the state and live in Jacksonville. So, please say hi to them."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield. Enjoy your day. We're proud to have you here. Representative Sandy Cole."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Cole: "Thank you. I would like to have the House welcome a very special group of people from the Lake County Center of Independent Living. Heather Barcal is the program director and she's joined here by Curtis Robinson, Sharon Rose and Craig Blalock."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield. Enjoy your day. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, we actually do have some House business to do for the rest of the day here, so we'll start with some Third Readings on peoples'... individual's lists of priorities of Bills. So, we'll start. Representative Dan Beiser, on page 24 of the Calendar on the Order of Third Readings, you have House Bill 1573. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1573, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dan Beiser."

Beiser: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1573 is an initiative of the United Transportation Union and simply requires that contract carrier vehicles transporting railroad employees in the course of their employment be

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equipped with a readily available first aid kit. I'd answer any questions and I'd ask for your support."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 1573 pass?' 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? Have all voted who wish? Representative Phelps, Reitz, back row? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Biss in the neighborhood? Representative Dan Biss, you have, on the Order of Third Reading, House Bill 2937. Out of the record. Representative Kelly Burke, on the Order of Third Readings you have, on page 27 of the Calendar, House Bill 3365. Out of the record. Representative Will Burns. Alderman, you have, on the Order of Third Readings, on page 28 of the Calendar House Bill 3597. Out of the record. Leader Michael Bost, you have, on the Order of Third Readings, House Bill 19. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 19, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 19 just strictly deals with an issue of unclaimed property. After it's been amended, basically what it does is any property value over a thousand dollars, when the

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Treasurer sends out notice... or when... before the Treasurer is given notice of the unclaimed property, the people holding the property must send both certified mail and regular mail to noted... of a notice to the person of the property to make sure that they will have the opportunity to come and claim that property before it gets turned over to the state to then be... try to receive it... find them."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation on House Bill 19. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 19 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 Howard, Mayfield, Mell. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Amendment... Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Brown. Representative Mike Fortner, you have, on page 23 of the Calendar, on the Order of Third Readings, House Bill 1359. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1359, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

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

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 1359 is an initiative of the Fire Caucus and the fire protection districts and it deals with a situation where we have the occasions where under our current open burning provisions the weather conditions really would create a

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hazard for the firefighters, should it get out of control, hot, dry, windy days. And what this Bill does is it, for those specific cases where the weather conditions would warrant it and the scale of the burning that is being proposed because right now open burning of this sort would notify the fire chief, the fire chief can say, hold off, you can't do it now. He can temporarily stop the burning because of lack of equipment, lack of weather con... and bad weather conditions. I would note that the current agricultural exemption in the language is not affected by this Bill. Some earlier analysis had suggested the Farm Bureau was opposed. I've spoken with the Farm Bureau, confirmed again earlier today, they are not... they are not in opposition to this Bill. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "...the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Representative, I just wanted to double check. Would this be done, is there public notice if he, the fire chief, decides that today is low humidity, high winds? Does he put out a public service announcement to warn people or how... what's the process for this?"

Fortner: "The process right now, under the current law, a group that was seeking to do an open burn that was not covered by the agricultural exemption, they would have to notify their local fire chief or his designee that they were going to do that burn as a courtesy. That's the current law. What this Bill would do would then allow the chief, when

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notified, to say, when they got to the date of the scheduled burn, to give notice back to say temporarily you cannot..."

Winters: "Okay."

Fortner: "...do the burn this day because the scale of the burn, should it get out of control given these weather conditions, is more than our equipment can handle."

Winters: "Okay."

Fortner: "So that's why it's a two part test; it's the weather and the equipment. So if it's a small burn that isn't going to be affecting a large amount of equipment, there'd be no reason for the fire chief to ban it."

Winters: "Okay."

Fortner: "He's got to meet that two part test."

Winters: "But this is a step that he would, the fire chief would have direct contact with the person that was going to be doing the burning. The verbal..."

Fortner: "Right. That's already by law they had to notify the chief..."

Winters: "Okay."

Fortner: "...of their intent."

Winters: "Okay. I guess I'd been using the agricultural exemption and noti..."

Fortner: "That's..."

Winters: "...out of courtesy I notify the fire district, but haven't always done that. Okay. Thank you, Michael."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Chapin Rose."

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Rose: "Thank you, to the Bill. I want to salute the Sponsor for managing to pull this off. This has been a much needed legislation for a long time to use the control burn process to prevent fires in the first place. So, I know that having been familiar with this issue in the past and as a member of the Fire Caucus, I want to compliment the Sponsor for being able to herd the relative parties here into a neutral position with the EPA. And so, I'm glad you're doing this and I look forward to voting for it. It's very important to stop fires in the first place through the use of control burn. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Fortner to close."

Fortner: "Thank you. Again, this is simply a commonsense extension that when the fire district is notified, if that... if the conditions and the equipment warrant that it's not the right day to do the burn, lets the chief temporarily hold off. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 1359 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 Bost, Brauer, Leitch, Jerry Mitchell, the back row boys, Republicans. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 110 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Rose, for a point of personal privilege."

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Rose: "Yes, thank you, Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen... Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could direct your attention briefly to the Speaker's Gallery. We are honored today to have with us several American heroes. And if I could, Mr. Speaker, if we could ask the noise level to come down."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, please, give your undivided attention to this. Shhh."

Rose: "These gentlemen have earned... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These gentlemen have earned our respect. We are lucky today to have several members of the Mahomet American Legion with us and I would ask each rise as I recognize them and read their name, and then we'll talk a little bit about their service to our country and then, if we could, at the end I'd like to thank them as a Body. Paul Brehart, United States Navy, served in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star. Thank you, Paul. Cecil Blakely, United States Army - Vietnam era, Good Conduct Medal. Thank you, Cecil. Richard Darr, U.S. Army, Specialist 4. Thank you, Richard. Mike Dyson, United States Army, served in Vietnam. Thank you, Mike. Andy Harpst, retired, United States Navy. Thank you, Andy. Tom Harpst, his father, United States Navy Vietnam era veteran. James Hitchins, United States Army, served in World War II with many medals and distinctions. Bud Hooser. Where's Bud? Thank you, Bud. United States Marine Corp, served in Vietnam, many awards and medals. And I want to say thank you to Bud for personally helping organize this. Harold Huffman, United States Army Air Corps, World War II prisoner of war, Air Medal, four oak leaf clusters. I asked him if he wanted me

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to say anything else special about his career and he asked me and replied, could you please recognize my grandchildren who are here also in service. Major Dennis Huffman, Illinois Army National Guard, a veteran of Iraq and Kosovo; Special Agent, Illinois State Police, Jody Huffman; and, his granddaughter Jennifer Edwards-Bertrand who serves the Lord as a reverend in the United Methodist Church. Thank you, Huffman family. William Jones, United States Army Reserves. Arthur Leenerman. Many of you may know the United States... the U.S.S. Indianapolis sunk and many of our soldiers, our brave soldiers went into the ocean. Mr. Leenerman is a survivor of the U.S.S. Indianapolis. It was sunk on its way home from delivering the first atomic bomb that was subsequently dropped on Hiroshima. Thank you, Mr. Leenerman. General Don Lynn, retired Adjutant General of the State of Illinois appointed by Governor Edgar, received the Legion of Merit, the oak leaf cluster and the Department of Defense Lifetime Achievement Award for the creation of Lincoln's Challenge Program, which many of you in this chamber know and appreciate Lincoln's Challenge. Thank you, General Lynn. John Opolka, United States Army, Korean War. Thank you, John. Lloyd Primmer, United States Marine Corps, World War II veteran. Thank you, Lloyd. Michael Wattles, United States Army, Vietnam era. Thank you, Michael. Phillip Wilhelm, United States Marine Corps, Bronze Star with valor, Purple Heart and several other citations and a retired Champaign city police officer. Thank you, Phillip. Jerry Wilson, Army Aviation, Vietnam era. I appreciate and I want to convey, on behalf of the

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Illinois House of Representatives and the people of Illinois, your service to our country, we appreciate that very much. And I think it would only be appropriate if we all give them a big round of applause."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Rose, it doesn't get any better than that. Thank you so much for giving us the joy of meeting those Illinois heroes. God bless you, God love you all. Back to the Order of Third Readings on House Calendar, page 26. Representative Biss, I believe you're ready for House Bill 2937. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2937, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Biss."

Biss: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2937 is a modest Amendment to the Roadside Memorial Act. The way the Roadside Memorial Act works is similar to an existing program for DUIs. If a citizen is killed in a road accident, it is possible... it is now... the Act enables the citizen to request, at their... the citizen's family I should say, to request at their own cost that a marker be placed on the roadside to memorialize the accident. The way the initial legislation was passed last year, the authorization sunsetted at the end of the calendar year 2011 and in... by the end of September of 2011, IDOT was meant to give us a report about how the program was going. There have been no complaints about the report. It's been meaningful for several families that have been subjected to tragedy. The reason for this Amendment is simply that there wouldn't necessarily be time between when that report came in and

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the end of the calendar year to extend the sunset. This Bill extends the sunset until the end of calendar year 2012, thus enabling us to, presuming that the report indicates it's been a successful program, to lift the sunset altogether in the Session next spring. I'd... happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You heard the Gentleman's explanation, is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 2937 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? Chapa LaVia. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Brown, on the Order of Third Readings on page 27 of the Calendar you have House Bill 3241. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3241, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Macon, Representative Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3241 simply amends the Department of Agriculture's website to make it more transparent and it's subject to appropriations. Department of Agriculture is neutral and I'd be happy to entertain any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You heard the Gentleman's explanation of the Bill. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 3241 pass?' All those in favor

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signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Fred Crespo, on page 26 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 3027, 3027. The Clerk informs me there may be an Amendment. Do you wish to take that Bill back to the Order of Second Reading, Representative?"

Crespo: "We need to adopt an Amendment #1, yes."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, on the request of the Sponsor take that Bill back to the Order of Second Reading. And the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Crespo, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Crespo on Amendment #1."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Amendment #1 was brought to us by ISBE. And last year we signed into law a requirement that student teachers go through fingerprint backgrounds. According to ISBE the law did not specify whether it should be state, federal or both. They feel that they should comply with the same requirements as regular teachers. Also, the FBI requires specific language in order to receive from them the national criminal history."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any questions? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Amendment #1 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by

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saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, on the Order of Third Readings, you have, on page 25 of the Calendar, House Bill 2917. Leader, ready to go? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2917, a Bill for an Act concerning controlled substances. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Barbara Flynn Currie."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker and Members of the House. This is an initiative of the Department of Human Services and it brings Illinois into the 21st century with respect to electronic prescriptions of controlled substances. Much of the Bill aligns our law with Federal Law, other parts of it make it easier for our monitors to track the use of scheduled substances so as to make sure that people are not doctor shopping and are not being overprescribed things that they should not be. I would be happy to answer your questions. And I'd appreciate your support for this measure."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Are there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 2917 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'."

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This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Currie, you also have, on the Order of Third Reading, House Bill 2955. Mr. Clerk, what's the status on that Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2955 is on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading. There is a Floor Amendment that was referred to the House Committee on Rules."

Speaker Lyons: "Barbara, you also have a House Bill... We'll take that... take it out of the record on request of the Sponsor. Representative Kay Hatcher, on the Order of Third Readings on Page 24 of the Calendar you have House Bill 1562. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1562, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Kane, Representative Kay Hatcher."

Hatcher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill simply takes a number of existing health care reports and it puts them in one easily accessible form on the state website. There's no cost to this. It simply improves public access and education."

Speaker Lyons: "You heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 1562 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? Monique Davis, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This

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Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lisa Dugan, on page 27 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 3346, on the Order of Third Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3346, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dugan."

Dugan: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 3346 is an initiative of ILEAS and to create an ILEAS Fund and that's... that will come, if possible, depending on the money through the State Police. It actually will help them receive some funding for... to help with local law enforcement, airborne and homeland security issues. This was something... it's just a way to have some funding for that organization. And I'll certainly answer any questions, but we... this was discussed in committee and passed out unanimously."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. 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, I'm just seeing this for the first time."

Dugan: "Yes."

Franks: "Where are you? Oh, there you are, hi. Is this an increased fee on court costs?"

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Dugan: "No, it's not. We amended that... originally the Bill was put in where we would increase court fees, but that was taken out. That part of it was taken out in Amendment #1."

Franks: "So how was this actually funded, then?"

Dugan: "Well, this is funded by action that we took last year on increase of court fees. We passed that Bill last year. And all this is doing is allowing the State Police to, the emergency management, to take some of those funds that are to be used for homeland security and put it in a fund that we're now setting up."

Franks: "Okay. So there's no additional cost to anyone."

Dugan: "No."

Franks: "There's no... Okay. Well, thanks..."

Dugan: "It's just distribution of the funds."

Franks: "That's what I didn't understand. Thank you."

Dugan: "Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Eddy: "Representative, does this effect in any way the share of the fine that a municipality receives?"

Dugan: "No, it does not."

Eddy: "Okay. I think there was a little concern or confusion about that. And this is permissive? This allows the State Police director to do this? This isn't required."

Dugan: "Correct. This allows them to."

Eddy: "Okay. Thank you for the clarification."

Dugan: "Uh huh."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dugan to close."

Dugan: "Yes. I would just like for an 'aye'... an 'aye' vote on this."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 3346 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 Holbrook, Cavaletto, Karen May. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 109 Members voting 'yes', 2 Members voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Keith Farnham, on the Order of Third Readings, on page 22 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 1260. Representative Keith Farnham on 1260, are you ready to go? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1260, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Farnham."

Farnham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Act, no utility during the period of time from December 1 through and including March 31 may disconnect services to any residential premises of which a service member or veteran is a primary occupant. And House Amendment 1 defined that the veteran must notify the utility that they are a service member or a veteran."

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

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

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Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Eddy: "Representative, there was some concern I think originally that... of the reporting function, but the utilities are fine with your Amendment. They're supportive now and okay with the Bill?"

Farnham: "Yes, that's correct."

Eddy: "Okay. Just wanted to clarify that for this side to make sure people know this is agreed and it's fine. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Jim Watson."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Watson: "Representative, I'm sorry, I was... I may have missed it. So the Bill basically says that if you're a veteran your power cannot be turned off?"

Farnham: "During that period of time, that's correct, a veteran or a service member."

Watson: "And that will be... how will the power companies know if this person is a veteran or not? Listen, I'm a veteran. I understand what you're trying to do, but here's my concern. Is... one is how will we know they're veterans or not and then two, is this going to set a precedent where we're going to have other groups come to us and want to do the same thing. I mean, are... do all veterans... are they in a situation where they're going to need this? And I'm... I'm not trying to be combative."

Farnham: "I understand. The Amendment, which we worked this out with the utility companies, says that they must notify the utility that they are a service member or a veteran. So we tried to keep it very narrow to that."

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Watson: "Okay. Well, I understand the desire and the need to want to help our veterans. I just... this just seems like it would be very easy for people to try to manipulate the system and I just... I worry about that. But thank you for answering the questions."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Farnham to close."

Farnham: "This came up from constituents in my area and a couple of situations in which we had to deal with some veterans and help them. And I urge an 'aye' vote on this."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 1260 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 Rosenthal, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 110 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Farnham, you have a second Bill on Third Reading here, House Bill 3033, 3033. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3033, a Bill for an Act concerning violence prevention. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Farnham."

Farnham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3033 requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to seek federal funding to create a competitive statewide gang prevention intervention grant program. After receiving federal funds, the Department of Juvenile Justice will award grants to eligible groups in order to carry out programs focused on

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street gang prevention and intervention. This Bill defines eligible entities as nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or coalitions that serve targeted populations. There will be a Grant Application Review Committee with members from the Attorney General's Office as well as representatives from government, nongovernment organizations."

Speaker Lyons: "You heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Roger Eddy."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Eddy: "Representative, did the Department of Juvenile Justice request some technical Amendments to this Bill? Our understanding was that the... there was an agreement to amend this with some language by the Department of Juvenile Justice."

Farnham: "I don't believe so."

Eddy: "Just some technical, but..."

Farnham: "Not that I'm aware of."

Eddy: "Well, our analysis shows that. If you would give us just a little bit of time to take it out of the record, bring it back. If we can check to see if it's... check with our staff to see what that Amendment... it was technical, but... I'm honestly not trying to trip it up. We just want to make sure it's ready to go. If you'd bring it back in just a few minutes after we have a chance to check."

Farnham: "Representative, I'm not aware of any... nobody's called us or talked to us about an Amendment to this."

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Eddy: "Okay. Representative, let's just leave it this way. We certainly don't want to trip it up or slow it down. If there... if there is an issue related to Department of Juvenile Justice and they come forward, you'd be... work with them in the Senate if there's something they have that technical in nature."

Farnham: "Yes."

Eddy: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Détente, very nice. Mr. Farnham to close."

Farnham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge an 'aye' vote. This is a... this would be a good program. It would help all of our communities and funding programs to combat gang activities."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 3033 pass?' All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'... 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? Kelly Burke, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Sid Mathias, on the Order of Third Readings, on page 26 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 2927. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2927, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Sid Mathias."

Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2927 is a Bill really that updates a dormant statute to revive a program

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that would create jobs, support businesses and grow local economies. This program provides a partial temporary wage subsidy to private sector employers to create new jobs for unemployed job seekers. It's obviously a timely policy response to an economy that is slow to add jobs as it merges from the recession. I believe it's similar to other programs we've had here to try to create jobs in Illinois. It is subject to appropriations. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 2927 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 Farnham, Representative May. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sara Feigenholtz, on the Order of Third Reading, on page 26 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 3207, 3207. Are you ready? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3207, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3207 is a... just a stopgap measure, hopefully we'll never have to use it, that will address an issue that HFS is working on right now and I'd like to move it over to the Senate just to keep

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it going. I'm not sure we're going to need this, but just for safekeeping I'd like to send it over there. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

Eddy: "Thank you, Speaker. Representative, this basically is attempting to safeguard the Bill we passed with the bed tax to make sure that the federal rule... or the rules are okay with the Federal Government."

Feigenholtz: "That's it."

Eddy: "We don't want to get out over our skis here and collect a whole bunch of that... that tax and then end up having a situation where those... this wasn't approved as part of it."

Feigenholtz: "We may not need this, Representative Eddy. It's on Third Reading and it's just a vehicle just in case. There's a lot of discussion going on within the industry and the Speaker keeps calling this Bill on Third Reading and so I figure we might as well just move it over."

Eddy: "Okay. Thank you. I appreciate that. I know there's some concern about this and this seems to be the prudent thing to do right now to get it over to the Senate as we head to deadline."

Feigenholtz: "Perhaps, yes."

Eddy: "Okay. Well, I support it very much and appreciate the fact that you brought it."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

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Lang: "Representative, this has been a contentious issue from the moment you filed the Bill. Is it my understanding that there are still people in the nursing home industry who were for the Bill and people in the nursing home industry who are against the Bill?"

Feigenholtz: "This one or the original one?"

Lang: "This one."

Feigenholtz: "I'm not sure I understand the question. I mean, I think that everyone is in agreement with the concept of the Bill. It's how we're going to go about doing it has yet to be decided. I think there's an effort afoot to use other methodology aside from this Bill. That would be the preference. But as I said in my opening remarks, I would just like to keep this moving for just to keep it moving."

Lang: "Well, then perhaps I'm confused, but as I understood it at the beginning you had a Bill that was proposed by some in the industry who some of us would consider friends and there were others in the industry, the long-term care community who are opposed to the Bill, that some of us consider friends."

Feigenholtz: "I'd like to consider everyone in the industry my friends."

Lang: "That's correct, but the question is, is this now... have they now agreed that this should move forward?"

Feigenholtz: "I think that there is a lot of dialogue. I think that the Department of Health and Family Services is working through the issue and as I said, it is not completely resolved. But I just want to keep the Bill moving and that's it, Representative."

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Lang: "And it would be your statement on the floor that you don't expect this Bill to pass the Senate in its current form?"

Feigenholtz: "It's my hope that we don't need this Bill."

Lang: "Except you're going to pass the Bill and send it to the Senate, so I'm trying to find out what happens when it gets there."

Feigenholtz: "That's up to the Senate."

Lang: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 3207 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? Connelly, Davis, Dunkin, Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 102 Members voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Feigenholtz, you also have, on the Order of Third Reading, House Bill 3620, 3620. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3620, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading."

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

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill just codifies a federal standard for coal ash rule and disposal. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Jack Franks."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, do you have a big coal ash problem in your district?"

Feigenholtz: "No, I don't, but this is a Bill that I believe is very... has great interest, not only for the future but for people who are interested and who are on the Green Caucus and in... are for our environment."

Franks: "What does it do because I'm reading this and it says it authorizes the unlimited concentration of these metals?"

Feigenholtz: "This Bill has been amended, Representative Franks. House Amendment 1 becomes the Bill and it requires... essentially it brings us statutorily in compliance with ASTM standards. That's all it does. There is no opposition to the Bill."

Franks: "I'm not sure I still understand it. What do we do with this stuff? When you say encapsulate, in what way do we encapsulate this?"

Feigenholtz: "We encase or enclose in a way to prevent the leaching of coal combustion and residual content into our environment and into the earth, but that is already a standard that we comply with. What this Bill does, what House Amendment 1 did, it put us in compliance with ASTM standard E2277-03 which requires coal waste to be encapsulated when it's used in a structural fill."

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Franks: "All right. So, we're already doing it. We're just codifying statutorily what we do."

Feigenholtz: "Correct. We are."

Franks: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Sara to close."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 3620 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 Biss, Representative May, like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Don Moffitt, on the Order of Third Reading, on page 25, you have House Bill 2313. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2313, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Knox, Representative Don Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill is identical to House Bill 1882 that passed out of here unanimously, but is not moving in the Senate. This one has a Senate Sponsor and so I think will move right along. Just quickly, what it does. It incentivizes buying Illinois products because this is a two percent load... two percent loan for brush trucks, but if

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it's a... the chassis its final assembly point's Illinois, you take off one percent and if the apparatus is built and installed in Illinois you take off one percent. So it could be an interest free loan. It does not create any new demand on the general fund, does not increase spending. Just simply allows the interest free revolving loan fund by... for fire trucks to be accessed for brush trucks. Brush trucks are ones that are needed like in forest preserves, park districts, along highways or out in farm fields. A very helpful truck, a pickup truck, three-quarter ton or one ton, usually four-wheel drive. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 2313 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Moffitt, are you ready for House Bill 3255, 3255? On Page 27 of the Calendar, Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3255, Third Reading of this House Bill. There are several Amendments on this Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 was adopted. Floor Amendment #3 has been approved for consideration and Floor Amendment #4 was filed today."

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Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Moffitt, do you want to move that Bill to the Order of Second Reading for the purposes..."

Moffitt: "Yes."

Speaker Lyons: "...of the... of Amendments?"

Moffitt: "Yes, I do."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, move that to the Order of Second Reading. And you want to hold off on the Amendments?"

Moffitt: "Well, I'm ready to go with Floor Amendment 4, but I don't think... it would have to go to Rules, I believe and..."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status on that Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #3 has been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #4 has not been approved."

Speaker Lyons: "We'll leave that Bill on the Order of Second Reading for the purpose of the Amendment. Representative Robyn Gabel, on the Order of Third Readings, you have House Bill 1706, on page 24 of the Calendar. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1706, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Lang in the Chair. Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of House Bill 1706 is to create clarity and consistency across school districts about who qualifies for home and hospital instruction and when home and hospital instruction services must start and what home and hospital instruction services must include. This will improve education available to children with temporary or extended illnesses. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. And on that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Eddy: "Representative, we've discussed this and I'm going to sup... I support this because there's an issue related to when school districts begin to provide homebound instruction. And your intention is to place a trigger in the law that requires that instruction to start within a certain period of time. What's that period?"

Gabel: "Five days."

Eddy: "Within five days. Now the part of the Bill that is very difficult and I think you've done a good job of attempting to handle it, although I'm not sure there's a perfect way, has to do with ongoing intermittent basis type of homebound instruction. Now, you're intent is for those absences that are for two days at a time or more, multiple times during the year, to create a trigger prior to any accumulation up to 10 days. You want services to begin if we know that student has a problem."

Gabel: "Correct. It would be for students who have cancer and know that they're going in for treatments over a period of time. We would like the physician's note to say that and for... and to then trigger the home care."

Eddy: "So this will still require a physician's note on file at the school district for the intermittent type of medical condition?"

Gabel: "Correct."

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Eddy: "Receive that at the school, the student doesn't have to be gone for 10 days. Right away those homebound services can start because we know there's... there's some type of substantial medical condition that would trigger that?"

Gabel: "Correct."

Eddy: "Thank you. I don't know if there's anyone that's going to come forward to tighten it up, other states have tried, but I think you're on the right track here. And if something does come up later in the Senate, maybe it will have to come back, but I appreciate what you've tried to do here. And I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Gabel: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill shall vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Gabel, you want to vote for your own Bill? Mr. Lyons. Please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Gabel, for what reason do you rise?"

Gabel: "Yes, I had a... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had promised that I would just mention the... Aaron Sims, the 17-year-old who... who... he is one of the reasons that this Bill was put forward. He fought for home and hospital services and was given a very hard time about it and I just wanted to have this Bill in his honor. He did pass away last week. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. The next Bill on the Calendar is House Bill 1191, Representative Greg Harris. Mr. Harris. Out of the record. House Bill 3468, Representative Hernandez. Representative Hernandez. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3468, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 3468 requires the Department of Human Services to record the menstrual cycles of every woman of childbearing age who is admitted to and remains in a mental health facility for more than 60 days. Currently, DHS has to record the menstrual cycles of every woman of childbearing age who is admitted into a mental health facility maintained by the state. House Bill 3468 would reduce this requirement to only those who are in the facility for an extended period of time. The legislation was originally enacted due to concern about pregnancies in the state mental health hospitals; however, the facilities have changed significantly since this legislation was written with the average length of stay of civil patients less than 21 days. A pregnancy test is currently required for every woman of childbearing age upon admission to a mental health facility and would continue to be required under this legislation. Following pregnancy testing on admission, monitoring of menstrual cycles would then be required for women who are hospitalized 60 days or greater. This issue was brought to the Department of Human

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Services's attention as a result of an audit finding. I ask for your 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those 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? Please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3038, Mr. Holbrook. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3038, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you. House Bill 3038 is a consumer protection Bill. It allows an enhancement to where instead of waiting 24 months they only have to wait basically 12 under most conditions if they're departing from an ARES power supplier. I know of no opposition to the Bill. It passed out of committee unanimously."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those 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? Jerry Mitchell. Please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 78, Representative Jakobsson. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 78, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 78 prohibits a student or an employee who has been suspended, expelled or dismissed from a school from entering or remaining in a safe school zone when such prohibition is a condition of that suspension, expulsion or dismissal for a period of the time... not to exceed the term of expulsion. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those in favor say... vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Jackson. Please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1981, Mr. Jefferson. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1981, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 1981 simply... an initiative of Rockford is to make sure that non-Home Rule government has the ability to actually apply for emergency funds that might happen... occur in our area. So, at this point, I would urge an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill.
The Bill is on Short Debate. The Chair recognizes... the
Chair recognizes Representative Eddy for two minutes."

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

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman yields."

Eddy: "Representative, the Amendment was added to address some
concerns. Did it remove the opposition?"

Jefferson: "Yes, it does."

Eddy: "So..."

Jefferson: "It only... it clarifies exactly what an emergency
vehicle is and it spells it out. And that's part of the
Amendment. But that was satisfactory by the people that
asked for the Amendment."

Eddy: "Specifically, does the emergency vehicle deal with
ambulance services?"

Jefferson: "Yes."

Eddy: "And so those are now exempted?"

Jefferson: "Yes."

Eddy: "So..."

Jefferson: "House Amendment #1 also clarifies that the fees
imita... limitations, as it relates to this Bill, applies to
ambulance services."

Eddy: "Okay. So to your knowledge the opponents were pretty
strong on this to begin with."

Jefferson: "Yes."

Eddy: "To your knowledge, they're all removed?"

Jefferson: "Yes. We've discussed... we discussed the Amendment
with them and it was acceptable."

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Eddy: "So the emergency service, the ambulance is already covered. They already pay for those and those aren't included and that's basically the clarification."

Jefferson: "Exactly."

Eddy: "Okay. Thank you, Representative, appreciate the clarification."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill shall vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Hatcher. Please take the record. On this question, there are 60 voting 'yes' and 51 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3189, Representative Jones. Out of the record. House Bill 1287, Representative Osmond. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1287, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Osmond."

Osmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment #1 to this Bill amends the Illinois Insurance Code to authorize 'webinars' to be approved for continuing education for licensed insurance producers."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those 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? Golar, Jackson. Representatives Golar and Jackson. Please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes',

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0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1254, Representative Mell. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1254, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mell."

Mell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1254 just raises the minimum fine for littering. Currently it's \$25; it raises it to \$100."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those 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. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 80 voting 'yes', 31 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2949, Representative Mussman. Representative Mussman in the chamber? Out of the record. House Bill 2875, Representative Phelps. Mr. Phelps. Out of the record. House Bill 3464, Representative Pihos. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3464, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Pihos."

Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill is part of the State Board of Education's annual cleanup language and it deals basically with duplicative language that is found in the School Code. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those 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. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, 89 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Pihos, we have another Bill for you, House Bill 3131. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3131, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Pihos."

Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3131 really has to do... it amends the Open Meetings Act if it provides that any required agenda must be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice if the items that will be discussed are acted upon at a meeting and at least one copy of the notice and agenda for the meeting must be continuously available to the public for review. There... some question has just been brought to me that I would want to bring to the Members' attention. That review to me didn't mean a hard copy posting. For legislative intent purposes, posting it on the Internet is perfectly fine and I would be happy to work with the Senate Sponsor to make sure that that is clear within the context of the law. And I'd also be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed

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'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Brauer, Cunningham, Mitchell, Jerry Mitchell. Please take the record. On this question, 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1730, Mr. Riley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1730, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley."

Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 1730 basically allows non-Home Rule communities to offer economic development incentives. This Bill was brought to me by the Illinois Municipal League and one of the things I think is very important is for these communities, and quite a few of them are in all of our districts, to be able to come up with new and innovative ways to encourage economic development. And so this Bill will help them do that, codifying that into law. And I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those 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? Fortner. Please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2051, Representative Reboletti. Mr.

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Reboletti. Out of the record. House Bill 3503, Mr. Rosenthal. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3503, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rosenthal."

Rosenthal: "Floor Amendment 1 becomes the Bill and it amends the Department of State Police Law and related Acts. Creates the Crimes Against Police Officers Advisory, informally called the Blue Alert Program. The purpose of this advisory is to provide a regional system for the rapid dissemination of information regarding enumerated crimes of violence committed against a police officer or a peace officer."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those in favor of the Bill shall vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please... Mr. Crespo. Take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2045, Mr. Rosenthal. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2045, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rosenthal."

Rosenthal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill amends the Criminal Code of 1961 and it provides that the regulation of the storage of firearms is an exclusive power and function of the state. It provides that a unit of local

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government, including the Home Rule unit, may not regulate the storage of firearms."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. And on that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Osterman."

Osterman: "I'm sorry, Representative. Could you kind of give me the overview again on what the Bill does, real quick? I'm checking our analysis on this."

Rosenthal: "It essentially provides that the regulation for the storage of the firearms will be the exclusive power and function of the state."

Osterman: "On all firearms?"

Rosenthal: "Yes."

Osterman: "And why do you feel that that's necessary?"

Rosenthal: "To put all the laws within line for the state with... dealing with firearms."

Osterman: "So why should not a municipality be able to dictate its own terms on how firearms should be stored?"

Rosenthal: "I think we..."

Osterman: "Is there a pressing problem on that?"

Rosenthal: "No."

Osterman: "Inquiry of the Chair. Does this Bill preempt Home Rule, and if so..."

Speaker Lang: "I anticipated that request, Mr. Osterman, and the parliamentarian is on his way to answer that question. Let's proceed with the debate and we'll answer that question momentarily."

Osterman: "So, Representative, again, so, I guess the fundamental question is what is the current problem and why

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do we need to have it be statewide and why can't specific municipalities within the city.. or the State of Illinois be able to make their own rules when it comes to storage of firearms?"

Rosenthal: "Well, Sir, it avoids the patchwork of laws across the state and provides a consistent network of laws that would encompass all firearms across the state and statewide."

Osterman: "So, in your district then, if we passed a law on how to store firearms that was more restrictive than your constituents would want, you're okay with that?"

Rosenthal: "What's that next... would you repeat that?"

Osterman: "So if we had more restrictive laws on how to.. how to care for firearms it basically said that a shotgun had to be stored in a sealed case, unloaded or something like that. That's something that you would support if we passed it?"

Rosenthal: "If it's a statewide law, yes, Sir."

Osterman: "Okay. To the Bill. And I think that, you know, we're going to get into a number of issues related to firearms. The City of Chicago recently had, via court ruling, overturned laws on how and what they were able to.. what citizens can have and how they can maintain firearms. And the City of Chicago, being the largest city in our state and one that has the most homicides other than any other city in our state, Home Rule municipalities and municipalities should have the ability to make laws on how to protect their citizens and how they can maintain laws that will deal with the storage of firearms. This should

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be something that Home Rule units, that have a on the ground view of what the problems are within their respective community, should be able to pass those laws. Whether it's the City of Chicago, whether it's the suburbs, those communities should have that. Don't you agree?"

Rosenthal: "No, Sir. I think that infringes on our Second Amendment rights and I think that we need to uphold those."

Osterman: "So how would this affect the Second Amendment rights?"

Rosenthal: "We just need to make the rules the same statewide."

Osterman: "Well, what's the pressing problem? Is there a specific situation that, you know, there's been a problem?"

Rosenthal: "Well, I think it just goes along with being consistent across the whole state."

Osterman: "Because our state is consistent and it's all kind of one state. Is that your point?"

Rosenthal: "Well, I think the citizens across the state need to have... know what the law is and I think, you know, personally we need to be consistent."

Osterman: "I appreciate that thought, but I'll end with this. Local municipalities can and should be able to have the ability to dictate how they care for their citizens and that's going to be different in your district, in your community, versus mine. I've been here 11 years; I've heard this argument for 11 years. For 11 years I've not been able to have a specific situation pointed out to me that there's been a problem. And I would venture to say that none of your constituents have had issues in the City of Chicago with how we maintain our firearms. But Ladies

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and Gentlemen, I think that local municipalities should have that ability to make rules that they think and their constituents and citizens think, so not just the policy makers, but the people that live there every day should have those laws that protect them. And with that I would ask for a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lang: "The parliamentarian will answer Representative Osterman's inquiry."

Parliamentarian Ellis: "Representative Osterman, on behalf of the Speaker, in response to your inquiry, House Bill 2045 preempts Home Rule under Article VII, Section 6(g) of the Illinois Constitution and requires 71 votes for passage."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes Representative Burns."

Burns: "Thank you, Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Burns: "Representative, I just have a very quick question and it goes to the basic philosophy of the Republican Party. My understanding is that the Republican Party believes that local government and units of government that are closest to the people should be most engaged and empowered in the lives of those people. Would you agree to that?"

Rosenthal: "What we think is that local governments can't infringe on our constitutional rights."

Burns: "Well, if I'm not... if I'm not mistaken, if an ordinance by a unit of local government is unconstitutional then it would be struck down by the Supreme Court."

Rosenthal: "I... I believe that did happen in this case."

Burns: "Is there a particular ordinance enacted by any municipality in the State of Illinois that currently does

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not meet the Supreme Court's decision regarding the Second Amendment?"

Rosenthal: "Yeah. Yeah, I don't know what's all... all on there on the docket for the Supreme Court, but this issue is going to continue to come up. And in this case, we just need to be consistent across the state."

Burns: "Okay. Can you just say yes or no? Is there a particular ordinance, based on your opinion or the opinion of the staff or the National Rifle Association, which I believe is a proponent of this Bill, is there a particular ordinance enacted by any unit of local government that you believe contravenes the right, the constitutional right, to own a firearm?"

Rosenthal: "I think it comes down to the constitutional rights and the Second Amendment and that's what this Bill is about."

Burns: "To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I'll... I've not heard, to reiterate, that there's any unit of local government that has enacted an ordinance that violates the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment, the Supreme Court has made clear that people have a right to own a firearm. We have to permit units of local government to regulate how those firearms are stored and handled in peoples' homes. For that reason, I ask my colleagues to join with me in voting 'no' on this legislation."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, it's pretty simple what this does. It simply says that local municipalities cannot create laws that

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would violate... violate the person's ability to own and possess weapons if they have not committed a crime that would remove them from the ability to do that. Now, the problem that exists is, is that quite often because of storage rules that can be created, you can actually make it to where a person who has a Second Amendment right has no possible way to get and store that vehi... store that particular weapon in their home or get it to their home. The reason for this Bill is it simply allows that opportunity to make sure that not only do they have this Second Amendment right but that Second Amendment right is not violated by a border around their home or the ability to bring a legal weapon, a firearm, to their home and then store it in their home through some kind of rule, local rule, local law or local ordinance which tries to take that right away. This is very simple legislation. I think it just simply codifies what the Supreme Court has ruled and I would encourage you to support the Gentleman's Motion."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes Representative May. Representative Lyons in the Chair."

May: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition of this Bill. Several of the previous speakers have made very clear that there are... there's nothing... there are no communities in this state that are infringing on any right of the Second Amendment. I do not live in the City of Chicago. I grew up downstate. I understand the diversity of this state because I grew up downstate. My grandfather taught me how to use a gun when I was a young girl. No one is trying to take anyone's guns

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away, but this Bill preempts Home Rule and that is a very serious line in the sand for many of us, not from Chicago, but from the suburban areas. So I think it is a slippery slope. I do not support this Bill and should it get the required 71 votes I would ask for a verification. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Ann Williams."

Williams: "Hi. Will the Sponsor yield? Representative, I wanted to ask you a question. How long do you think it would take you to walk from one end of your district to the other?"

Rosenthal: "Walk?"

Williams: "Yes. Say... so, you tried to walk it."

Rosenthal: "It'd take a couple days."

Williams: "Okay. I've walked one end of my district to the other and it takes me anywhere, depending on how fast I walk, between 45 minutes to an hour, a fast clip. I think density alone is the reason this Bill is not workable. We both represent the same amount of people, but yet it's in such vastly different areas in terms of density. I think that alone is reason enough to let local governments decide what's best for them and what's best for their communities. And I would urge a 'no' vote."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

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Eddy: "Representative, there's been a couple of comments here that I want to make sure people get your intent. I think your intent is to allow for citizens of this state, no matter where they live, to be protected by the Second Amendment of the Constitution which very clearly states that the rights of those who own guns shall not be infringed."

Rosenthal: "That's correct."

Eddy: "It's pretty simple."

Rosenthal: "Yes."

Eddy: "Do you think that Home Rule preempts the Constitution of the United States?"

Rosenthal: "I don't believe it does."

Eddy: "I don't... I don't think it does either. I think we have tiers of law and one of the most sacred is the United States Constitution and your Bill is protective of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution."

Rosenthal: "Yes, Sir, and it just provides consistency across the state so that all the citizens know what the law is statewide."

Eddy: "So, I don't think it matters if you live in Chicago or Decatur or Springfield or Litchfield whether or not your rights under the Constitution of the United States are guaranteed. And that's all you're saying, that in some cases we need that clarification. You're attempting..."

Rosenthal: "Correct."

Eddy: "...to pass a law that makes commonsense to those of us who feel very strongly about Second Amendment rights."

Rosenthal: "Correct."

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Eddy: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, very... very briefly to the Bill. We're going to have these discussions on the House Floor simply because we have differences of opinions. The issues that... that come up consistently when we discuss the Second Amendment and those rights, we feel very strongly at times that law-abiding citizens are required to live under restrictions that... that, quite basically, are infringing upon those rights. That's the way we feel about this. We think that people should be able to live free from any infringement when it comes to what we think is a basic constitutional right, others disagree with that, respect that, as well. But let's respect data. One of the previous speakers mentioned the fact that... that in areas of the state where we have some of the most severe restrictions related to gun owners rights, we have some of the highest homicide rates. We have some of the highest rates of violent crime. So, if we're going to intuitively ask ourselves the question about gun owners rights being infringed upon and we follow the data, how's it working? How's it working? Where we have the tightest restrictions, we have the most violent crime. Maybe what we really need to do is to allow people not to be restricted and stop infringing law-abiding citizens because I got to tell you something, I don't think the kind of individuals we both would like to see without firearms are going to pay any attention whatsoever to the restrictions placed on them. What we really do is we cause law-abiding citizens to have to go by a set of rules or laws or municipal regulations that they shouldn't have to

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go by because they're not the criminals. I think the Gentleman's brought a very commonsense Bill that protects those Second Amendment rights and I would urge Members of the Body to protect those rights and vote 'yes'."

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

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Lyons: "State your inquiry, Sir."

Ramey: "Last year, a... two weeks ago we had a question on Home Rule and the Chair ruled 60 votes. And now we have a question on Home Rule, today we have a ruling on 71 votes. Can we have a clarification on Home Rule, which is 60, which is 71?"

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, the parliamentarian usually addresses those from the legal perspective which and of course his to interpret and I wasn't here Representative..."

Ramey: "Well, I understand that, but I would like a clarification so we understand, so we don't have to keep asking the same question over and over again and we get two different rulings on Home Rule. So, if we could have a list, which ones are 60, which ones are 71, that'd be great."

Speaker Lyons: "I'll let the parliamentarian address your inquiry, Sir."

Ramey: "I appreciate that, Speaker, and to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, here we have... I'm sorry, I... hard to hear."

Speaker Lyons: "...do you want him to address your question, then you can talk, Randy?"

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Ramey: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, that... that... thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Okay. It's the parliamentarian."

Parliamentarian Ellis: "Representative Ramey, it's not typically in the purview of the parliamentarian to generally give legal or constitutional advice in general on a topic. Certainly each Bill will have its unique characteristics that will determine whether... what provision of the Constitution the Home Rule preemption falls under. In this case it falls under Section 6(g). It doesn't always do that. I would be happy to put in writing the reasoning for this particular ruling if that would... if that would be something you'd like."

Ramey: "That would be great because it's a little confusing from time to time if we keep asking the same question on Home Rule but we get two separate answers, depending on which part of the Constitution it applies to."

Parliamentarian Ellis: "Very good. We'd be happy to provide you the reasoning in writing."

Ramey: "Thank you. I appreciate that."

Parliamentarian Ellis: "Sure."

Speaker Lyons: "And Representative Ramey to the issue."

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I apologize. It's a little loud back here. I'm not used to being on top of the hill like this, so you know... Well, I'll get used to it eventually. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, across the state we usually have pretty much across the board the same kind of rules when we talk about the Second Amendment. The City of Chicago and Cook County tend to change these things, make it more harsh than what the State of Illinois

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calls for. So, there have been two rulings by the Supreme Court: one, Heller V. Washington D.C. and McDonald V. the City of Chicago. And the Supreme Court has ruled that you can't infringe upon those Second Amendment rights and yet the City of Chicago still tries to do that. So here we have a Bill that's trying to make it across the board the same so people that own guns, legal owners of guns, understand how they can carry their weapons, be it from go hunting, go shooting, whatever their purview may be in a legal activity. So, here, I think it's a fine Bill, I believe we should make it the same across the board so even people coming from outside of the state will understand there's one law across this state and they know how to obey it. So I ask you for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Rosenthal to close."

Rosenthal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill essentially just provides that the regulation of the storage of firearms be an exclusive power and function of the state. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we've heard the explanation on the Bill. There's been a request for verification by Representative May. We ask all Members to please push only their own switch. The question is, 'Should House Bill 2045 pass?' This Bill requires 71 votes. 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? Zalewski, Smith, McCarthy, Harris, Acevedo. Mr. Clerk,

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take the record. On this Bill, there are 61 Members voting 'yes' and 48 Members voting 'no'. Represen... This Bill, having failed to reach a super Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared failed. Representative May, I assume you no longer want to pursue your verification since the Bill failed? Representative Jim Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is my pleasure today to introduce someone to you who did something that I don't think anybody else in this state has done. Americans love the underdog, whether it's... whether it's Villanova beating Georgetown, whether it's... whether it's Butler making it to the Final Four two times in a row, it is my honor and privilege to introduce you to Jacob Tucker who is from Jackson... or from Carlyle, Illinois. Jacob is a senior at Illinois College and his YouTube video had over three million hits. He is the national champ... the NCAA championship slam dunk winner. And if it's okay, I would like to see if... I think coach Cavaletto wants to say a word, but are we going to read the Resolution?"

Speaker Lyons: "It's an Agreed Resolution, Representative. We'll just do it by acclamation, but if you want to speak to it yourself, go ahead."

Watson: "Well, Jacob, I just want to say thanks for bringing home the belt and we are very, very proud of you."

Speaker Lyons: "Jacob Tucker, congratulations on your God-given talents on an award well deserved, Jacob. We're proud of you in Illinois. All those in favor of the adoption of the Agreed Resolution signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed

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say 'no'. In the opinion of the chair the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment... the Resolution is adopted. Representative Soto, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Soto: "Yes. Thank you, Speaker. Yes. House Bill 2045, I meant to vote... to vote 'no' on the Bill. I voted 'yes' by accident 'cause Representative Jerry Mitchell threw me off. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, the Journal will reflect your request. Representative DeLuca, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will you please let the record reflect that on House Bill 1981 I intended to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, the Journal will reflect your request. Representative Cavaletto, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Cavaletto: "Personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, John."

Cavaletto: "I also would like to congratulate Jacob Tucker from Clinton County, Illinois, in my district. I'm very proud of you and all you've done for Clinton County and the people of southern Illinois. Congratulations to you. And I thank... play on our team, too 8:00 at the Convention Center down here in Springfield, okay? So we expect you. We got a suit for you. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Cavaletto, I think you're going to testify that that would have been... it's a 50 inch

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vertical jump that young man has the capability for. We need a little more slam dunking around here, don't we?"

Cavaletto: "I agree with you. I agree with you, Representative."

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

Phelps: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Brandon."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, want to reiterate what Representative Watson and Cavaletto said about Jacob. What a feat that is with all those people from all over the country to put southern Illinois, again, on the map. Jacob, congratulations on behalf of southern Illinois. Thank you very much."

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

Ford: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I, too, want to recognize Jacob Tucker. I'm watching his YouTube. Everyone should look. And plus I want to get my recognition in for him because one day he may be in the NBA and I still may be in the House and I want him to come get me. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "When I'm out of the Chair, Representative, I'll come over to your laptop and view that feat. Thank you. Representative Phelps, on the Order of Third Reading, on page 25 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 2875. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2875, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2875 is an initiative of the Veterans Affairs. It allows Gold Star family members who are deemed eligible by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs to enter Illinois veterans' homes. We're actually just going along with federal statute and there's no opposition."

Speaker Lyons: "You heard the Gentleman's explanation on House Bill 2875. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 2875 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 Jefferson, Lang. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. ...42... Representative Danny Reitz, you have, on the Order of Third Reading, House Bill 1703. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1703, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Randolph, Representative Dan Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1703 is an initiative of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. It deals with pipelines. It basically says that it concerns the issuance of certificate of good standing. It authorizes a person to operate as a common carrier. I know of no

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opposition. We've worked out the language with the EPA. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation on House Bill 1703. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 1703 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 Bost, Leitch, Morrison, Rose, Smith. Rose. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 88 Members voting 'yes', 23 Members voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative John Bradley, on the Order of Third Readings, on page 23 of the Calendar you have House Bill 1391. Representative Bradley. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1391, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Bradley."

Bradley: "This would keep funding for trauma centers, which is currently leaving southern Illinois in the southern Illinois area. We currently don't have any facilities that qualify for that. This would allow the emergency rooms that we have to access some of these funds which come from that area. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative Bradley. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 1391 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

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all voted who wish? Greg Harris, Representative Jones, Representative Mussman, like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sente, on the Order of Third Reading, on page 24 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 1871. Out of the record. Representative Tracy, on page 23 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 1549. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1549, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Tracy."

Tracy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill amends the Good Samaritan Act and provides that any person trained in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation who has successfully completed training or any... or any automated external defibrillator user who has successfully completed training in accordance with the standards of the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association and who, in good faith, not for compensation, provides emergency care in accordance with his or her training to a person who is in need of either cardiopulmonary resuscitation or a defibrillator shall not, as a result of his or her acts or omissions in providing emergency care, be liable for civil damages unless the acts or omissions constitute willful and wanton misconduct. I would ask... urge an 'aye' vote. It's a very lifesaving procedure."

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Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McHenry, Jack Franks."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, currently the law is that a person who's certified at the time in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation is not liable for civil damages when that individual uses generally recognized standards to resuscitate someone in good faith and without compensation. Is that correct?"

Tracy: "I believe so."

Franks: "So this Bill, how does that change that standard? 'Cause you... I believe you said if they're trained. But my question is, do they need to be certified in CPR to get the benefit of this immunity or do they..."

Tracy: "No."

Franks: "Okay. Well, that's... Well, let me tell you, when I was 16 years old I was trained in CPR, but I haven't taken a course in 31 years. But I have been trained. Would I, and I'm not sure if I remember how to do it right, quite frankly. You know, I remember the doll we used, I think we called her Annie, we worked it, but it's been 31 years. Would I, then, be immune from any liability even if I haven't been certified and though my training was more than 30 years ago, would I be immune?"

Tracy: "You would and here's the thing. This is an initiative of the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. Over those years since you have been

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certified, we have moved to the lesser training standard because the data and research have shown that if a person needs to avail themselves of the CPR or the defibrillator and if you've seen the defibrillators work, it really, if you have the basics you cannot harm the person who is in dire need. I mean, they're passed out basically and..."

Franks: "But... but being trained when you can help... that would help you determine whether they needed it. Perhaps they were just drunk and had passed out. Perhaps their heart had not stopped. Perhaps all you're doing is breaking their ribs."

Tracy: "And recently the women Legislators availed themselves of the training and it is... I mean, you do receive basic things to look for whenever somebody is in distress. So, that is the type of training and I'm certain that when you were certified you also recognize that. I mean, I was trained to be a lawyer 30 years ago and I still am able to do that."

Franks: "If you don't use... you can't kill somebody when you're lawyering, you hope. You hope."

Tracy: "You might."

Franks: "You might, but my question is, right now what you're basically doing with this Bill is you're changing the standard because right now you need to be certified to be exempt."

Tracy: "That's true. And you know a lot of people do not avail themselves of the certification and I think that with the training they could save lives."

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Franks: "I agree. Here's my point, I agree with you, but I just don't think that my training 31 years ago really qualifies me right now because I... Could we put like a time frame in here. If you've been trained in the last 10 years, the last 8 years, whatever the time frame might be. But I just think that anyone who was trained so many years ago, I think there has to be some refreshers. Even lawyers, we have to get continuing legal education or we can't keep our license."

Tracy: "Well, I appreciate that suggestion and you know, I think the goal here is to save lives. I think that and I'm just saying that, perhaps we can visit about this and amend it on the Senate side. But I think, in the meantime, we... I'd like to move this Bill forward and pass it out of the House because you know I think it is a very lifesaving measure that will affect a lot of lives if we do that. And we'll take your suggestion and visit with it on the Senate Sponsor's side."

Franks: "I agree with you and I really appreciate that because I think our first charge is to do no harm and I wouldn't... I want to make sure that we're not harming people. I do think this Bill will help save lives..."

Tracy: "Right."

Franks: "...but I also want to have some at least minimum level of training within a certain time frame. So, if you're willing to work with the Senate Sponsor, I'll support your Bill."

Tracy: "I definitely am and like I say, if you've ever seen a defibrillator it virtually is self run."

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Franks: "But that's different. The defibrillator is different than the CPR."

Tracy: "Right. Right."

Franks: "'Cause there already is immunity, I believe, for the defibrillator user."

Tracy: "Not necessarily. I mean this changes that to where you're trained. I mean, it's with the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association standards, so it removes that certification."

Franks: "Okay. Thank you."

Tracy: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Leader Dan Burke."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Burke, D.: "Representative, I think you may be familiar with the fact that I'm the first Legislator to introduce legislation offering Good Samaritan exemption on the CPRs... or pardon me, on the AEDs."

Tracy: "Well, I didn't realize that, but I hope you can support this Bill, as well."

Burke, D.: "Well, certainly, but I don't recall, maybe you could refresh my memory. Where is it that we do require training to operate the AED to be exempt?"

Tracy: "I'm sorry. I don't understand this."

Burke, D.: "Where in the law would it require training for one to be exempt under the Good Samaritan exemption? I don't recall there being a commandment that there be training for one to administer to a victim of cardiac arrest."

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Tracy: "Well, I think what happens is, is you're probably correct, that we don't mandate in law that you have to be trained, but..."

Burke, D.: "So, you're now exempting... you're saying that anyone that's trained is exempt."

Tracy: "Well, there's certain guidelines that under the... under a Good Samaritan statute that you can't act in bad faith. You have to in good faith act without compensation. So, I mean, there... and no willful and wanton misconduct."

Burke, D.: "So, just so I'm clear, it was never my intention in introducing the first Good Samaritan exemption for the use of AEDs that the person that was administering to a victim be trained. As you've heard and the media reports these cases routinely, when children have had access to an AED and administered to their parent or to someone in society and certainly have had no formal training in the use of the device. And I think the beauty of an AED is the fact that it is self-operational, that literally it will determine the pulse and respiration of the victim and it will administer an electrical stimulus if the person needs it if the body is not responding."

Tracy: "Likewise..."

Burke, D.: "So, I'm just not getting why you're exempting one from liability if they're trained when it was never my intention in the first legislation to require training at all."

Tracy: "Well, again, you know, I will definitely take that into consideration. We'll look at it because, no, I mean, you raise a very good point, we don't want to discourage

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anybody who's not trained to use a defibrillator and we'll take that out if... you know we'll carefully monitor that on the Senate side as well."

Burke, D.: "I just happened to think and if maybe Representative Osmond could contribute to this as well, but certainly it's never been our intention in providing access to AEDs in our society. I, for one, would hope that at some point in our experience that these AEDs would be as commonly placed as fire extinguishers in our communities. But it was never our intention in talking about Good Samaritan exemption to even consider the training of one in CPR or the use of AEDs because as we know they are so simply operated it doesn't require training and furthermore the new CPA... CPR protocol, when administering to a victim with an AED, is that you hook up the AED first and then worry about respiration afterward."

Tracy: "And I think, actually, the training refers mostly on the CPR side. And as far as the defibrillator, it's in training in accordance with the recommendations of the American Red Cross and the Heart Association. So, actually, I think they are in compliance, in answer to your question, because that is the qualification or the standard is that you open and go according to the directions on the defibrillator."

Burke, D.: "Well, back to my concern. It's simply that from the original..."

Tracy: "I think it is one and the same, Representative, I do."

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Burke, D.: "All right, I just would have reservations because it was certainly never the intent to require anyone to be trained to use the device.."

Tracy: "Right."

Burke, D.: "...to afford them exemption from liability."

Tracy: "Right. I think if we look we'll see that the American Red Cross that is their training requirement is that you just follow the directions on the defibrillator as you're using it."

Burke, D.: "Okay. Thank you."

Tracy: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Tracy to close."

Tracy: "Yeah, I would just urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you for this..."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 1549 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 McAuliffe, Saviano, back row GOP. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 110 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Unes, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like the record to reflect on Bill 1703 I intended to be a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The Journal will reflect your intentions, Representative."

Unes: "Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Brauer on a Resolution.
Congratulatory Resolution, Representative."

Brauer: "Yes, House Resolution 212."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I rise today to present House Resolution 212 recognizing the remarkable work done by Dr. Joseph E. Nyre at The Hope Institute of Children and Families. Dr. Nyre arrived in Springfield in 2003 fresh from the faculty of Harvard Medical School. When he took the reins of The Hope School, the organization was serving fewer than 100 students per year, all of whom received residential services on its campus here in Springfield. However, Dr. Nyre, supported by the Board of Directors and a talented staff at Hope, had a broader vision. He wanted to know whether it was possible to reach children across the State of Illinois before their disabilities required residential services. Allowing children with disabilities to receive services in their home communities, home school districts, and from local health care providers not only preserves their independence, but also helps hold down the cost of health care for all involved. Under Dr. Nyre's leadership, what was Hope School has now become The Hope Institute for Children and Families. Over the past eight years, Dr. Nyre has led Hope to a place of national prominence with greatly expanded programs including the Autism Program of Illinois, the nation's largest statewide autism resource and services network; Noll Medical Pavilion a home... a medical home where children with developmental disabilities and mental illness

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can receive comprehensive coordinated care from members of the Children's Health Care Partnership; the Hope Institute Learning Academy, an innovative new contract day school for all styles of learners on Chicago's near west side; Noll Dental Clinic, providing important access to oral health care for children with developmental disabilities, who can be so difficult to treat in a traditional office setting. Thanks to Dr. Nyre's unflagging efforts, The Hope Institute for Children and Families now impacts more than 29 thousand children from Rockford to Cairo, and people of Illinois are better off for his leadership. Dr. Nyre has recently accepted a new post. He'll be returning to higher education as the first lay president of Iona College near New Rochelle, New York. New York's gain will definitely be our loss, yet we wish Dr. Nyre and his family, joining him here today, all the best for his efforts here in Illinois. Up in the gallery behind me is Dr. Joseph Nyre, his wife Kelli, his children Hadley, Henry and Charlie. Please give them a Springfield welcome."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Roger Eddy on the Resolution."

Eddy: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to take a moment as well and thank Dr. Nyre for his work. Those of us in education have admired your courage, how hard you've worked to make this issue something that we all pay attention to in this state. I had the opportunity a couple of years ago in my own area to deal with issues related to the developmentally disabled and specifically those students with autism and your work served as a guide for my school district. Last year we opened, on our small campus

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in a rural area, an autism center designed to serve students in their home school district instead of having them have to travel somewhere else. And I think the key here is that your work has inspired people all over this state that you may not even know about. So, I wanted to stand up and let you know that today. And again, thank you and I echo Representative Brauer's comments about New York's gain being our loss. And for those of you in the House who received a ribbon on your desk for Autism Month, I would urge you to put that on and remember that this... this issue is here, it's growing and it's something that we need to pay particular attention to in this state. Thank you again, Dr. Nyre."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Brady on the Resolution."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I, too, just want to offer my thanks, doctor, as a parent with a autistic child, a son. We say thank you from all of us across the state for all the work that you've done and I'm proudly wearing my autism pin for Autism Awareness Month as well. Thank you for all your hard work on behalf of the children."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Senger on the Resolution."

Senger: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to echo what has just been said by Representative Eddy. I'm out of Naperville and actually we've made some trips to your sites and we're actually working on building a respite home and school in Naperville. So, thank you for your work. Your model was much appreciated and we're using it. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Brauer."

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Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you can see, Dr. Nyre's work will be felt around this state for many years to come. I urge the adoption of the Resolution."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Brauer moves for the adoption of House Resolution 212. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair and by unanimous consent, the Resolution's adopted. Dr., God bless you and thank you for all your work on behalf of everybody in the State of Illinois. God love you, God bless you. Representative Lang, on the Order of Third Readings, on page 23 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 1530. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1530, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This is the Bill we began to debate yesterday, House Bill 1530, regarding mental health parity. Just to reiterate, we're trying to comply with Federal Law. This creates no new health care mandate, does not require any employer under 50 to do anything at all. If they have a health care plan, they have to then offer... if they're going to offer mental health coverage, they have to offer mental health coverage with parity to physical health coverage. That's really all the Bill does. I think since yesterday many of you have been spoken to by the department. And I would strongly ask for your support and your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you. Would the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Eddy: "Representative, I appreciate you taking this out of the record yesterday and as you stated there's been a good effort made to try and answer the questions. You don't feel it's necessary to clarify and obviously in the language with an Amendment of some type the intent?"

Lang: "We do not, Representative. If... if in the fullness of time it appears that it's necessary, I'm happy to let them do that in the Senate. But truly, I believe this Bill says exactly what it needs to say. I don't think any clarification is necessary."

Eddy: "The issue related to coverage, the parity of coverage, if I'm understanding it correctly, basically the limit, although the word maximum isn't in the text it's implied in the fact that whatever the limit is for the... the regular policy health limitations would then become the maximum for the mental health issues. Is that... is that why that's not necessary? Is that the explanation?"

Lang: "That's correct, Sir. You explained it much better than I did yesterday."

Eddy: "So, it's actually there, it's just not written in the Bill. It's just... just part of what parity means."

Lang: "That's correct. All... at its core what this Bill says is, if you have a policy that covers for physical health, it should cover for mental health in the same measure without discrimination against those who are mentally ill within the confines of the health care plan."

Eddy: "What about the issue related to whether or not this accelerates the federal regulation under, I think it was

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referred to, the Federal Health Care Bill that passed.
Does this accelerate the implementation?"

Lang: "Well, in what regard?"

Eddy: "Well, does it cause Illinois health care providers to
and insurance companies to have to implement the federal
regulations or the Federal Law faster than the Federal Law
would?"

Lang: "I don't believe that's the case, Sir."

Eddy: "So this would... this would occur under Federal Law and
your Bill basically is an Illinois codification of what's
going to have to happen to us?"

Lang: "That... that is correct with the addition that this autism
language is in the Bill and it does some definitions that...
to put us in line with what the federal law does today and
what it's going to do. Let's remember, there's already a
federal mental health parity law that we're living under.
The... what you would call Obama Care kicks in, in a couple
of years, but this is putting us on a par with where the
law is supposed to be today."

Eddy: "Okay. So the Federal Law would require that the
implementation for businesses of 51 or over and this is a
requirement for all."

Lang: "This is a requirement for all if you have a plan. So an
employer under 50 employees, if they don't have such a plan
today, this is not a mandate for them to add a plan.
There's no mandate here."

Eddy: "I'm glad that's clarified. Is there any concern that,
for those employers under 50, that this might cause rates
to increase because of the small group, to a point they may

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not be able provide coverage and have to stop providing any coverage whatsoever?"

Lang: "As I suggested yesterday, Representative, when we passed our last mental health parity law in Illinois, probably a dozen years ago, and when they passed the federal plan, there were all sorts of insurance lobbyists and business lobbyists running all over Springfield, running all over Washington, D.C., talking about how there's going to be huge increases in premiums as a result of this. That did not happen then, it will not happen now."

Eddy: "So, specifically, those smaller groups, you don't anticipate that because of the size of those groups that this is going to impact them differently and cause, maybe not an overall increase, but for that targeted group because this extends to the smaller employers that they may be at a disadvantage. You don't anticipate that. I understand that didn't happen in the sum total, but this also includes a smaller group."

Lang: "Well, that is true, but it's also in the best interest of this smaller group, particularly those with less employees, to make sure their employees are at work, to make sure they're healthy, to make sure they show up, to make sure that mental health issues do not get in the way of their productivity at work. That's what this Bill is all about at its core."

Eddy: "You mentioned the Bill covers, under the mental health portion, the autism spectrums. Does this... does this com... entire spectrum? This covers all of the autism spectrums?"

Lang: "I believe so."

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Eddy: "Representative, again, appreciate the efforts on this and especially the effort to educate some individuals. Obviously, it's an area of great concern to all of us. I know of small employers, small businesses who have the concern. Hopefully what happened before will happen this time that we'll be able to provide these coverages and we won't see that increase and if that does occur, maybe we'll have to visit that at the time. Mental health parity's important. This is important work and certainly it's something a lot of people want to support and we appreciate the clarifications."

Lang: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative David Leitch."

Leitch: "Thank you. And thank you, Mr. Sponsor, for taking the Bill out of the record. I think there was a lot of confusion and we had an opportunity to clarify some of the issues. As I understand the Bill, the Bill impacts companies with more than 50 employees who are not self-insured. Correct? Yeah, that's correct."

Lang: "It impacts all employers if they have a plan."

Leitch: "Right, but the point is that the... up to 50 they're exempt. Fifty employees... 50 employees and under are exempt from the Bill."

Lang: "Well, that's... that's the Federal Law. So, this is where we're trying to come into compliance with the Federal Law."

Leitch: "Right, but your Bill complies with the federal Bill."

Lang: "That's correct, Sir."

Leitch: "Right, so that there is that limited group. And the second thing I thought was important is, if the insurance

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plan wanted to only purchase health care that was a decision to be taken by the employer. In..."

Lang: "That's also correct."

Leitch: "Right. So in other words, all your Bill does is say that if the employer chooses to have both health and mental health coverage that those two must be comparable, if you will, that you can't short one and have the other..."

Lang: "That is exactly the point of the Bill, Sir."

Leitch: "Right. And so this is why I intend to support the Bill. I, again, would thank the Sponsor for taking it out so that we could read and study the Bill and ask some questions and have that clarification. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Tryon. Representative Tryon, do you wish to address this Bill?"

Tryon: "Yes, thank you. Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Tryon: "I guess, Representative Lang, I... my biggest problem is trying to convince me that this isn't going to cost more money, and you can make all the arguments about what happened 10 or 12 years ago and I would submit to you that the cost did go up. I can tell you that the cost of health care 10 or 12 years ago was a lot less. I can't tell you to what amount might have been contributed on some plans, but it went up. And I'll tell you why it went up because 30 percent of my rate calculation's based upon my own group's experience. So, if my own group was rated higher because we had parity, I paid more. There's no way around that. On this one, you're taking a capitated portion, a capitated portion of coverage and you're uncapitating it

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and you're saying it gets parity with all other illnesses. Therefore, even if... if I have one of these cases it's going to affect my renewal rating at the very least. And then, under Obama Care which says I can keep the same insurance plan I have now, but I can't cut benefits and I can't charge more than five percent. So even in my own ratings on my own group's experience, I wouldn't be able to raise the fee. So, I mean, as much as you say 12 years ago this didn't cause a problem, this is going to cause a problem in my opinion; therefore, I can't support it. And it's going to be, I think, a bigger problem than what was 10 or 12 years ago, but it will increase the cost. And I can't get my arms around exactly what that cost increase would be. So, you know. And so, I... I guess my question is, you still don't think in the rating, actuarial rating of an individual group that has experienced claims in this arena, that that's not going to affect the renewal rating."

Lang: "No, I do not. First of all, in the Federal Law there's an exemption for insurance plans who believe that their own costs become exorbitant as a result of this, they ask for an exemption. That would be the first comment I would make. Second comment I would make is you seem to want to dismiss history. So these are exactly the same arguments that were made previously. Everybody who is on the business and insurance side and certain Legislators argued strongly that this would cause major increases, significant increases in health care plan costs because of the mental health coverage. And I'm here to tell you first, this Bill doesn't mandate that they have mental health coverage and,

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second, if they choose to have mental coverage all it says is it has to be on a par with physical health coverage. And because there will be more people productive at work, less absenteeism and all these other things and because we, I'm sure all 118 of us on this floor, believe that the mentally ill people deserve to have care and treatment and be taken care of whether we're just a person living in Illinois or even if we're an employer, this is something where we have to look back and look at the history. The history is that this argument was made before and the argument was wrong. History tells us the argument was wrong and it's wrong again."

Tryon: "Well, just as a reminder to you, we've also done other mandates and I do negotiate two insurance plans for two small businesses that I own and I think it was in '08, when we did autism and we required some other things to be mandated in the insurance policy, when I got my renewal, it says because of these mandates represents about two percent of the cost.."

Lang: "Except, Sir, there's no mandate in this Bill. There are zero mandates to anyone in this Bill."

Tryon: "But there's a mandate that.."

Lang: "If an employer chooses not to have this coverage, then they choose not to have this coverage."

Tryon: "Well and then are you helping or are you hurting the cause? And that's my whole point, you may actually be hurting the cause, maybe I'll choose to drop all that kind of coverage. And I guess when you're looking at removing this capitated Section it's going to raise costs and I'm

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going to have to pay for it in my business and I don't even get to go back and charge more to the employee for it because the Obama Care grandfathering says I can't raise the price for the next two years to my employees and I can't cut... I can't cut their benefits."

Lang: "I've made all the arguments I can possibly make to you about the cost, but this Bill should be about more than cost. One in four family members in Illinois have a mentally ill... one in four families in Illinois have a mentally ill family member. Mental illness is a real problem in this state and in this country and we have a responsibility in this Legislature to do something about that. This Bill does not require anyone to spend a single dime on anything they're not spending it for now."

Tryon: "Well, I respectfully disagree and I'll be voting 'no'."

Lang: "You can do that, Sir."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reboletti."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative Lang, does this Bill also include parity for substance abuse? Is that part of the mental health parity?"

Lang: "The answer is yes, Sir."

Reboletti: "And as a small business owner, if you don't offer mental health at all in your program there wouldn't be substance abuse issues in there either or you could choose either one, right? As a business owner you could choose to put that in your insurance plan?"

Lang: "Yes, the answer's yes."

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Reboletti: "And then if you choose not to, then this Bill wouldn't impact a small business?"

Lang: "That's the point I've been trying to make, Sir."

Reboletti: "One of the issues I do have, Representative, I have talked to some of the folks in the industry is that they would be looking for maybe some type of carve out in the Senate for caps for the smaller business... businesses if they were to offer mental health substance abuse issues. Is that something that you might be supportive of? I know it's not in this Bill and I can appreciate that."

Lang: "You know, I think we understand, Representative, that most Bills, particularly Bills of any controversy around here is always a work in process... progress until it gets to the Governor's desk. So, of course, I'll be happy to sit with any groups and discuss any issue in this Bill."

Reboletti: "And I appreciate that and I hope the Senate Sponsor is open to that as well, but to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, we do have issues with substance abuse throughout all of our communities, throughout our workplace. It would be my hope that this... if this became law that people in the workplace would be able to avail themselves of treatment. And now we know that substance abuse issues aren't as simple as putting somebody into treatment and then having them go to meetings, but almost all times it is associated with some type of mental health issue and so, you're only treating one symptom. If you do not treat the other, you're going to have a relapse, you're going to have the same issues. I would hope that if this Bill became law that people in the workplace would be more

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productive, that their treatment for a bipolar illness would allow them to be more effective at work, to be able to concentrate and focus, maybe to not miss as many days and to be more productive members in our community. And with respect to the substance abuse issues, it's no different. Not everybody can only use a 28-day program for their treatment, they may need additional time. They may need additional outpatient or inpatient services and if that program does not allow them to do that, it's almost a waste for them to do the 28 days because that's not going to be sufficient to help them move forward and to beat their addiction. So with that, Representative Lang, I will be supporting your Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Kay."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Kay: "Representative, just a couple of very quick points of clarification. If a small business owner chooses to have insurance and he elects to take out some coverage for the issues that you're addressing in your Bill, must he do it at the same level or limits that he does for the physical coverages?"

Lang: "He's not mandated to take the coverage, but if he does, he must do it at the same level."

Kay: "Okay. That leads me to my second question. Would that not increase his costs or cause him to drop insurance coverages?"

Lang: "Can you repeat your question, Sir?"

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Kay: "Yeah, surely. Would that not increase costs or make him consider dropping that coverage?"

Lang: "I can only go back to the argument I made previously. When we passed the Mental Health Parity Law that Illinois now has and when they passed the Mental Health Parity Law they passed in Washington, on both occasions there were lobbyists swarming both Springfield and Washington, D.C., saying the sky is falling, premiums are going up, businesses will close, they will cancel their insurance policies and all of that type of conversation. It didn't happen. Premiums did not go up. Premiums actually leveled off for those purposes and no business closed, no business that I'm aware of canceled their health care policy, but since they are not mandated to have this coverage, they can make that choice too."

Kay: Okay. Let me come at this a different way. Would it not be fair to say that the estimates given of a \$1.5 billion increase to small businesses, and this is an increase in premium payments, has some merit?"

Lang: "Well, I know their premiums have gone up, but there's the... but there's no evidence whatsoever that has anything to do with mental health parity. In fact, when the Congressional Budget Office studied this, their... their conclusion was that it had raised premiums approximately .4 percent, less than one-half of one percent."

Kay: "Okay. Well, I looked at the same study and it indicates that the probable increase would be 1.5 billion, but let me ask a different... separate line of questioning that goes back to the conversation I had with you a day or so ago

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about the caps. And I want to try and frame this correctly so you understand where I'm coming from. I provide the very insurance that you're asking everyone to have, the same requirements, absent autism and I have a very high cap. Many people that have caps on their insurance have it lifetime or have it annually, mine is annual and it's very high. My question yesterday was, if indeed I add another piece to the insurance program that I have, is there anything in your Bill that will increase, that will increase my liability above and beyond a very high cap that I have now or that any other business has now?"

Lang: "Sir, our understanding is that under Federal Law you may have a policy today that has caps, but Federal Law won't allow you to have caps going forward."

Kay: "Okay. So, if that... that being the case then are you not telling me that by me including one more piece to my insurance program, notwithstanding the caps I have now, that one piece may be exponentially more expensive down the road?"

Lang: "The evidence is that moving forward or even moving backward people who have mental health issues have a high rate of absenteeism at work and a high level of physical illness that sometimes is psychosomatic and sometimes is real but comes from their mental illness. If we cover mental illness appropriately, these issues won't be out there; thereby, lowering, possibly, some of the health care outlays that insurance companies are undergoing today and that's why it begins to balance out."

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Kay: "Representative, I appreciate that. I'm not necessarily asking for that explanation. I was looking for a yes or a no with respect to the cost increase."

Lang: "I can only go based on history and history tells me that there will no cost increase as a result of this Bill. Remember, there's no mandate in this Bill."

Kay: "But indeed, if we're looking at a program which has no caps down the road and somebody adds a piece to their insurance program, wouldn't you have to admit that that would be more expensive down the road?"

Lang: "No."

Kay: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lyons: "He awaits your question, Sir."

Harris, D.: "Representative, would you say that an individual with mental health can eventually be cured?"

Lang: "I would say that some can be..."

Harris, D.: "Well, wait a minute."

Lang: "...some cannot be."

Harris, D.: "Well, rather... Excuse me. ...with a mental illness, could eventually be cured."

Lang: "Some yes, some no, Sir."

Harris, D.: "And I will concede your point that when it comes to mental health indeed, perhaps, there have not been any increase based on previous legislation, but I want to come back here to what we talked about yesterday which was

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specifically the provision in the Bill related to autism.
Can autism be cured?"

Lang: "This is not an area of my expertise, Sir, but my understanding and if I'm wrong someone will tell me, my understanding is that it can be managed but cannot be cured."

Harris, D.: "And I would agree it can be managed."

Lang: "So maybe you should have said that instead of asking the question."

Harris, D.: "Well, but the point is and what I'm driving at is, of course, a person with a mental illness can be cured and thus not have the need for continuing medical expenses. Such is not the case with someone who has autism and those... those... the autistic problem is going to require potentially a lifelong need for medical services. And the provision in the Bill that troubles me regarding autism is we have changed the word from a maximum of \$36 thousand in coverage to a minimum of \$36 thousand in coverage, which leads me to believe that there is no cap on what has to be provided for services related to autism."

Lang: "Sir, under Federal Law today there can be no more caps on any of this."

Harris, D.: "Well, I thought this was when Obama Care eventually came into place in its full-blown glory."

Lang: "That part of what you had referred to as Obama Care, that I would refer to as National Health Care..."

Harris, D.: "Ah, but, Sir, in your earlier debate you actually used the term Obama Care, which I was surprised about."

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Lang: "Yes, but I... no, I said... I said what you had referred to as. At any rate, that part of the law has already kicked in, Sir, so insurance policies that have caps are fine until they expire, then there won't be any caps."

Harris, D.: "Thank you very much for your answers. I have to come back and say how we can change a word from... from a maximum of coverage to a minimum of coverage turns things on its head. I can't see how we avoid the significant increase in costs, but I appreciate your answers."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Watson, am I safe in assuming that you want to yield your time to Representative Eddy? Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you. Just a point of clarification. And Representative Lang, I got to tell you I really want to support this because I believe the need is there. I just have concerns that we might actually disenfranchise individuals, but I... here's my distinction. If a small group under... or a small employer currently does not offer mental health coverage, this doesn't mandate that they do, it mandates that if they choose to it has to be in parity with the other portion."

Lang: "That's kind of what I've been trying to say here for two days, Sir."

Eddy: "Well, but... so I could, as an employer, shop the rate and I could include it and if the rate were to increase the way that perhaps intuitively we think it might if you add coverage and it is the type of a increase that makes it unaffordable, we don't have to offer it."

Lang: "That would be correct."

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Eddy. Okay. And if it is something manageable we can. Once offered, as we go on if it's a benefit for employees, as we go on the only requirement we have to keep it, once we've offered it, is if we do continue to offer it, it must be at the same level."

Lang: "That is also correct."

Eddy: "So that's why your pure claim that it's not a mandate because there is that opt out not to offer at all."

Lang: "Correct."

Eddy: "Okay. Thank you for that clarification. That helps me a great deal, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "Well, Representative Lang, if your taking your Bill out of the record yesterday for clarification, obviously, it's cleared everything up. It's yours to close."

Lang: "Thank you. Well, I'm glad we did clear it up yesterday. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am absolutely sure that all 118 Members of the House believe that we have to do something to help people with mental illness, but I'm also sure that despite fears from business about what it might cost them or whatever they think is in this Bill, they would like to have healthy employees at the job. And I'm sure those of us who are parents would like to have mentally healthy people living in our homes with us. One in four families in Illinois have a mentally ill family member and Illinois is one of the lowest ranking states in America at taking care of mentally ill people. We're better than we used to be. We used to be about 49th; I think we're about 46th now. Yeah, for us. We can do a lot better. This Bill

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will not only help us get into line with the Federal Law, this Bill will allow us to have an ethical and moral compass that says that if you break your leg your insurance policy should take care it and if you have schizophrenia your insurance policy might take care of it, if your employer at least considers this to be an important thing that they want to cover in the insurance policy. There is no mandate. There is no additional cost. If you care about mentally ill people in our state, you need to vote 'yes' on this Bill. Please vote 'yes' on this important Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 1530 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? Coladipietro, Hays, Reis. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 72 Members voting 'yes', 39 Members voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Tom Cross, you have personal privilege, Sir?"

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to just take a second to introduce. I have the privilege of having a very good youth group made up of kids from my district, the Oswego/Plainfield/Joliet area, from Oswego and Oswego East, Plainfield schools, there are four of them and then Joliet West and they're here today getting an opportunity to take a look at State Government. So, I just wanted to say hi to them back there. If we could acknowledge them, they're behind me up in the gallery and they're all bright kids.

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Thank you for being down here. Representative Hatcher's also here standing up and as it represents Oswego, as well. So, thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield. Enjoy your day. Proud to have you here. Representative Frank Mautino, I believe on the Order of Third Reading, you have House Bill 1444 on page 23 of the Calendar. Would you like to call that Bill, Representative? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1444, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Frank Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. 1444 reduces the threshold number of shareholders from 400 to 200 in entities who are filing a federal report in lieu of the Procurement Code. This was brought to us basically... Mesirow and some of those other companies were caught in a disclosure... basically, they had more shareholders than the level that we had put into that law itself. So, they're asking for us to bring the exemption from 400 down to 200 for those entities. They still have to do the same federal filings and it's an accommodation that they had asked for at the time we did the procurement laws. From there, I know of no opposition."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation on House Bill 1444. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 1444 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? Nybo, Williams,

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like to be recorded? Ann Williams. Representative Williams. Representative Nybo. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 79 Members voting 'yes', 30 Members voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Dave Winters, on the Order of Third Readings, on page 27 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 3458. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3458, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3458 is a initiative of the Park District Association. It parallels what the Chicago Park District does by allowing authorizing park districts to enter into design-build contracts. I'm not aware of any opposition to this. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation on the Bill. Is there anybody seeking discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McHenry... The Chair recognizes Representative Burns, Will Burns."

Burns: "Thank you, Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Burns: "Representative, I'm just curious, is this design-build language for the park districts, is it... it is substantially similar or identical to the state's design-build Procurement Code language?"

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Winters: "I'm not the originator of the Bill. All I know is that it parallels exactly the Chicago Park District Design-build. As far as how it relates to, say, IDOT or CDB, I do not know the answer to that question."

Burns: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "No further discussion? Representative Winters to close."

Winters: "Just encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 3458 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 Acevedo, Representative David Leitch. Representative Acevedo, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Jack Franks."

Franks: "Thank you. I'd like the record to reflect on House Bill 1444 I intended to vote 'no' as I had in committee."

Speaker Lyons: "The Journal will reflect your wishes, Sir. Representative Roth, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Roth: "Please let the record reflect that I'd like to vote 'yes' on House Bill 1703."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, the Journal will reflect your request. Representative Jakobsson, on the Order of Third Readings, you have House Bill 78. Mr. Clerk, the Bill was passed earlier? Representative Jakobsson, my list is not

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updated. My apologies and my congratulations to you on the passage of the Bill. Representative Verschoore, on the Order of Third Readings, on page 23 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 1292. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1292, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Verschoore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me pull this up. Let me get the file on this; I don't have the file. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. 1292 is an initiative of the Illinois Municipi... Mechanical and Specialty Contractors. It amends the Contractor Prompt Payment Act to limit the retainage on construction contracts so no more than 5 percent can be withheld. But what this does is, they always hold a... a retainage on a construction job and what this would do is hold it to a minimum of 5 percent. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You heard the Gentleman's explanation. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Roger Eddy."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Eddy: "Representative, I think it's pretty clear-cut what the Bill does, but why the change? Why... why are you wanting to cut in half the retainage fee?"

Verschoore: "Well, because... you know, on these bigger projects you're holding up a lot of the contractor's money and that's the reason for the Bill because, you know, like a

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million dollars. There's a lot... there's nothing to having a million dollar heating... plumbing and heating contract and when you're getting 10 percent, that's a hundred thousand dollars."

Eddy: "Well, wouldn't the cost of the project, though, be directly related to the size of the project and, therefore, the retainage would be a percentage that reflects the cost. Sure, it's a lot of money, but we're talking about percentages here. So, what we're trying to do is protect the... we're trying to protect the final product with a percentage that'll cover any problems."

Verschoore: "Yeah, I understand your position, but... but like I said, the whole idea of this is so they won't have their money tied up. Sometimes that's money... a hundred thousand dollars is tied up for a year or longer, you know, on a long project."

Eddy: "Well, right now, this kind of amounts to a private contractual relationship between the contractor and those that are doing the work."

Verschoore: "Right."

Eddy: "Why is it necessary for public policy for the State of Illinois for us in this Body to insert ourselves in the middle of this issue?"

Verschoore: "Well, they brought the Bill to me asking... because you know, asking for some relief here and that's why... that's why I'm presenting it."

Eddy: "Well, doesn't... doesn't this leave developers pretty vulnerable to... to situations where... where contractors say it's, you know, 5 percent. That's... I mean do we really

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believe that's substantial enough to hold the feet to the fire?"

Verschoore: "Well, I've been around the construction trade for all my life and I think 5 percent is a significant amount of money and I think 10 percent is excessive. I think 5 percent is reasonable."

Eddy: "Well, Representative, I respectfully disagree. I think what we're doing is we're changing the standard here to a point where, in some cases at least, that standard's not going to be really enough and some people are going to be left holding the bag here. And I don't see... have you got data that demonstrates that there's some kind of an issue with the retainage because it's not something that I'm aware that there's been a problem?"

Verschoore: "I don't..."

Eddy: "Where'd this come from?"

Verschoore: "I don't... Representative, if there's no opposition to this Bill that I can see."

Eddy: "Well, Representative, my understanding is that there are some groups that are opposed and..."

Verschoore: "On the sheet I had it didn't show any, but I guess there is someone that's opposed to it."

Eddy: "Okay. Yeah, I think, for example, the realtors are certainly opposed, the community bankers, those who may have some interest in the finished product."

Verschoore: "Right."

Eddy: "You know, normally there has to be some... some type of an amount that is appropriate enough to cause the final product to be satisfactory and I really think that by

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limiting this to 5 percent we're not protecting those individuals. Now, if... if there's a need for this and it's demonstrated and there's some kind of a, I guess, data to back this up, but I don't see any data. Do you have anything that shows that this has been a major issue?"

Verschoore: "No, I don't, Representative. I'm sorry."

Eddy: "Okay. It just appears as if individuals who are doing work want 95 percent or what is really a pretty substantial amount of the finished product compensation prior to everything being completed and it just seems like an overreach. It's not necessary and it really doesn't protect the individuals who are having the work done in the way that we should and 10 percent isn't... it's not a tremendous amount to hold. I know you're talking about, when it's a million dollars, it's a hundred thousand dollars but it's a percentage and it's based on the fact that the person who's having the work done should have some leverage to make sure that that work is done in a fashion that is acceptable and it seems that 10 percent's the right number. And I would urge the Body to keep it at 10 percent and request a vote against your Bill, Representative."

Verschoore: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "We have about six speakers. So, I'll put the timer on, on about three minutes and we'll go from there. Representative Lang, you're the next speaker."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, I rise in support of the Gentleman's Bill. I understand the argument that was just made by the previous speaker, but this Bill is more about jobs. So we've got lots of contractors out

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there and lots of subcontractors out there who need cash to hire people to do work, who need cash to buy materials to do work, and if they don't have the cash to... on very low and small profit margins to go out to be able to hire people to do the job or to buy the raw materials they need to do the job, the jobs won't get done. This is a protection of those small businesses. You know, I had that Mental Health Parity Bill before and I heard a lot of people talking about protection of small business. This is a protection of small business. This Bill protects those jobs. This Bill keeps those contractors and those small subcontractors working so that there's cash in the pipeline, so they can hire people, buy the materials and get the work done on time without having to lay people off. That's exactly what this Bill is about. This is a good idea to make sure that small business can prosper and do the work they're hired to do. So I recommend 'aye' votes, I recommend them very strongly. This is a very good Bill for job creation. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. And I appreciate what the previous speaker said, but I tend to agree more with Mr. Eddy on this Bill because I don't know why the State of Illinois continually thinks that we ought to be involved in private business transactions and why we are setting limits. These are independent organizations; they are private businesses who are very capable of negotiating the terms of their agreements on their own. This is an arbitrary reason to be... this Bill is arbitrary in the sense

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that it's not based on any reality. I sup... One of the previous speakers said that this is about jobs. Well, I would beg to differ because there are so many times when the lenders in these situations actually have to pick up the bonds because of the contractor or the developer or both going out of business. I think that we ought to leave the free market alone, let the parties decide for themselves and to quit micromanaging private businesses in the State of Illinois, quit reg... overregulating businesses in the State of Illinois and let... that's how we're going to have more business. We see from the Caterpillar chairman, just the other day when he met with the Governor, the problems that we have in this state are worker's compensation, it's a question of high regulation, it's a question of high taxes. This is the exact type of Bill that drives businesses out of this state. If we want to create jobs, what we ought to do is quit overregulating businesses and let them make their own decisions. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Kay."

Kay: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Kay: "Thank you. I'm... I'm curious about the Bill in that it seems to me like this could be corrected simply through a contractual change. Is that not the case?"

Verschoore: "Well, there's a statute... I think a statute now that requires 10 percent and this is similar to Bills in the 95th and 96th Session in the House that passed 103 to 3 in the 95th General Assembly and 112 to 1 in the 96th. So

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this is not a stranger in this House. I mean, it's passed both times. And what this does is it restricts the contractors. The banks will say this is it, it's either take it or leave it, so it kind of puts them in a predicament. So, with the 5 percent..."

Kay: "Well, for..."

Verschoore: "...it would be... and their profit margins range between 3 and 6 percent. So, that's why I think a 5 percent is a reasonable amount to hold in retainage."

Kay: "Well, forgive me. Let me back up again. Is this something that could not be handled under a contract change, even if it were a boiler point... boiler point contract?"

Verschoore: "It could be, but if the banks... it puts the contractors in a bad position because the banks are the ones that... are the ones that dictate what they have to keep. So, they probably could, but like I said, the two previous General Assemblies it passed out of the House here. So, I don't see the problem."

Kay: "Well, and I... Forgive me, again. I wasn't here..."

Verschoore: "Yeah."

Kay: "...during the time that you're speaking of, but I agree with Representative Eddy and Franks, I think there's a better way to do it, a simpler way to do it. Seems to me like this is not a job creator, it's a job killer 'cause you're talking about a businessman's capital that you're putting on the line. That's something I don't think we want to really start engaging in, in the State of Illinois. So, I'm going... I'm going to speak against this again and

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just simply say it's not the right thing for business in the State of Illinois."

Verschoore: "It also allows the contractors to pay, you know, their employees, too, so... with the extra money."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Kankakee, Representative Lisa Dugan."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Dugan: "Representative, I just wanted to make sure, as you said, the reason why it's 10 percent now and why it's not going to 5 percent. You said that they, the banks themselves are the ones that require the contractor to keep it at 10 percent. Is that..."

Verschoore: Correct."

Dugan: "Is that what I understand to be true?"

Verschoore: "Correct. Banks and the developers and this doesn't apply to any public works jobs, this is private industry."

Dugan: "Well, it... And to the Bill, Speaker. I certainly understand and what some of the previous speakers have said, but I think back when retainage became 10 percent and when it was actually put into place, that money was held back from contractors. It was pretty much based on the fact that what it did was it addressed the profit, the profit that the businesses would make off of that job and so then to assure that the job got done so they made their profit, that 10 percent was thought to be the figure. I think what's happening now is many small businesses and businesses throughout this state to see some kind of profit

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at a level of 10 percent is unheard of. And what is now starting to happen with retainage is that profit margin has shrunk so much that part of that 10 percent that people were holding back for retainage is now the money that businesses need in order to, and I disagree with some previous speakers, to keep people working, to keep the job going and to be able to pay their payroll because profits are no longer at 10 percent. So, as we look at and also as far as the way contracts are done, contractors draw down on their job. What they do is they draw down, they give to the contractor... the general contractor the job and how far it's completed and what percentage is complete and they are paid on drawdowns based on the amount of work that has been done. So I think to say that 5 percent would end up putting anyone in a position of a job not being completed, that would be known as they draw down on that project throughout the working of that project. So, therefore, to think changing it to 5 percent, which unfortunately can't seem to be done in the market, is taking many small contractors businesses and it's taking them to where they can't even keep their employees working because their profit is no longer 10 or 12 percent. So with that being said, I hope that people understand that businesses in this state who are hurting need to be able to continue to do construction work and since everyone knows what percentage is already done before they pay them on their drawdown, they would know long before the end that 5 percent is not a problem at the end of that contract. So, therefore, I would like to ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Nybo."

Nybo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. With all due respect to the Sponsor, this is the kind of stuff that I came down here to vote against. Let's just follow up on the line of analysis that we just heard. Within the construction industry the profit margin has gone from 10 percent down to 3 percent by industry standards, industry estimates. What does that tell you about the construction industry right now? What it says to me is that the construction industry has become a much tougher industry in which to make a profit and 1292, I think, is the kind of Bill that just serves as an additional disincentive for people to pursue these types of projects. There are no construction jobs if there are no construction projects. I will vote 'no' on this. I encourage the Body to vote 'no' on this because I don't think we can put any further disincentives to not only our real estate market but particularly to our commercial development market. Our commercial real estate market will be hurt by this Bill. I urge a 'no' vote. I think we are unnecessarily interfering with the free market on this one. I think we should let the industry determine for itself what's in the industry's best interest on this subject. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Sacia will be our last speaker and then Representative Verschoore to close. Representative Jim Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, by way of understanding and I think some folks

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are a little bit fuzzy on this one. I, as a business owner, enter into an agreement with a contractor to do a hundred thousand dollar job. Retainage would be \$10 thousand. Let's say that the work that is done on the project was done 50 percent by a subcontractor who did lousy work. The job is completed, the contractor comes to me, I have about \$15 thousand worth of cleanup and I'm holding back 10 thousand and there are those in this Body that would want that I only held back 5 thousand. This was so well articulated by both Representatives Eddy and Franks and Representative Nybo, who all get this, and I find it very interesting that Party lines are not defined at all on this. But Ladies and Gentlemen, the Illinois Bankers and the Community Bankers, who are often at odds with one another, both are opposed to this Bill. The Illinois Retail Merchants are opposed to the Bill, the Illinois Association of Realtors is opposed to the Bill, Chicago Title is opposed to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an ill-conceived Bill and I join my colleagues in asking for a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Verschoore to close."

Verschoore: "Well, like I said, I think a 5 percent is a reasonable amount and like I said before that maybe back whenever this was set up 10 percent was a reasonable amount, but the profit range is now, according to this analysis, is between 3 and 6 percent. So I would just ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 1292 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed

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vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Acevedo, Biss, Monique Davis, Hernandez, Smith. Representative Biss. Mr. Clerk, take the record. Representative Verschoore. 49 voting 'yes', 60 voting 'no', 1 'present'. Mr. Clerk, take the record. This Bill, failing to get the Constitutional requirement, is hereby failed. Folks, I'm going to go back and try to move some Bills from Second to Third Reading and cleanup the sheets that we started with this morning. So, I'll be working for the next few minutes anyways on Seconds to Thirds. That's if you're here to move your Bill from Second to Third. Representative Dan Burke, you have, on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 1962 on Second Reading. Would you like to move that to Third, Representative? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1962, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "You want to hold that on Second Reading? Representative Burke, you also have House Bill 929. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 929, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Burke, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Dan, you have Amendment #1. You don't want to call the Amendment? Okay. We'll hold it on Second

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Reading. Representative Will Burns, try my luck, House Bill 203. It's on the Order of Second Reading. Out of the record. Representative Chapa LaVia, on the Order of Second Reading, you have House Bill 595. Linda Chapa LaVia, House Bill 595 on Second Reading. Do you wish to move that Bill to Third Reading? Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Crespo, you have House Bill 2084, on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2084, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Crespo, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Crespo on Floor Amendment #2."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 does two things: first, it modifies the makeup of the task force; and secondly, it adds language requiring the General Assembly to vote on whether the recommendations from the task force should be adopted or not."

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

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

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Karen Yarbrough, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Ma'am."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Yarbrough: "I'd like to ask the House to join me in welcoming former Representative David Miller back to the House."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome home, doctor. Good to see you. Yeah, if I can... Representative Mike Fortner, on the Order of Second Readings, you have House Bill 3371. You wish to move that Bill, Mike? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3371, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Jerry Mitchell, on the Order of Second Reading, you have House Bill 2401. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2401, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mitchell on Floor Amendment #1."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a technical Amendment that clears up a problem that we've had in the Charter School Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation of Amendment #1. All those in favor of its adoption signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of

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the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mike McAuliffe, on the Order of Second Reading, you have House Bill 3319. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3319, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. A fiscal note has been requested on the Bill and has not been filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Nybo, you have, on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 1552. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1552, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Nybo, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Nybo on Floor Amendment #2."

Nybo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would ask for the Amendment's adoption. Floor Amendment 2 basically addresses two concerns that the Illinois Department of Human Rights brought up with the original proposal. They're satisfied. They're taking a neutral position on the Bill. And so, I'd ask for the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Lyons: "You heard the Gentleman's explanation of Amendment #2. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all

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those in favor of its adoption signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Sandy Pihos, you have two Bills on the Order of Second Reading, the first one being House Bill 3513. Representative Pihos? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3513, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were tabled. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Pihos, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Sandy Pihos on House Bill 3513."

Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3513 simply deals with continued protection of Social Security numbers so they are not exposed on wristbands or outside of files for the... for public viewing."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation of the Amendment #3. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of its adoption signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #3 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Sand... you also have House Bill 1079. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1079, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Pihos, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "The Representative on Floor Amendment #2."

Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1079 actually deals with higher education. It deals with the floor for higher education, public universities, to report valued items in excess of \$2 thousand instead of the current \$500. That amount was settled on after an extensive discussion in committee and it also amends the Board of Higher Education Act providing that universities shall report annually to the Board of Higher Education on programs of instruction that have been terminated or dissolved, to report on tuition increases and any cost-saving measures they have undertaken during the previous fiscal year. Be happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Chapin Rose, you have House Bill 160 on the Order of Second Reading. Out of the record. Representative Rosenthal, on the Order of Second Reading, you have House Bill 3274. What's the status of that Bill, Mr. Clerk? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3274, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Committee Amendment #1 was tabled. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Rosenthal, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Rosenthal on Floor Amendment #2."

Rosenthal: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I ask the adoption of Amendment for Bill... Amendment #2. And all that does is provide that veterans can provide to the department's five regional offices, rather than the department's office in Springfield, verification of their service."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative David Reis, on the Order of Second Reading, you have House Bill 2093. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2093, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Second Reading of this House Bill. Committee Amendments 1 and 2 have been tabled. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Reis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reis on Floor Amendment #3."

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Reis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Floor Amendment #3 was recommended by the ACLU and it removes the opposition from them as well as Planned Parenthood."

Speaker Lyons: "You heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Darlene Senger, you have House Bill 3156. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3156, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Hammond, on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 2094. Representative Hammond. Norine, you want to move that Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2094, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. Committee Amendment #1 has been tabled. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Hammond, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Hammond on Floor Amendment #2."

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Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would move that the House adopt Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 2094. Floor Amendment 2 becomes the Bill."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. It's so nice and quiet. What's wrong with you people? Are you all right? Representative Tryon, on the Order of Second Reading... Is Representative Tryon on the floor? I don't see him. Okay, Democrats, heads up. On the Order of Second Reading is Representative Currie. On the Order of Second Reading, you have House Bill 2874. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2874, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Monique Davis, you have several Bills on Second Reading. The first one is House Bill 2086. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2086, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Davis, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Davis on Floor Amendment #1."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 is based on, first of all, a request or information from Representative Rose that the original Bill was amending the wrong Section and he was absolutely correct. The second part of the Amendment allows any student, not just those at risk, to take part in alternative education if they're expelled or suspended. So, that took care of Representative Eddy's concern. And I just ask that we adopt Amendment #1 to Floor... to House Bill 2086."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Monique, you also have Senate... House Bill 1544. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Take that Bill out of the record. Representative Marlow Colvin, on the Order of Second Reading, you have House Bill 825. You want to move that Bill, Marlow, House Bill 825? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 825, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Naomi Jakobsson, on the Order of Second Reading, you have House Bill 2066. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2066, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Jakobsson, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Naomi Jakobsson on Floor Amendment #2."

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 is a very simple change. It says that the director of Department of Unemployment shall furnish the list to the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and the Administrative Office should then furnish the list to the County Board instead of saying that the office would furnish it to the County Board."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Chuck Jefferson, you have on the Order of Second Reading House Bill 3118. Out of the record. Leader Frank Mautino, you have a couple

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of Bills on Second Reading. The first one, Frank, is House Bill 1578. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1578, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mautino, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mautino on Floor Amendment #1."

Mautino: "Thank you, Speaker. And I'm just getting my computer to reset here."

Speaker Lyons: "Take your time."

Mautino: "Okay. This is the legislation that's been brought forward by the park districts. Currently, if there are two separate levies that are out there, they want the ability and flexibility to use an unused levy so long as they stay under their total cap. That's what the Amendment does. Apprec..."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, did you present the Amendment? Excuse me. Any questions on the Amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor of its adoption signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Frank, House Bill 3443? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3443, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Committee

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Amendment #1 was tabled. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Mautino, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mautino, Floor Amendment #2."

Mautino: "Thank you. Just trying to get my computer to catch up with you guys. Floor Amendment #2 was discussed in committee. And basically what this does is, the underlying Bill, it was a Bill put forward for Samaritan Ministries for their Need Sharing Program and in writing the Bill we actually exempted them from all insurance: auto, everything else. This says that they have to comply with the normal functions of the Insurance Code. The sharing ministries themselves would not be regulated as insurance, but they would have to follow the rest of the laws."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Karen May, you have, on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 3253. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3253, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Rita Mayfield, you have House Bill 1937, on the Order of Second Reading. Is that Bill ready to go? What's the status Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1937, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Second Reading of this House Bill. Committee Amendment #1 has been tabled. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Mayfield, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Do you wish to move the Bill? Why don't you explain the Amendment, what the Amendment does, Representative."

Mayfield: "Basically, it's an agreed upon Amendment and it is... I worked it out with the Department of Human Services, food service workers Local 881 and the Illinois Retail Merchants Association. We had a rash of outbreaks of salmonella and other food-borne illnesses over the last year and we want to make sure that we're putting mechanisms in place to prevent that happening again. There is no opposition."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation on Amendment #3. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, Amendment #3 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Jack McGuire, on the Order of Second Readings, you have House Bill 3293. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3293, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Deb Mell, you have, on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 1251. Out of the record. Representative Mussman, on... you have, on the Order of Second Reading, you have House Bill 2889, Michelle. Out of the record. Representative Nekritz, Elaine. Representative Elaine Nekritz, you have a couple of Bills on Second Reading, Elaine. Do you want to move House Bill 1091? Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. How about House Bill 3424, 3424? Out of the record. Representative Pat Verschoore. Representative Verschoore, you have on the Order of Second Reading, Pat, House Bill 1299. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1299, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Monique Davis, you do have House Bill 1544 on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1544, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Robyn Gabel, you have, on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 1958 on Second Reading. Out of the record. Representative Jehan

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Gordon. Representative Gordon, you have two Bills on Second Reading, House Bill... House Bill 1384. Out of the record. You also have House Bill... Representative Gordon, you have House Bill 3469, 3469. Out of the record. Out of the record. Representative Mary Flowers, on Second Reading you have House Bill 287, on Second Reading. You want to move that Bill, Mary? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 287, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Committee Amendment #1 has been adopted. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. All right, GOP, trying to catch you on the floor. House Bill... Representative Cole, you have House Bill 3109. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3109, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was tabled. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Fortner, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Cole, do you want Representative Fortner to do that Amendment or are you prepared to do it, your choice?"

Cole: "Now, House... Floor Amendment #2 becomes the Bill and I ask for approval."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Fortner, do you want to give us some insight on the Amendment?"

Fortner: "Yes. Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. Floor Amendment 2 replaces the original Bill and it provides that we're going to put to use the Advisory

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Council on Bilingual Education, which was established a number of years ago. And we're going to put that council to use to answer four questions that will help us create the... I think, some of the more progressive, flexible ways of dealing with bilingual education as we go forward. And they have to do with whether and how the 20 child per attendance center minimum, how that should work; things about certification requirement for transitional bilingual educators; items, whether or not alternative bilingual education programs can replace transitional ones. So these are questions that have come up from a number of different school districts. We're going to give it to our expert body to handle and I'd be happy to answer any questions about the Amendment."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation on Amendment #2. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3109 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. We have some additional Bills. We'll keep moving on the Order of Second Readings, Ladies and Gentlemen. Repubs, heads up. Representative Patti Bellock, you have House Bill 1656. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1656, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. Committee Amendment #1 has been tabled. Floor Amendment #2, offered

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by Representative Bellock, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Patti Bellock on Amendment #2."

Bellock: "Thank you... thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. What Amendment #2 does is to address the issue that we were talking about a couple of days ago when we were talking about the overcrowdedness at the DHS offices of 2500 people to one case manager. So, what this does is it asks the Department of Healthcare and Family Service, with the cooperation of DHS, to provide a report to the General Assembly to look at the idea of removing those people and putting them in some other way such as a customer call center or some other way of centralizing administrative functions. This could be done publicly or privately, but it is just a report that should come back to the General Assembly."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Rich Brauer, you have, on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 3175. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3175, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Brown, you have House Bill 3422 on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3422, the Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A fiscal note has been requested on the Bill and has not been filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Brown, pending the fiscal note, we'll hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Sid Mathias, you have House Bill 3284 on the Order of Second Reading, Sid. You want to move it? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3284, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I know it's not polite to read the newspaper on the House Floor, but I couldn't help it but... because the headline says 'Bring Back Recess'. Bring back recess. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the children would like to have recess in the school. So, I just... This is not my Bill and I didn't have anything to do with this news article, but the headline is the push is on to bring back

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recess. Thank you very much. I appreciate you. Thank you. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative Flowers, for bringing that to our attention. Thank you, Mary. Representative Renée Kosel. Is Renée on the floor? Representative Don Moffitt. Representative Osmond, House Bill 3012, 3012. You want to move that Bill? Out of the record. Representative Chapin Rose, on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 161. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 161, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Bellock: "Today we have students from the University of Illinois, from all over Illinois, down to advocate for legislation that they're interested in. They're back up in the balcony, several of them. They were here, some are left. Thank you. Can you give them a round of applause."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield. Enjoy your day. Representative Hays, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Hays: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Representative."

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Hays: "I just wanted to apprise the Body that your former colleague, Representative Bill Black, is the newest alderman in Danville with an overwhelming 78 percent landslide."

Speaker Lyons: "God help the Danville City Council, Representative, but wish him nothing but the best. They know what they're getting in Danville, though. Representative Rosenthal, you have House Bill 1914 on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1914, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Darlene Senger, you have, on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 3129. Out of the record. Roger Eddy, you've got, on Second Reading, House Bill 192. Roger, you want to move that, 192? Representative Eddy, Roger. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 192, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Committee Amendment #2 has been tabled. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Eddy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Eddy on Amendment #3, Floor Amendment #3."

Eddy: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment 3 was a cleanup. The Attorney General's Office asked for it, becomes the Bill. And I'd seek the adoption and move it to Third."

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Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #3 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Okay, Democrats, on some Second Readings. House Bill 1291, Representative Dan Beiser. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1291, a Bill for an Act concerning land. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Anthony DeLuca, you, on the Order of Second Reading, have House Bill 1309. No. Out of the record. Mary Flowers, you have, on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 1476. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1476, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm sorry, Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Floor Amendment, please?"

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 was filed today and referred to the Rules Committee."

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Flowers: "Okay."

Speaker Lyons: "So leave that Bill on the Order of Second Reading."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Robyn Gabel, on the Order of Second Reading, you have House Bill 1665. Representative Gabel, House Bill 1665 on the Order of Second Reading? Out of the record. Representative Lisa Hernandez, Second Readings, House Bill 1241, 1241. Out of the record. Representative Tom Holbrook, you have House Bill 1953. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1953, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Naomi Jakobsson, you have House Bill 3045 on the Order of Second Reading. Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Out of the record. Representative Harry Osterman, you have House Bill 3634 on the Order of Second Readings, Harry. You want to move that? Out of the record. Representative Pat Verschoore, you have, on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 1167. Do you want to move that Bill to Third Reading, Pat? Out of the record. Representative Karen Yarbrough in the Chair."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Representative Yarbrough in the Chair. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 1760?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1760, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill."

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

Speaker Yarbrough: "Third Reading. We're going to proceed to the Order of House Bills on Third Reading. Representative Rose, for what reason do you rise?"

Rose: "Point of personal privilege, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Yarbrough: "State your point."

Rose: "I was... just received a phone call from a good friend of mine who's the... happens to be the nephew of one Representative JoAnn Osmond to remind everyone it is her 25th birthday today. So, happy birthday, Representative Osmond."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Happy Birthday, Representative Osmond and many more 25th birthdays. We're going to proceed to the Order of House Bills on Third Reading. House Bill 3076. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3076, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Out of the record. House Bill 3244. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of this Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3244 is on the Order of House Bills- Third Reading, but a Floor Amendment has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Do you want to move that Bill back to the Order of Second Reading for the purposes of an Amendment?"

Hatcher: "Here? Yeah. Move it back to Second."

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Speaker Yarbrough: "Place this Bill on the Order of Second Reading, Mr. Clerk. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3244, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hatcher, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Representative Hatcher."

Hatcher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 34... 3244 simply profiles an opportunity to implement a statewide strategic plan to promote agricultural tourism in the state. The Amendment did nothing more than add subject to appropriation."

Speaker Yarbrough: "The Lady's moving for adoption of the Amendment. No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall Amendment #1 to House Bill 3244 be adopted?' All those in favor say 'aye'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Yarbrough: "Third Reading. Mr. Pritchard, you have House Bill 1589... 3257. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3257, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill is to bring Illinois law in compliance with some Federal Acts. It's an initiative of the Department of Defense. I would ask for your support."

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Speaker Yarbrough: "No one seeking recognition... Representative Franks, for what reason do you rise."

Franks: "Thank you, Speaker. I thought we were still on Second Readings and I was daydream..."

Speaker Yarbrough: "No, Sir, we are on Third Readings."

Franks: "I appreciate that. Well, I'd like to ask the Sponsor a few questions if you'll allow it. Thank you."

Speaker Yarbrough: "He will."

Pritchard: "Can I refuse?"

Speaker Yarbrough: "Yes, you may."

Franks: "You can refuse."

Pritchard: "Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thanks. What does this Bill do?"

Pritchard: "It brings State Law in compliance with Federal Laws dealing with payday loan reforms regarding the limiting of collection efforts by payday loan lenders against consumers who are members of the military."

Franks: "Okay. So, it's basically pulling into like the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act."

Pritchard: "Excuse me. I didn't understand that."

Franks: "When you say it's members of the military, does the Bill re..."

Pritchard: "So it's members of the military or their... members of their family."

Franks: "Okay. Because I know there are certain prohibitions..."

Pritchard: "Correct."

Franks: "...from collecting against folks that are in the military, as there should be, so this would extend it to the Payday Loan Act?"

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Pritchard: "Correct. And it brings the State Law into compliance with the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act, otherwise known as Section 670 and another Public Act that the Federal Government has passed."

Franks: "Well, thank you for allow... you know, allowing the Speaker to recognize me and to actually answer the questions and..."

Pritchard: "Thank you."

Franks: "...it sounds like a very good Bill."

Speaker Yarbrough: "No one else seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3257 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 109 'yeas', 0 'nays' and 1 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Beiser, you have House Bill 2861. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2861, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Beiser: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 2861 as Amendment... as amended, amends the Wildlife Code and creates a new Section in that in a terminally ill hunter licensing program will be established in order to facilitate hunting and fishing opportunities for a terminally ill person at the discretion and the direction of the director of DNR."

Speaker Yarbrough: "You've heard the Gentleman. No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'House Bill... shall House Bill

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2861 pass?' All 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? Colvin, Lilly. Mr. Clerk, take the record. And on this question, there are 109 voting 'yea', 1 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Chapa LaVia, you have House Bill 3440. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3440, a Bill for an Act concerning service dogs. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Yarbrough: "The Lady from Kane, Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. It should be on the Agreed Bill List. That's right, bark it up. Let me see what I'm doing here. This amends the School Code by extending the definition of service animals, so it would apply statewide also. House Bill 3440 amends the Guide Dog Access Act by changing the title of the Act and expanding the group of people who can have dogs and the groups of dogs covered and how they are identified. Having to do with hearing animals, a guide animal, an assistant animal, a seizure alert animal, a mobility animal, a psychiatric... psychiatric service animal, and an autism service animal. And I'll take any questions. Thanks."

Speaker Yarbrough: "No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3440 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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who wish? Burke. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 110 'yeas', 0 'nays', 0 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Cunningham, you have House Bill 1906. Out of the record. Representative Dugan, you have House Bill 1513. Out of the record. Representative Farnham, you have House Bill 1726. Representative Farnham? Out of the record. Representative McAsey, you have House Bill 2938. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2938, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 2938 is an initiative of the Illinois Secretary of State. What this is doing is working to address the many specialty plates that we have on the road, particularly specialty plates when the numbers decrease in circulation to create an avenue by which the Secretary of State can notify the group with the... with the specialty plate and begin a process either to bring up the numbers or to discontinue issuance of that plate. There's also a number of other things within the Bill to deal with audit findings related to the administration of the funds that are collected for the various charities that have these specialty plates. I would ask for your 'aye' vote and would be willing to address any questions."

Speaker Yarbrough: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill

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2938 pass?' All in favor say 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Leitch, Poe? Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 110 'yeas', 0 'nays', 0 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mussman, you have House Bill 3506. Out of the record. Representative Lyons, you have House Bill 176. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 176, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Yarbrough: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lyons."

Lyons: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 176 was brought to me by FOP President Jim Simmons who's also an Illinois parole officer. We tried to run this thing last year and it didn't make it. We ran it this year and this creates the Illinois Department of Corrections Parole Division Offender Supervisory Fund as a special fund in the State Treasury that provides that a person who's convicted of any violation of the Criminal Code while on parole will have to pay an additional \$25 in court fees. So, the original draft of this thing was a little messed up. We did the Amendment to clear up the Illinois State Police issue and the Clerk of the Courts issue on this thing. It's a Bill that comes to us from the people who are the end users, the parole officers. I'll be happy to answer any questions. And I'll ask for your 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Yarbrough: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 176 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 110 'yeas', 0 'nays' and 0 'present'. This Bill, receiving a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Acevedo, you have House Bill 1855. Out of the record. Representative Acevedo, you have House Bill 2912. Out of the record. Representative Chapa LaVia, you have House Bill 1216. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1216, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Yarbrough: Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Madam Speaker and Members of the House, we spent a lot of time on House Bill 1216. If there's any questions, please go ahead and ask me; otherwise, let's vote 'yes' on it and get it over to the Senate. Thank you."

Speaker Yarbrough: "You heard the Lady's explanation of House Bill 1216. No one seeking recognition, the question is... Representative Eddy, for what reason do you rise?"

Eddy: "Thank you, Speaker. I wanted to make sure we talked about this, Representative Chapa LaVia and I, to get on the record the intent of the Bill. There's been a lot..."

Speaker Yarbrough: "The Lady said she will yield."

Eddy: "Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Madam Chair. Will the Sponsor yield? She said no, now."

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Speaker Yarbrough: "She says she will."

Eddy: "Okay. Representative, this has been a pretty hot topic this spring and for clarification several folks have had the concern that this commission would have powers that it does not have. This commission would only be to bring recommendations here. It has no authority to do any changes in school district lines. They can only make some recommendations related to reorganization after a study."

Chapa LaVia: "You've brought up an excellent point. I'm sorry. Let's slow down this debate for a second. I know a lot of my colleagues have received a lot of e-mails saying what this really isn't and that is the question of the day, Representative Eddy, is the fact that this commission will meet, they will have hearings throughout the entire state and get the local input. I think this is where consolidation efficiencies belong in the first place, but there'll be local debates, a local input. They will vote on the recommendations to us. We will get it and then we will vote on their suggestions. We, as policymakers, will take those suggestions and see if we'd like to produce policy from that. So, yes, you're correct. They will not have any policymaking authority. They're not giving us something that we'll vote on, it'll go... enacted into law and will consolidate the school districts. This is just basically for the group of the stakeholders at local... at a local level, if you will, at ground zero giving us their ideas, their suggestions on what consolidation might look like for different units and districts and efficiency suggestions on how we can work and facilitate more

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efficiencies in the system of the school districts. So, you're correct."

Eddy: "Substantially different than... than the approach that I think a lot of people were concerned about related to forced consolidation. You have... you have included, graciously, about every group that contacted you to attempt to... to make sure that they have that input and there's nothing in this Bill that allows for either, through nonvoting or voting, this group to have the kind of power that would consolidate, reorganize, detach, annex, dissolve any school district. I appreciate that approach. It's the approach we should take. If there are some things we need to do regarding reorganization/consolidation to try to move toward less number of districts in the state, I don't think that may be the wrong thing to do, but we don't need that done from Springfield. Appreciate your recognizing that and I'd urge the Body to support this approach 'cause it's the best approach for reorganization that we've seen. Thank you."

Speaker Yarbrough: "The Gentleman from Lee is recognized, Representative Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Yarbrough: "She indicates she will."

Mitchell, J.: "Representative, what will the commission be voting on?"

Chapa LaVia: "Suggestions of recommendation as a group, what they come up with that they want to submit to us for a vote."

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Mitchell, J.: "Can you walk us through the procedure that will be used from the inception of the commission through the report back to the General Assembly?"

Chapa LaVia: "Sure. Well, first we... all the positions will be put in place from their different perspective groups. A few from the Minority Leaders in both chambers, the Majority Leaders of both chambers, the Governor has two appointments. So we'll... and the different categories of individuals that'll be part of the commission, their groups will select one group to be at the table."

Mitchell, J.: "What..."

Chapa LaVia: "They will go through hearings..."

Mitchell, J.: "...is the total number on the commission?"

Chapa LaVia: "I'm sorry."

Mitchell, J.: "What is the total number that will be on the commission?"

Chapa LaVia: "Nineteen."

Mitchell, J.: "Nineteen."

Chapa LaVia: "And they will go through hearings throughout the state in different areas of the state. They will have a lot of input from experts in this state. The locals, the mayors, aldermen, schools boards, parents, students will have input on the consolidation efficiencies. They will vote on the recommendations that they see to be placed in a report to us. And the time frame... after their vote, they have 14 days then to submit it to the General Assembly. It'll start in the House and they will need to have us vote on their suggestions. And once we take that vote to take

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the recommendations, then we'll meet again and see what we'd like to take out of that for a possible policy."

Mitchell, J.: "Okay. So... and so, basically it's an information gathering body that pools the information they find and then kind of chews through the information to come up with a set of recommendations."

Chapa LaVia: "Correct."

Mitchell, J.: "This set of recommendations then will be voted on by the body of the commission."

Chapa LaVia: "Correct and..."

Mitchell, J.: "Do... is there... does there have to be a clear cut majority on the recommendations?"

Chapa LaVia: "Eleven out..."

Mitchell, J.: "What happens..."

Chapa LaVia: "...eleven out of the 19 have to vote in the affirmative for the suggestion to get on the final paper that's given to us."

Mitchell, J.: "How many?"

Chapa LaVia: "Eleven of the 19."

Mitchell, J.: "Okay. So..."

Chapa LaVia: "Three-fifths of them..."

Mitchell, J.: "Okay."

Chapa LaVia: "...have to vote in agreement."

Mitchell, J.: "So, if a recommendation is made, no matter how strongly by an individual group, if the commission itself does not vote in favor of it that recommendation won't be carried forward."

Chapa LaVia: "Correct."

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Mitchell, J.: "Once a commiss... the recommendations are put together in a final report, and that is submitted to the Governor's Office and the General Assembly?"

Chapa LaVia: "Correct."

Mitchell, J.: "Do we then... are we obligated to vote on those recommendations? Do we need to vote to accept them or are they just simply accepted as most commissions are?"

Chapa LaVia: "It has to be accepted in a Resolution."

Mitchell, J.: "In a Resolution. Okay. Once that Resolution is accepted and the recommendations have been studied, is there anything in your Bill that says that the General Assembly must then vote on making those recommendations into law?"

Chapa LaVia: "No, absolutely not. They're only recommendations."

Mitchell, J.: "Okay. So, we can vote to accept them, look at them, study them, table them, whatever it is the desire of the General Assembly?"

Chapa LaVia: "Correct."

Mitchell, J.: "Okay. Thank you."

Chapa LaVia: "You're welcome. Thank you for the questions."

Speaker Yarbrough: "No one else seeking recognition, the question is... Or would you like to close, Representative?"

Chapa LaVia: "No. I just want to thank especially the staff on the Republican and the Democratic staff for, the Elementary & Secondary and all the hard work they put in it and the accommodations that all our Members have made with their suggestions. I really do appreciate everything that everybody put in the hard work on this Bill. And I really

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think it's the right course of action to take at this time.
And I would request 'aye' votes. Thank you."

Speaker Yarbrough: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1216 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Harris, Hays, Mell, Pihos. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 104 'yeas' 6 'nays', 0 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is now declared passed. Representative Nekritz, you have House Bill 3336. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3336, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's a pleasure to say that. House Bill 3336 deals with deferred compensation plans and how they are treated by municipalities and school districts that offer such plans. What this Bill requires is that those public bodies will follow the Prudent Investor Rule which means that they must treat the money as their own and provide the lowest cost, highest value plan that is available."

Speaker Yarbrough: "The Lady moves for passage of the Bill. Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Madam Chair. First a question and then I have an inquiry of the Chair. Does this preempt Home Rule?"

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Nekritz: "Not that I'm aware of. I don't think there's a... I don't... there's not a specific provision in the Bill that would do that."

Eddy: "Does it prohibit Home Rule units from not implementing the best practices? So if a Home Rule unit had a plan for their employees, would they be allowed to... would they have to... would they have to go by the tenets of this Bill?"

Nekritz: "I have to admit, Representative, I don't know whether... I just don't know the answer to the question."

Eddy: "Okay."

Nekritz: "And if you want me to take..."

Eddy: "I just think we need to know to find out, which would be my inquiry of the Chair, whether this... how this affects Home Rule and if it takes 71 votes. So, the question is, because it affects governmental contributions and it requires best practice standards, if a Home Rule unit doesn't want to adopt the best standards practice, are we preempting Home Rule?"

Speaker Yarbrough: "Representative Eddy, are you seeking a ruling from the parliamentarian?"

Eddy: "I am."

Speaker Yarbrough: "We'll get him down. Representative, you want to take the Bill out of the record?"

Nekritz: "I would be happy to."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Out of the record. Representative Dugan, you have House Bill 1513. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1513, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Representative Dugan."

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Dugan: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 1513 is an initiative of the Illinois Municipal League to address an issue that they... was not covered in statute and it just talks about in the Wage Payment and Collection Act. Right now current law allows employers to deduct from wages of employees compensation and there's five different ways that they can now deduct money out of employees wages. What House Bill 1513 does with the Amendment is that provides an addition to the already permitted deductions, a wage deduction would be permitted if the result of an excess payment made by the municipality to the employee, but not limited to a typographical or mathematical error made by the municipality and to... or, 2) to collect a debt that's owed by the employee to the municipality. This, as far as I know, is an agreed to Bill. There were concerns from labor, so they sat down with the Illinois Municipal League and this was the Amendment I was given and everyone seems to be in agreement now with the Bill. So, I would be glad to answer any questions and would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Yarbrough: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. The Gentleman from McHenry, for what reason do you rise?"

Franks: "To ask the Sponsor a question, if I may."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Indicates she yields."

Franks: "Thank you. Representative, under your House Amendment #1, this would provide for some due process for the..."

Dugan: "Yes, it does."

Franks: "Okay. The original Bill did not have any due process."

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Dugan: "Yes, the original Bill... I thank you for bringing that up... did not provide and we did put in Amendment #1, due process for the employee."

Franks: "And let me... and let me ask you about that due process as I think it just makes it a much better Bill and one that I can support. But what exactly is that due process? Let's assume that there was a mistake that the employee really had not been overpaid and the employee had done a significant amount of overtime and yet that was... and they... and she was paid for that overtime but for some reason the municipality would say, oh, we shouldn't have paid you for that. So could you please explain what the due process would be?"

Dugan: "I understand and I probably can't explain it in complete detail, Representative, but I do know that the municipality has to certify the overpayment. And I think it's the same certification and due process that's already required in the Wage Payment and Collection Act for other things that they're able to get back from employees. So I don't know the exact details, but I do know that they have to certify and go through the pro... the due process."

Franks: "And I see that there is... they have the ability to dispute it, but they don't say how. I just didn't know where the... where the dispute would be, where it would be with an administrative law judge, whether it would be with the mayor if it's a municipality, whether it would even be in a Circuit court. If you could find that out, I'd appreciate that."

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Dugan: "I'll certainly, yes, check into that. And all I can go by, Representative, is when labor sat down because of that issue, they are the ones that actually helped draft it. So, it must be the way... the other way it's done, in other cases, is okay with them now."

Franks: "I'll look at it. If there's a problem, I'll let you know and we can fix it in the Senate."

Dugan: "Thank you very much."

Franks: "Thank you."

Speaker Yarbrough: "No one else seeking recognition, the question is, 'Will House Bill 1513 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Colvin, Lilly, Ramey, Sommer. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 110 'ayes', 0 'nays', 0 'present'. And this Bill, receiving the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Jakobsson, for what reason do you rise?"

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Yarbrough: "State your point."

Jakobsson: "I'd like to introduce and have the House give a nice warm welcome to some University of Illinois students who are up here in back of us. Please stand. They're over here letting us know how important higher education is and especially the University of Illinois. So, let's, please, give them a nice warm welcome."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Hatcher, for what reason do you rise?"

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Hatcher: "Point of personal privilege, Speaker."

Speaker Yarbrough: "State your point."

Hatcher: "If everyone could look to the back here, I would like to introduce a number of Kendall County Republican Women who have come today. They've spent the day at the museum and now they are watching this. And I must, it adds... it also includes Mrs. Dennis Hastert."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Osterman, you have House Bill 1296. Out of the record. Representative Holbrook, you have House Bill 3037. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3037, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Representative Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Madam Chair. House Bill 3037 sets up a program where the commission can look into a standardized uniform of single billing for natural gas, if they use alternative suppliers. This is an initiative for some consumers. I know of no opposition. It passed out of committee unanimously."

Speaker Yarbrough: "No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3037 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Acevedo, Lilly. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, receiving a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Zalewski, you have a House Bill 3157. Out

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of the record. Representative Rose, you have House Bill 1521. Out of the record. Representative McAsey, you have House Bill 2069. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2069, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. This is a recurring issue that comes up every 10 years after we have the census numbers counted. It's an issue that was brought to me by one of the cities in my district, the City of Crest Hill. Based on the census figures it would require that they grow the size of their City Council, something that in these austere times they don't want to do. So what this would allow is for local control in municipalities to make that decision following the numbers. I urge your support."

Speaker Yarbrough: "You heard the Lady's explanation. No one seeking recognition... Representative Osterman, what reason do you rise?"

Osterman: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Yarbrough: "She indicates she will."

Osterman: "This affects all municipalities in the city... in the State of Illinois?"

McAsey: "This is actually... it's supported by the Illinois Municipal League. The specific language that we're putting into the legislation would affect municipalities, but would allow for them to have local control. By resolution, they would be able to opt in or opt out of what is already in the Municipal Code related to the census figure."

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Osterman: "Does it affect the City of Chicago?"

McAsey: "The... it makes an Amendment to the Municipal Code related to the requirement of how many aldermen certain cities must have. So, actually, no, it does not affect the City of Chicago."

Osterman: "Thank you."

Speaker Yarbrough: "No one else seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2069 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Acevedo. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 110 'yeas', 0 'nays', 0 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative McAsey, you have House Bill 2935. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2935, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 2935 is a very simple piece of legislation which changes the definition of electronic communication in both the cyber stalking and harassment through electronic communication criminal statutes. It brings our criminal statutes in line with the technology that we have. It changes from communication from a computer through the Internet to another computer to broaden the definition allowed for text messaging, things that are taking place on

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iPads, cell phones, those sorts of things. And I urge your support."

Speaker Yarbrough: "No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2935 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Arroyo. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this... on this question, there are 110 'yeas', 0 'nays' 0 'present'. And this Bill, receiving a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mussman, you have House Bill 3591. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3591, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading."

Speaker Yarbrough: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 3591 amends the Chicago... Chicago Transit and Regional Transit Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to clarify that all individuals under the state's Pension Code shall be prohibited from receiving pension benefits if convicted of a felony relating to or arising out of or in connection with their job. This Bill simply applies the principle across all state employees and... who were originally left out of the previous reform package. So, I would appreciate an 'aye' vote for this clarification."

Speaker Yarbrough: "Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3591 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open."

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 103 'yeas', 5 'nays', 2 'present'. And on this question, this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lyons in the Chair."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to try and move some additional Second Reading Bills to Third Reading, so I'll try to stick with Republicans. We'll start with you and then Democrats we'll start with you, Bills on Second Reading to move to Third. See if you're in your seat, so we can try to move those Bills. Representative Kay Hatcher, you have two Bills on Second Reading, House Bill 3308 on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3308, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Kay, you also have House Bill 3127, Representative Hatcher. Out of the record. Representative Don Moffitt, you have House Bill 1362 on the Order of Second Reading. Out of the record. Representative Sandy Pihos, you have two Bills on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 1070, 1070. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1070, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill."

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Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Committee Amendment #2 has been tabled. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Sandy, do you want to hold that on Second Reading? Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Pihos, you also have House Bill 3219, 3219. Hold that Bill on Second Reading? Hold the Bill on Second Reading. Out of the record. Representative Reboletti, you have a Bill on Second Reading, House Bill 3431. Dennis, you want to move that Bill to Third Reading, 3431? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3431, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mike Tryon, you have House Bill 309 on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 309, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. All right, Democrats, I have a few Second Readings to see if you want to move. Representative Kelly Burke. Is Kelly on the floor? Representative Hernandez. Representative Holbrook. Representative Tom Holbrook, you have, on Second Reading, House Bill 1368. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1368, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Leader Lang, you have House Bill 3107 on the Order of Second Readings, Lou. Take that Bill out of the record. Representative Deb Mell, you have House Bill 3184 on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3184, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Pat Verschoore, you have two... two Bills on Second Reading, Pat. The first one is House Bill 2842, 2842. Out of the record. The second Bill is 3414, Representative. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk, House Bill 3414."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3414, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Please... please proceed."

McAsey: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to acknowledge a couple of guests that are with us in the gallery this afternoon. The Lockport Township Supervisor, Judy Batusich and Lockport Township Assessor, Debbi Mason have joined us this afternoon. If we can welcome them to Springfield."

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Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to the Capitol. Enjoy your day. Representative Michael Zalewski, you have two Bills on the Order of Second Reading. The first one is House Bill 2067, 2067. Out of the record. The second Bill is House Bill 2991, 2991. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2991, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Hernandez, you have House Bill 2043 on the Order of Second Reading. Would you like to move that Bill, Representative, 2043? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2043, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On House Bill 1530 I was recorded as a 'yes' and I should have been recorded as a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The Journal will reflect your wishes, Representative. Representative Patti Bellock, we have two Bills of yours on the Order of Second Reading, see if you wish to move one of them. House.. first one's House Bill 1569, 1569. Out of the record. The second Bill, Representative, is House Bill 2942, 2942. Out of the record. Representative Mike Fortner, House Bill 3182 on the Order of Second Reading. Do you wish to move that Bill, Representative? Out of the record. Representative

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Ed Sullivan, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Sullivan: "Yes, a point of personal privilege. As you all know, today is Township Day. Township officials throughout the state are down. Back in my area, I'd like to introduce three gentlemen that are up in the gallery right now. We have Pete Tekampe, Freemont Township Supervisor; Bill Grinnell is the Highway Commissioner for Freemont Township; and Bill McNeill, Avon Township Trustee standing right up there. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lyons: "Township officials, welcome to your Capitol. Representative JoAnn Osmond, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Osmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise on a point of personal privilege. With those three gentlemen are my Township Supervisor Steve Smouse from Antioch Township. Please welcome them. Steve."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome, again, township folks, proud to have you at the Capitol. Representative Osmond, you do have, I believe, on the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 25... 2056, 2056. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2056, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Osmond, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative JoAnn Osmond on Floor Amendment #2."

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Osmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Floor Amendment removes the opposition from the EPA."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 1032. Read the Bill... read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1032, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Bradley, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to refer back to the Calendar now. We're going to go through some Order of Resolutions. So we're going to... we've got about a page and a half of these to do, so we will run on page 29 of the Calendar, if you want to follow through. Mr. Clerk, we have House Joint Resolution #13, Representative Riley. Is Representative Riley on the floor? Out of the record. On page 30 of the Calendar, Representative Jerry Mitchell, you have House Resolution 13. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 13, Representative Jerry Mitchell."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Resolution 13 designates the date of February 6, 2011, as Ronald Reagan Day in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Lyons: "Out of the record. Mary Flowers, on page 30 of the Calendar you have House Resolution 21. Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 21 urges Congress to... to adopt the treaty in regards to the mistreatment... to eliminate women being mistreated across this country. And I would urge for its 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's recommendation on House Resolution 21. All those in favor of its adoption signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 21 is adopted. Mary, don't sit down, you have House Resolution 22. Representative Flowers on House Resolution 22."

Flowers: "House Resolution 22 would merely celebrate the anniversary, the 46th anniversary of Medicare."

Speaker Lyons: "You heard the Lady's Motion for the adoption of House Resolution 22. Representative Mussman, did you have a question on the Resolution? Your light's on. Seeing no discussion, all those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 22 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 22 is adopted. Representative Michelle Mussman, you wanted to... a point of personal privilege. Please proceed."

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Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I just wanted to take a moment to introduce some very special guests from back in my neighborhood who came down today. We are hosting Troop #392 that I share with Representative Crespo. And I would like to welcome some Pages on the floor. We have T.B. Lietz, Bobby Robaina, Dominic DeMore, Alex Adame, Dennis Adame, Henry Pritscher and Taggart Acks and their den leaders up there in the gallery behind me. If we could all just give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield. Thanks for being here, enjoy the Capitol. Representative John D'Amico, on page 30 of the Calendar, Representative, you have House Resolution 47. Representative John D'Amico."

D'Amico: "...you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 47 just designates March 11 as World Plumbing Day. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 47 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 47 is adopted. Representative Darlene Senger, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Ma'am?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Senger: "I'd like to recognize a couple of individuals from Wheatland Township here today on my right. Good. And I also have a constituent here from my area from the University of Illinois. And I can't see where they are. Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Senger's guests, welcome to your Capitol. Thank you very much for coming down. Enjoy your day. Representative Chapa LaVia, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Chapa LaVia: "Yes, Speaker, a point of personal privilege and for an announcement. I'd like the..."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd like the Members to welcome my Aurora Township Supervisor, Christina Campos up in the gallery. Say hi, Christina. You guys can do a better job than that, come on, especially my Republicans. Okay. And then also, since it was brought to my attention by my Republican friends, yes, tomorrow Elementary & Secondary Ed will be canceled. It is on the schedule, but is canceled for tomorrow. I know, I know, you guys love me."

Speaker Lyons: "Continuing with Resolutions, Ladies and Gentlemen, on page 30, Representative Biss. Is Representative Biss on the floor? I know his family was down here. Anybody seen Representative Biss? Representative Watson. Representative Watson, you have House Resolution 73. Did we do that earlier, Representative? House Resolution 73, Representative Jim Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This simply urges Congress to stick with the one engine they've already started with on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter."

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Speaker Lyons: "All those in favor of the adoption of the House Resolution 73 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 73 is adopted. Representative Jack Franks, on the top of page 31, you have a Resolution #103. Representative Franks on House Resolution 103."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This was brought to me by a constituent. And House Resolution 103 would resolve that the Illinois House of Representatives support the federal designation of National Explosive Ordinance Disposal Day to honor those who are serving and who have served in this noble and self-sacrificing profession of explosive ordinance disposal in the United States Armed Forces. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 103 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 103 is adopted. Representative Sara Feigenholtz, you have House Resolution 106. Representative Sara Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last month there was some very alarming information coming out of some of the departments about some severe cuts that were going to take place very suddenly for FY '11. It was a 10 percent cut, I believe, relatively significant for the last quarter of FY11 which essentially would have resulted in a 40 percent cut. And we were basically telling a lot of our substance abuse mental health providers that within a week or two they needed to shut down their programs and close their

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doors. I believe that the advocacy efforts that took place on behalf of some of these providers is the reason that some of those cuts were averted, but I'm hoping that we are all tightening our belts and trying to figure out how we can manage through FY12. But again, this is a Resolution about FY11. And I'd be glad to answer any questions and appreciate your support."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation on House Resolution 106. All those in favor of its adoption signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 106 is adopted. Representative Jehan Gordon, you have, on page 30 of the Calendar, House... The House Resolution, Representative. Out of the record? Out of the record. Representative Sara Feigenholtz, do you rise for a point of personal privilege?"

Feigenholtz: "I do, Mr. Speaker. How telepathic of you to know that. I'd like to recognize... I'd like for everyone to welcome former House Member and former State Senator Howie Carroll to the floor of the Illinois House. Welcome."

Speaker Lyons: "Senator Carroll, welcome home. Good to see you, Howard. God love ya. You look great. On page 29 of the Calendar, Representative Jehan Gordon has House Resolution 84. Representative Gordon."

Gordon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 84 simply designates the month of April as the month designated to Parkinson's Disease and Parkinson's... Parkinson's Awareness because of the amount of people that suffer from the

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effects of Parkinson's Disease in the State of Illinois.
And I'm open for any questions at this point."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, I believe there's an Amendment
on that Resolution. You want to adopt Amendment #2?"

Gordon: "Yes. Yes, there is, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for
bringing that to my..."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Gordon moves for the adoption
of..."

Gordon: "There we go."

Speaker Lyons: "...Amendment #2 to House Resolution #84. All
those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say
'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And
House Resolution 84 is adopted.. Amendment #2 to House
Resolution 84 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Gordon also moves for the
adoption of House Resolution 84. All those in favor
signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the
opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House
Resolution 84 is adopted. Representative Karen May. Is
Representative May on the floor? Representative Karen May,
I believe you have an announcement regarding COWL."

May: "Thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. One of our
favorites at the Capitol is the Conference of Women
Legislators Capital Capers. So, immediately after
adjournment we will have anyone who's being on the creative
team. We've got the great start, but anyone who wants to
add their creative thoughts, in my office immediately after
we adjourn. Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Mike Tryon, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Tryon: "Up in the gallery we have some guests from McHenry County here for Township Day. We have the Highway Commissioners from Algonquin Township, Bob Miller; Leon Van Every from McHenry Township and Jack Freund from Grafton Township and the Grafton Township Supervisor, Linda Moore in the gallery. If you would give them a warm Springfield welcome, I'd appreciate it."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome McHenry County... McHenry County Township officials, welcome to your Capitol. Enjoy your day. Mr. Clerk, the committee announcements. We have a purple sheet with committee announcements so pay attention please, folks. Represen... Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee announcements. For 4:30 p.m. this afternoon: Health Care Availability & Access will meet in Room 115; Judiciary Civil Law Jud I will meet in Room 118; Insurance will meet in Room D-1. At 5 p.m., State Government Administration will meet in Room C-1 in the Stratton. The Small Business Committee has been canceled. Small Business canceled. Environment & Energy will meet in Room 114. Environment & Energy, 114. Higher Education in Room 413 in the Stratton Building and Disability Services in Room 115. And a cancellation for tomorrow on the schedule as previously announced, the Elementary & Secondary Education in 114 at 8:30 has been canceled."

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Tomorrow, Elementary & Education has been canceled. And now, seeing no further business to come before the Illinois House of Representatives, Representative Barbara Flynn Currie moves for... that we stand... we stand adjourned 'til the hour of 11:00 tomorrow. So we stand adjourned 'til the hour of 11:00. Allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, all those in favor of adjournment signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned 'til the hour of 11:00 on Thursday, April 7. Have a great evening, everyone."

Clerk Bolin: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1323, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning capital projects. First Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Reports. Representative May, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Accessibility reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 224. Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2249. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 301 and House Bill 2228; recommends be adopted House Resolution 147 and House Resolution 148; Floor Amendment #4 to House Bill 1195, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1264, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1373, Floor Amendment #1

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to House Bill 2915, and Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3611. Representative Holbrook, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 3264; do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 991; and recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 806, and Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1093. Representative Jakobsson, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: recommends be adopted House Resolution 4; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 612. Representative Golar, Chairperson from the Committee on Disability Services reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 785; recommends be adopted House Resolution 117, and Floor Amendment #4 to House Bill 585. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 6, 2011: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3012, Floor Amendment #4 to House Bill 3255, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3300, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3365, Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 3372, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3377, and Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 3500; and House Resolution 164, Floor Amendment #2. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."