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Speaker Mautino: "The hour of 10:00 having arrived, the House will be in order. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Shaun Lewis who is the Illinois State Director of Capitol Commission, serving the political leaders of Illinois. He is the guest of Representative Brauer. Pastor Lewis."

Pastor Lewis: "You'd bow with me in prayer. Father, it's good to pause and in the silence of this brief moment look to You before Session begins today. It's Friday and I know many here are eager to rest and enjoy time with their families. Help them to focus this morning on the tasks at hand and give them the time away from Springfield that they need. Thank You for the service of our lawmakers. I know many of them personally on both sides of the aisle who want to serve well. Their disagreements at times are great, the debates can be heated but give each one here humility to be corrected, courage to stand on conviction even when it's not popular. Above all, bless the Members of this House to the... to the degree that they uphold what is found in Your word, the Bible. May they become well acquainted with this book, meditating upon it day and night, being careful to do what is written in it. Pray that in the name of Jesus, Amen."

Speaker Mautino: "We'll be led in the Pledge today by Representative Lisa Dugan."

Dugan - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands,

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one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Mautino: "Roll Call for Attendance. Majority Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Hernandez and Soto are excused today."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Beau... Representatives Beaubien, Mulligan and Sosnowski are excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. 111 voting 'present', a quorum is present and the House is prepared to do its work. Mr. Clerk. On page 22 of the Calendar appears House Bill 1857, Representative Lang. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1857, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Cook."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. There's an antiquated law that only applies to the Cook County Water Reclamation District which prohibits the members of that board from being involved in any political activity whatsoever on their free time. The first Amendment would require that we change this law which was written way back in the '30s. I ask your support."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman moves passage of House Bill 1857. No one seeking recognition, all in favor will vote

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'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative May, Sommers, Stephens, Acevedo, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 86 voting 'yes', 25 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1857 is declared passed. Page 19 of the Calendar appears House Bill 171, Representative Thapedi. Representative Thapedi. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 171, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Proceed."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House. This is House Bill 171. We've talked about this quite a bit. This deals with smoking in casinos. I think it's very important to note that the difference here with this particular Bill is we're creating smoking optional rooms. Smoking optional rooms, state-of-the-art rooms, ventilation systems, this is ready to go. We heard from Mr. Burke earlier on his Bill. This is far more narrowly crafted. And I ask for your support on this particular provision."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved passage of House Bill 171. On that question, Representative Eddy."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Indicates that he will."

Eddy: "Representative, you mentioned in your opening remarks that there would be created... you referred to them as smoking optional rooms."

Thapedi: "Yes."

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Eddy: "Can you... can you expand and give us the practical application as to how that would... would work?"

Thapedi: "Certainly. I can use the House Floor as an example. Let's assume that our desks are all gaming positions in a casino and then we have the two anterooms on each side of the chamber. Imagine the anterooms being segregated separated rooms as they are, separate ventilation systems and gaming is going on inside of those rooms. That's the best explanation that I can use or at least explain to you by using a demonstrative exhibit of the House Floor as an example."

Eddy: "Okay. So, what about the basic argument that everyone is affected and... and employees of... of the casino is obviously, I mean... I mean I get your description..."

Thapedi: "Sure."

Eddy: "...but what about employees?"

Thapedi: "And I think that if you look at the actual language in the Bill, employees are protected as well and in fact, that was of paramount importance to me that before an employee would be permitted to work in a smoking optional room they would have to apply separately to work in the smoking optional room and in addition, they must also sign an acknowledgment acknowledging the danger and the harmful effects of secondhand smoke which is uncontroverted."

Eddy: "So, the mechanism... the text of the Bill contains a mechanism that an employee would opt in?"

Thapedi: "If you look at the statute... Can you look at it?"

Eddy: "Yes."

Thapedi: "And I think that it speaks for itself."

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Eddy: "Well... well, how is an employee protected, for example, that... I mean, whenever you staff any organization you're going to have a certain number of people that... what if nobody opts in? What if everyone in that organization says we don't want to work in that environment?"

Thapedi: "I guess it would be the same as an asbestos removal company or coal miners. If coal miners chose not to work in the coal mines or if asbestos removers decided not to remove asbestos, it would be the same scenario. I don't know if these are real questions or we're just kind of extending it out for a little bit more time."

Eddy: "What part of this has to do with the economic impact that the loss of these... this option has had on the industry?"

Thapedi: "And... and again, I think that if you look at the notes, and you'll see that there are several notes on this particular Bill, and those notes were requested by me personally to make sure that I had a full financial picture of what we're faced with. And I think that you'll recall when Representative Burke ran his Bill I think that he quoted numbers in the hundreds of millions of dollars and there's no question that the State of Illinois has lost hundreds of millions of dollars. COGFA has come up with opinions after the amounts of money that we've lost. In fact, the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis earlier this year did their own independent study and opine that Illinois is losing roughly about \$200 million per year."

Eddy: "Representative, I know this isn't your issue but there are those of us that feel like that same problem has

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occurred for clubs, organizations, American Legions, some AMVET facilities. And I represent a border area and I have business folks that... that talk to me all the time. Is there any reason you didn't take into consideration those additional entities that claim the same loss?"

Thapedi: "I... I take a little dispute with... with your statement because I did in fact take those entities into consideration; however, all I could rely upon is the empirical data. I don't have any empirical data that shows the amount of losses that those particular entities are losing as a result of the Smoke Free Illinois Act. And I should add, if you actually look at the language of the statute as it exists today there are several enumerated exceptions there. I think that you'll also notice, if you'll take the opportunity to look at the statute that you're questioning me about, that there is one particular provision there and I believe it's a subsection 3 that's listed as a blank which would lead us to believe that another exception was anticipated or over the course of the years, there's been movement in those exemptions. This is very straightforward, Representative."

Eddy: "Well, I... I'm not sure what I want to do, but I'd feel a lot better if we were carving out exceptions for other types of groups as well."

Thapedi: "Sure."

Eddy: "I know why you're doing this..."

Thapedi: "Sure."

Eddy: "I get that. I think it's important to that industry..."

Thapedi: "Sure."

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Eddy: "...but it's just as important to those other indus... industries."

Thapedi: "Well... well and I agree with you. It is important to this industry, but I think the question is, here in Illinois we're \$15 billion in debt. We have to come up with innovative ways to raise money. This is something that we're not raising money on the backs of poor people and in fact, you may recall, Representative, that yesterday the gallery was filled with African American seniors that came down here from the south side of Chicago and they were here because they are fighting to keep vital programs like Circuit Breaker, Illinois Cares Rx those types of programs intact and we're telling them that we don't have adequate money in order to fund those particular programs. Here's one solution. It's not perfect, but it is a solution."

Eddy: "Representative, I appreciate what you're doing. I understand the purpose and I actually support the concept. I want to wait and see what happens with the rest of the debate, but again, I would feel more comfortable if we took a broader approach. But I appreciate where you're coming from. Thank you."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Representative."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman yields."

May: "Yes. Thank you. Just of... I have the utmost respect for you. I know you're a very healthy person; you've got good lung capacity. I've found that as I've met you on the

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tennis court and so I... I know that you are healthy and fit. I'm very concerned. Were you here when we passed Smoke Free Illinois?"

Thapedi: "I was not."

May: "Okay. Well... I... I was. I'm one of those old-timers and was instrumental in fighting for it. My question to you is, you're going to have separate rooms. Are there completely separate ventilation systems for these rooms bringing in fresh air from the outside not just recirculating from the smoke rooms?"

Thapedi: "Absolutely. The objective here is to have state-of-the-art ventilation systems and a state-of-the-art room and please keep in mind that it's important for me to make this very clear to you, Representative, that the casinos have indicated to me that they're willing to make the investment to create this state-of-the-art facility. Under no circumstances and if you'll look at the language in the Bill, under no circumstances can secondhand smoke come out of those rooms. So, I used the anterooms as an example. Smoke would not be permitted to come out of those anterooms. That would be completely contrary to the law."

May: "How do you seal the doorways?"

Thapedi: "Well, there's several different ways to do it. Think about from a construction standpoint. If you have the anteroom there as we see and if you have yet another interior room there to block it off, it can be done. I mean, I have a lot of confidence in our architects and our construction people to make sure that it can be done and they'll comply with the law."

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May: "Has the casino industry shared with you how much this will cost per facility?"

Thapedi: "They have not shared with me the cost, but they tell me that the cost that they are losing as a result of the smoking ban here in Illinois is not even close."

May: "Okay. Thank you, Representative. I'd like to move on to the health care costs. Because some of our good health care groups the Lung Association, the Respiratory Health Association have shared with me that the state has saved money. The state has saved money on health care costs since we've passed Smoke Free Illinois. So, I really question, although I... I know you're a very smart and savvy Legislator so you got these notes, but I don't know how the Department of Public Health can say that there is no impact on the health when we have seen health care costs go down. I guess I don't also understand the fiscal notes so while you were very wise to request these notes I am sorry I don't have at my desk at this moment what has been shared with me by the Department of Public Health and our good health care advocates who oppose this why it will cost us more in health care costs in the long run. So I... I have those... those deep concerns about this. I think that you have worked hard and you have crafted something that perhaps is the least offensive of any Bills to give exceptions to Smoke Free Illinois and I expect that of someone as bright as dedicated as you are. But I do think that it is going to increase health care costs. I do also believe that while employees have a choice if they may feel the pressure that if they say they don't want to work there and there is a

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staffing problem, there may be pressure to say that they want to work there. So while it is not you, it is the Bill you are carrying reluctantly, I have to stand against this Bill and vote against it for health care reasons and the concerns of pressure on employees. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Harris. Sorry, Representative, was there a response for Mr. Thapedi?"

Thapedi: "I wanted to respond to the last statement and I'll be very brief. And I do empathize with Representative May, who I have quite a bit of respect for, that we've worked together on other issues and in fact, we have played tennis together. But I think you should note here that the Department of Public Health did render an opinion with respect to cost that would be impacted by the State of Illinois and they say and I'll quote them, 'House Bill 171 would not have a financial impact on the Department of Public Health.' I think that's because this particular Bill does not encourage or promote smoking. Those who choose to smoke are going to smoke. There's nothing that we can do about that, but if we do have documentary evidence that we're losing hundreds of million dollars as a result of people making that choice, I don't see why this proposition is problematic."

Speaker Lang: "Members, this Bill is on Short Debate and since we didn't start with the timer, we won't use it on this Bill, but since we already debated smoking in casinos perhaps the Members could show some restraint on this Bill. Representative David Harris."

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Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I will certainly show restraint as directed by the Chair. I have a question of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, it seems to make sense that since we passed Representative Burke's Bill that we would pass this Bill. Let me just make sure I understand. Representative Burke's Bill had no pro... no provisions whatsoever for smoke free areas within the casinos, correct?"

Thapedi: "None. None."

Harris, D.: "So, what you're doing is you are mandating that there be smoke free areas within the casinos?"

Thapedi: "Absolutely."

Harris, D.: "Okay."

Thapedi: "I... I'm carving out sections of the casino, segregated ventilated smoking optional rooms, unlike Representative Burke that was an outright lift of the ban in casinos."

Harris, D.: "Right. And it's my understanding that given the impact, the financial impact that casinos feel they've had from the no smoking..."

Thapedi: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "...prohibition that I think the casinos are probably willing to invest in needed... needed funds to make these... these modifications."

Thapedi: "Yes. And they have made that clear to me that in light of the losses that they're sustaining that they would be willing to make the business decision that this would be something they would look into."

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Harris, D.: "Right."

Thapedi: "Of course, from a financial perspective I believe that the casinos would tell you that their preference is obviously, Representative Burke's Bill because that wouldn't require them to make any capital investments in their structures but this Bill obviously does."

Harris, D.: "Right. Now, so, this might be better than Representative Burke's Bill in that respect; however, you do make a big change from Representative Burke's Bill. As I understand, Representative Burke's Bill only deals with the Riverboat Gaming Act. Your Bill deals with both the Riverboat Gaming Act as well as the Illinois Horse Racing Act..."

Thapedi: "That's correct."

Harris, D.: "...which means you anticipate if slots should go in at the racetracks, then the racetracks have the ability also to have these... these facilities."

Thapedi: "You're absolutely correct."

Harris, D.: "Okay. Do you have any sense that these racetracks, which in my estimation are not in as good a financial condition as the casinos, that they are willing to make that same substantial investment of dollars to get these sorts of facilities in place."

Thapedi: "And I must tell you, Representative, that I don't know the answer to that question and you would probably know the answer better than I 'cause I believe that you're from the Arlington Heights area that has a racetrack, so perhaps maybe you can give me some insight on that issue. I have invited the racetracks to discuss this matter with

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me. They have shown great interest. However, as far as making an investment in a state-of-the-art facility, as we both know, the racetracks are... are clearly, clearly strapped for dollars and I don't think that they're in a position now to make the commitment to build these smoking optional rooms, but again, the law as proposed would give them that option."

Harris, D.: "Yeah. Thank you for your direct answers and just very briefly to the Bill. The Gentleman's approach I think is a good one based on what we've done with Representative Burke's Bill, but there is a significant change because we no... we now are indeed widdling away at the no smoking ban because now we're expanding it to... to racetracks. Presumably it could... could come to other facilities as well with future Bills. So, the Members need to be aware that this does not just impact casinos but also the possibility of racetracks, if we... if we put the slots at the racetracks. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Yarbrough."

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman will yield."

Yarbrough: "So, Representative, could you tell me what your Bill does?"

Thapedi: "I believe that we've talked about this at length, Madam Leader. This this particular Bill allows casinos and racetracks, if they choose, to build smoking optional rooms in the casinos or in the racetracks. And I should point out that these must be enclosed smoking optional rooms and please don't confuse what I am proposing today with what we

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see in airports. The smoking rooms in airports, they don't work. That's clear. The scientists have done detailed studies on these smoking rooms in airports, they do not work. I'm talking about something that is state-of-the-art that the casinos have indicated to me that they are willing to make the capital investment to make this a reality and save hundreds of millions of dollars for the state."

Yarbrough: "So, these are going to be enclosed... enclosed areas you're saying and it's going have some kind of ventilation system?"

Thapedi: "It will have state-of-the-art ventilation system, yes."

Yarbrough: "And so, have you talked to anybody about... from anywhere about how that would work and if it actually removes all the carcinogens that would be in the air in that room?"

Thapedi: "Yes. Actually we... we discussed this matter and we vetted it out very thoroughly in... in committee. And I provided each of the Members on the Executive Committee with information from a company and I don't want to give them a free plug, but a company that indicates that they do have the ability to remove all of the harmful affects of secondhand smoke. Now keep in mind, it's not going to get rid of every single micro particle; it's not going to do that and I would defer to some of the professors that are here on the floor to give me some assistance on that but I don't think that in any event that you can actually do that."

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Yarbrough: "So, then, Representative, by your own admission these rooms still would not be... free of cancer causing carcinogens that would affect someone's health?"

Thapedi: "I don't think that the House Floor is 100 percent free of carcinogens that would protect people's health, but I think that what we're proposing here and what the scientists tell me and what these construction people tell me is that they do have the ability to construct such rooms."

Yarbrough: "Well, it's my understanding there's no technology or any kind of apparatus that would do that. Now the second thing I want to ask you about, I want to talk about these waivers. So, you... you say that people who work in casinos will have to sign a waiver that they understand that they're in a room that could cause them to have cancer or... tell me how that works."

Thapedi: "Well, what's contemplated here is something similar to what, and I've used this example before, coal miners. Coal miners that are working in the coal mines. Asbestos removers that are removing asbestos. Those are dramatic examples but what we're contemplating here with this particular piece of legislation is that employees that want to work in the smoking optional room, because health care is obviously a major consideration, we want to make sure that they know and that they recognize the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, and in fact, I even made this invitation during the committee that if the Smoke Free Illinois folks that I think that you're probably reading a script from them, if they have something that they would

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like to include in the acknowledgment I'm more than happy to include that in there 'cause I think that is something that's important."

Yarbrough: "So, Representative, in this economy when jobs are at a premium people are going to have to make a determination on whether they can feed their families or their health could be at risk on... in their workplace. Is that what you're suggesting here?"

Thapedi: "Would you repeat your question again? It's a little loud on the floor."

Yarbrough: "People who will sign these waivers will have to make a decision on whether they want to feed their families and keep their jobs and... opposed to their health. They're going have to make that kind of decision?"

Thapedi: "That is certainly not the legislative intent here. Certainly not that..."

Yarbrough: "Okay. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker.

Thapedi: "...and in fact... and in fact, if I may."

Yarbrough: "To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Thapedi: "I would assume that there would be some croupiers and some people that work in the casinos that actually smoke and they would not have a problem working in the smoking optional room."

Yarbrough: "To the Bill Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative, to the Bill."

Yarbrough: "As you know, another Bill left out of here and went over to the Senate; I'm not sure what's going to happen to that Bill. We passed a comprehensive Bill in this... in this

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chamber in this state; it was a good Bill. It addressed the health concerns and that's where we've been. We're concerned about people's health. I understand there's only about 20 percent of people in the State of Illinois that even smoke. This is not about smoker's rights; this is about workplace safety. I urge a 'no' vote. And Mr. Speaker... Mr. Speaker, if this gets the requisite number of votes, I'd like a verification."

Speaker Lang: "That will be acknowledged. Representative Williams."

Williams: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman yields."

Williams: "I want to go back to the issue of the casino workers and taking a look at this from the workers' perspective."

Thapedi: "Sure."

Williams: "The language in the Bill discusses... I think I'll read from the Bill. 'The room is only accessible to persons who have requested in writing to have access to the smoking room.' How do you contemplate this working?"

Thapedi: "That would be something that I would leave to the casinos and also to the racing board and the gaming board to work on that to ensure that... that can become reality. Please understand the legislative intent, very, very carefully crafted, very specifically crafted. We definitely would anticipate that the gaming board and the racing board would be involved in addressing the issues that I'm sure that you're going to present to me now, Representative and that Leader Yarbrough just mentioned earlier."

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Williams: "Well, it's my understanding that many people that work at casinos in Illinois have already signed a waiver when they first were employed and hired and that waiver said something to the effect that I will not hold the casino workplace liable for working in a smoking environment because many of these people started working at the casino when, in fact, you could smoke in the casino. So, I'm wondering if this Bill contemplates or if we should contemplate, maybe by rule, requiring a new affirmative request to work in these smoke filled rooms. Because otherwise I think there's a big issue with employees being retaliated against."

Thapedi: "Absolutely, Representative, and I appreciate what you recommended. I think that that's something that we definitely would want to incorporate either by rulemaking authority or in fact, if we want to make that change over in the Senate I'm happy to do that because, please understand, that my motivation here is recouping hundreds of million dollars that we've lost here in Illinois at the same time balancing the health care consideration of employees. That's an excellent recommendation that you've made and I'll definitely incorporate that as the process moves along."

Williams: "Okay. So, to reiterate, we're contemplating a new affirmative request to work in the rooms and the waiver that's already been signed. Is this outside of the scope of the waiver that's already been signed?"

Thapedi: "Absolutely. In fact, I specifically asked members in the casino industry whether or not that was the practice in

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the casino industry to have employees sign waivers. They tell me that they do not do that. So, again, the thought process was, was that I was going above and beyond the call of duty, but now that you've brought up something that I heard as well, I think a second affirmative act is definitely in place and would definitely be consistent with the legislative intent."

Williams: "And along those lines, would you consider or contemplate the idea or have you contemplated the idea of a provision either in the law or in the rulemaking process that would provide that employees cannot be retaliated against for opting not to... to work in the smoke filled rooms? I mean, it may be hard to fill those rooms with dealers and other workers."

Thapedi: "I... I'm happy to do that as well. Whatever will take into consideration the health and the safety of workers clearly that's something that I would want to do. I would anticipate that OSHA and some other regulations would cover that issue, but again, I'm perfectly happy to put in additional safeguards."

Williams: "Okay. To the Bill. To the Bill. I... I think that the reason this issue is so troubling is that we have gone out of our way to recognize the terrible impact that secondhand smoke has on our workers and patrons of businesses throughout the state enough that we've passed a smoking ban and I... celebrated along with many people in Illinois when the smoking ban passed. I never contemplated that I would be back here voting on this exact same issue. I'm also going to challenge the idea that if you are a

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casino worker or worked in a casino you ever contemplated that the job you'd be doing was akin in any way to the type of job in a coal mine or dealing with asbestos. It... it just shouldn't be that way and I don't think the workers anticipated they would be dealing with that sort of health hazard especially when they did celebrate along with many of us when the ban was enacted. I appreciate your consideration of my questions. And I would urge an 'aye...' a 'no' vote on this Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Reis."

Reis: "Inquiry to the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "State your inquiry, Sir."

Reis: "We've started a process this week where appropriations is downstairs meeting with their important decisions and I don't want to make light of that not happening, but there are probably 20 Members that are not on the floor. And how we going to do verifications and Roll Calls for next week..."

Speaker Lang: "My understanding, Sir, is that that group has suspended and they're on their way up here but your point is well-taken, but on the other hand, people have a right under the rules to request a verification."

Reis: "Absolutely, but I mean, I didn't know if we were going to do this for next week as well. Maybe we can do these appropriation meetings early in the morning or late in the evening just..."

Speaker Lang: "I'll pass your... question along, Sir. The Chair recognizes Representative Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the previous question."

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Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves the previous question. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the previous question is put. Representative Thapedi to close."

Thapedi: "Mr. Speaker, in light of the verification and because I am looking around the chamber and a few seats are somewhat bare, I would ask to take this Bill out of the record at this time, come back to it when we have everyone here so that we can have a full vote with verification."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman removes the Bill from the record. I hope Members will remember we've already thoroughly debated this Bill when we come back to it. The next Bill is Senate Bill 398, Representative Dunkin. Before you read that Bill... I'm sorry, I promised Mr. Sacia we would recognize him. Please... Mr. Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Please state your point, Sir."

Sacia: "Over the years I've become quite a connoisseur of awesome western boots and quite honestly, I thought that I have acquired over the years some of the most awesome western boots that are available. On this floor, this very day, a Lady on the other side of the aisle who has started to distinguish herself in the livestock arena, yesterday carrying a very important Bill for the livestock industry having to do with docking cattles' tails, is dressed in western attire today and has literally the most awesome... Ladies and Gentlemen, the most awesome pair of western boots I have ever seen. Representative Sara Feigenholtz."

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Speaker Lang: "So, this was your point of personal privilege, Sir? Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 398, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 398, the Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill for a third time."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 398, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 398 simply extends the Film Tax Credit from 5 years to 10 years. In 5 years we'll proceed after that for review. And I would ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Bost, Leitch, Schmitz, Stephens, Verschoore. Mr. Stephens. Please take the record. On this question, 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1731, Representative Yarbrough. Please read the Bill. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 2270, Mr. Winters. Mr. Winters. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2270, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Winters."

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Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2270 as amended would give the power to construct railroad tracks to the Toll Highway Authority. It would be totally permissive. They could basically do it as they do their oases, provide the land, provide the the structure and private contractor then could be used with the... that partnership if you will with the Toll Highway to extends a rail service on their right-of-way. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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? Members, record yourselves. Mr. Cavaletto, Leitch, Stephens. Please take the record. On this question, 109 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3611, Representative Unes. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3611, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Unes."

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3611 imposes a cap on the amount of salary increase an employee of the Governor's Office may receive during... during a recession. This Act limits the salary increase to three percent or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less. I know of no opposition. And I urge its passage."

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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? Please take the record. On this question, 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 785, Representative Williams. Representative Williams. Out of the record. Representative Williams, 785? Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 785, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill is an initiative of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission. It came out of the Illinois Imagines project which is a collaborative effort among the Illinois Department of Human Services, Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and advocates for people with disabilities. The Bill simply provides that for adults with guardians they need not seek advance permission from the guardian for short-term counseling. It's designed to apply in situations of sexual abuse and applies only to five counseling sessions. It doesn't in anyway, impact the cost of the sessions. There would be no associated cost with this change. It simply permits adults with guardians to request short-term counseling and is designed, again, primarily for sexual abuse situations. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote, but I'm 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? Please take the record. On this question, 109 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3414, Mr. Verschoore. Mr. Verschoore. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3414, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, House Bill 3414 is the Illinois Main Street Act. It creates the Illinois Main Street Act within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to formalize and statute the existing Illinois Main Street program. This program has been in operation by the state since 1993. It maintains the current program of providing assistance to main street communities on downtown and neighborhood commercial district revitalization initiatives and they are... they are self-sufficient. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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? Dunkin, Reitz, Stephens. Please take the record. On this question, 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority,

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is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1288, Mr. Tryon.
Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1288, a Bill for an Act concerning
public utilities. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Tryon."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
House. House Bill 1288 allows a private sewer or water
utility the ability to be able to take a tax increase such
as a federal gross rece... gross receipts tax that was just
placed up on them, extend it from the last rate hearing
they've had and... and place it on the water bill system. If
there are any questions, I'd be glad to answer them."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill.
And on that question, the Chair recognizes Representative
Leitch. This Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. Mr.
Leitch."

Leitch: "Thank you very much. Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Leitch: "How do the citizens have any impact on this process?
I had an occasion in Marshall County where I felt the
citizens were completely overrun by this type of a process
and had really no ability to be heard on the matter."

Tryon: "The... the rate process for these smaller utilities would
normally require that everybody be notified and they have
hearings and that is... can actually become a very cumbersome
process. Most of these supplies are 200 connections and
some even smaller, some larger, and this would allow their
last rate case to be made and this tax is generally about
.4 percent of what they... what they would have had in the

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last rate case and it allows them to attach that directly to that rate case without having a hearing. Now, there are other things that they can increase their rates for without having a hearing and one of those is capital improvements. And... and so this would actually treat it somewhat similar to that."

Leitch: "But it... to my question, how are the citizens who are impacted, how do they... how are they heard?"

Tryon: "They would..."

Leitch: "We had a gazillion signatures and everything else and it didn't make any difference. It just went through the ICC and the thing rammed through. It was about a 46 percent increase and it was so sad, too bad."

Tryon: "Well, this is about a .4 percent increase and it comes through on the... on the bill and it's an recoverable cost. So, the ICC does not and cannot deny them the ability to have a rate increase due to a tax increase but... yet, the second thing that is a recoverable cost is the cost of the hearing. So, in a bigger supply, a cost of a hearing could be as much as \$250 thousand. So, basically, in order for them to get their... their taxes they would have to have a rate increase hearing that could cost a lot of money that the ratepayers are going to pay along with the rate. And... and in that regards, this is a much cheaper way to recover that cost."

Leitch: "I respect..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Leitch, your time has expired. Can you bring your remarks to a close, Sir."

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Leitch: "Yes. I respect what the Gentleman's trying to do, but I think there must be some changes made to this process because the person who is being impacted by this really has no opportunity to be heard on this matter and to express their opposition. So, I would... I'm going to respectfully oppose the Gentleman's Bill."

Speaker Lang: "This Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. There is only one additional speaker. We'll extend the courtesy to Representative Kosel for two minutes and then we'll go to a vote."

Kosel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill would eliminate the Commerce Commission process from a rate increase. Is that correct?"

Tryon: "For this... for the purposes of collecting the tax, that's correct."

Kosel: "Okay. So, there would be less input into the Commerce Commission. There would be a rate fee without the regulatory process, whatever it be or how... how good it is or not is, it's not without this. And I highly respect the Sponsor of this Bill, but I want everyone to realize that you are taking a control level out of the process and increasing fees on consumers in private water companies. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Tryon to close."

Tryon: "House Bill 12... 1288 could easily be argued to be a ratepayer savings Bill because, in fact, the utility does not have to go through the rate case and charge the ratepayers for the process of the rate case to place on a gross receipts tax that's put on them through the Federal

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Government. So, if you look at the fact that that's .4 percent they have the right to recover this. It's cheaper to do it this way then... on the ratepayer than then to have a full-blown rate case. And I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman's moved for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 33 voting 'yes', 77 voting 'no', and this Bill has lost. Representative Tryon, you get to try again, House Bill 2915. Please read the Bill. Mr. Tryon, I understand you have an Amendment to this Bill. Do you wish to move the Bill back to Second Reading to adopt your Amendment?"

Tryon: "I would... I would like to move this back to Second Reading to adopt the Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, put this Bill on the Order of Second Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2915, 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 Tryon, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Tryon."

Tryon: "House Bill 2915 actually makes a... improvement in the Illinois Accountability Transparency Portal that we passed two years ago to include a user comments form information about annuitants payments in... in any one of the state's retirement systems and it actually makes, I believe, our system will be the most comprehensive transparency portal

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in the country. Certainly, I would answer any questions and would enter... if there are no questions, would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Tryon, did you explain the Amendment, Sir? We want to adopt your Amendment."

Tryon: "Oh. Our Amendment... sorry. I guess I was going automatically to pass the Bill. The Amendment actually consolidates two other transparency Bills that would additionally expand our por... portal. And if there's any questions on that, I would answer those as well."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Mr. Tryon, who's already explained the Bill. Is there any debate on Mr. Tryon's Bill? Those in favor of the Bill should vote 'yes'... Please read the Bill a third time."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2915, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Please hold that Bill on the Order of Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Representative Roth."

Roth: "Thank you. I rise in a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please state your point."

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Roth: "I'd like to welcome some students from Morris High School with the Grundy Area Vocational Center and a special birthday wish to senior Bailey McArdle."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome and happy birthday. Next Bill is House Bill 1279, Mr. Rita. Mr. Rita on 1279. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1279, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As amended, this makes some changes to the Illinois Sprinkler Contractors Licensing Act. And I ask for your approval."

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? Record yourselves, Members. Colvin, Stephens, Sullivan. Please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The next Bill is also from Mr. Rita, House Bill 1394. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1394, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, this is a sunset on the... the Act that was coming up sunsetted, so be happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. 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 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2836, Mr. Sacia. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2836, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is a Bill for the trucking industry. Current Illinois law, all of you travel down the highway and you come behind what are commonly referred to in the semi-truck tractor business as wiggle wagons. In other words, two semi-trailers, one right behind the other. They're short in stature; they're 28 feet. The purpose of my Bill literally takes the wiggle out of the wiggle wagons. There is nothing that changes in the current configuration. The ones that are currently operating on the highway are... will continue to be completely legal. The legislation that I am introducing has absolutely nothing to do with changing weight limits or length limits. It simply removes one of the three pivot points from three to two pivot points, again, taking the wiggleness out of them. It is a tremendously safe concept. It is endorsed by the Illinois State Police. IDOT is neutral on the Bill. Illinois

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truckers are in strong support of the Bill. I encourage its passage and I seek your questions."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Feigenholtz: "Representative Sacia, you and I have a long history talking about trucks here on the floor of the House and yesterday you were kind enough to explain to me the difference between a... what did you call it a piggyback truck and the mechanism that you're trying to pass?"

Sacia: "A... the current configuration that goes down the highway is a semi-tractor, then there's a trailer with a fifth wheel that controls that trailer, then behind that is a pintle hook where a two-wheeled trailer hooks with a fifth wheel mounted on that. And I was able to share with you, Representative Feigenholtz, through pictures how we eliminate completely that pintle hook and just go fifth wheel on the front trailer and fifth wheel on the second trailer and again, I stress, there is no change in the length configuration. It's just a much safer concept and I was very impressed with the fact that you got it just like that."

Feigenholtz: "Well, as you know, I'm one of those Chicagoans who travels down I-55 and am very concerned and almost fearful of trucks sometimes because of the wiggle factor in..."

Sacia: "I think you called that FOT or fear of truck."

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Feigenholtz: "FOT, fear of truck, that's correct and so there's no opposition to this. This is a safety measure that other..."

Sacia: "Absolutely."

Feigenholtz: "...states are... and there's no opposition?"

Sacia: "None that I'm aware of, and in fact, any inspector that has ever looked at the configuration on the constituent that has had it has commented that they can't believe that there aren't more of these out there."

Feigenholtz: "Well, because of your great work on this, your commitment to making the roads in Illinois more safe and your acknowledgement of my very cool cowboy boots, I am in strong support of this Bill."

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? Chapa LaVia, Cole, Stephens, Winters, Zalewski. Record yourselves, Members. Mr. Winters. Please take the record. On this question, 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3274, Mr. Rosenthal. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3274, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rosenthal."

Rosenthal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 3274 will allow all veterans returning home from service abroad to obtain half price fishing, combination and hunting license as long as they're Illinois residents."

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Floor Amendment 2 provides that the veterans can provide verification of their service to any of the departments five regional offices instead of the state office here in Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. 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? Gordon, Stephens, Watson, Yarbrough. Representative Gordon, Representative Yarbrough. Please take the record. On this question, 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1297, Mr. Reitz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1297, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill would require the IEPA to have all permit applications online on the Internet. We're still in discussions. This is an initiative of the Chamber of Commerce, the Coal Association, a number of the business groups. They're still trying to work with the EPA to make this a workable Bill for them, so I would imagine it will come back from the Senate in another form. But I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those in favor shall vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Chapa LaVia, Winters. Mr. Winters. Please take the record. On this question, 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3336, Representative Nekritz. Representative Nekritz, 3336. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: House Bill 3336, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move this Bill back to Second Reading."

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor wishes to move the Bill back to Second Reading. Please do so, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 2949, Representative Mussman. Out of the record. House Bill 3506, Representative Mussman. Out of the record. House Bill 161, Mr. Rose. Mr. Rose. Out of the record. House Bill 3431, Mr. Reboletti. Out of the record. House Bill 1937, Representative Mayfield. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1937, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "This... the third Amendment on this Bill removes all opposition and basically what this does, it's a food handling Bill. And it provides for the safe handling of food for individuals that work in that industry. It is the intent of this Bill is to remove or I'm sorry, to diminish the number of salmonella outbreaks as we've been having over the years. This is a very good Bill. I did work in accommodation with the Department of Human Services and

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Public Health and they are in agreement with this Bill. So I'd... I'd request an '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? Acevedo. Please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2066, Representative Jakobsson. Out of the record. House Bill 181, Representative Osmond. Out of the record. House Bill 3500, Mr. Morthland. Out of the record. House Bill 2607, Representative Kay, out of the record. House Bill 3276, Representative Hatcher. Representative Hatcher. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3276, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Hatcher."

Hatcher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a simple Bill that has the opportunity to create the Woman's (Sic-Women) Veterans Task Force. There is no cost to this. And would be incorporated in activities already happening."

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? Jakobsson, Yarbrough. Please take the record. On this question, 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared

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passed. House Bill 3499, David Harris. Out of the record.
House Bill 3189, Representative Jones. Out of the record.
House Bill 3500, Mr. Morthland. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3500, a Bill for an Act concerning
safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Morthland."

Morthland: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House.
HB3500 will protect the privacy of law-abiding citizens who
either have or have applied for FOID cards and exempt them
from having the release of their names and personal
information under the Freedom of Information Act. This has
been a Bill of some interest and some contention. I
appreciate the Attorney General and the work she has done
in this matter; however, there is a pressing need to keep
this information private. It would create a situation
where there would be increased possibility for gun violence
in the State of Illinois should this not pass, and so I ask
the Members of the House to do so. I particularly want to
thank all of the cosponsors whom I have. We have a total, I
believe, it's currently 71 cosponsors for a total of 72
more than a Supermajority of Members who had signed on to
this Bill in a sponsorship fashion. I want to thank
everybody for that and I want to say especially on the
other side of the aisle I appreciate those. I'm glad that
this a bipartisan effort. I'm... and it's also been helpful
because I've gotten to know a whole lot of you since I'm
new here. I also want to say thank you to Members of the
Judiciary I Committee particularly Chairman Nekritz and
also Members Williams and Zalewski who worked very hard

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with me, very hard, to help make sure that this Bill was the way it needed to be as it came to the floor. And so, as I said, I urge for the adoption of this Bill. And I ask for your help and I am open to questions."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. This Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. The Chair recognizes Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. And I appreciate the Sponsor's kind acknowledgement of myself, Representative Williams, Representative Nekritz and also Representative Cunningham had some thoughtful input. Actually, will the Sponsor yield, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman yields."

Zalewski: "Representative, you... you... you'd indicated in our private conversations about the Bill that you're going to go forth and run a Resolution regarding an audit of the foi... of the FOID Program?"

Morthland: "Absolutely. Actually, a couple of months ago I introduced a Resolution to call for an audit of the process, have the Auditor General look at the process that the State Police go through, the entire thing. In fact, the language was largely written by the Auditor General. It's a very thorough audit and this actually, I believe, marries the best intention of... of the Associated Press and... and the ability of the Auditors General to find out exactly how that program is run without sacrificing and divulging this private information. Yes."

Zalewski: "In light of the Sponsor's commitment to... to run the Resolution regarding the audit and... and in the interest of

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ascertaining whether the FOID program is being properly administered and properly vetting potential gun owners and ferretting out the responsible gun owners in Illinois. I think this is a reasonable compromise. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Morthland: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "There being no further 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? Monique Davis, Dunkin, Flowers, Jakobsson, May, Smith. Record yourselves, Members. Monique Davis, Dunkin, Flowers. Please take the record. On this question, there are 98 voting 'yes', 12 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Berrios."

Berrios: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please state your point."

Berrios: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I have some visitors today from my district. Joseph Thomas Jones, who's five and a half years old, won Page for a Day, but he won't... he can't come to the House Floor. He's with his entire family though, they are up in the gallery. We have big Jack Ryan Jones with him; his brother; dad is John Jones and mom is Karen Hynes. Joseph goes to Edison Park Gifted School. He loves football, loves reading, wants to... wants to be a football player, then hopes to take my job in 20 years. So, good luck and I told him in 20 years he can

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probably have my job. But good luck and welcome to Springfield. Will you help me welcome them? Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Next Bill on the Calendar is House Bill 2936, Representative Golar. Representative Golar, no running necessary, Representative, we'll wait for you. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2936, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Golar."

Golar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2936 is an initiative of Department of Human Services. This proposal was put forth to amend the Mental Health and Developmental Disability Code so that patients cannot be committed to the Department of Human Services without prior notification and participation in the process. Also patients who would not meet our normal medical stability criteria should also not be committable to one of our hospitals. This Bill, Ladies and Gentlemen, is about patient care, notice and discussion of patient condition before admission. I'd 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 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Bost, Will Davis, Turner. Please take the record. On this question, 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 139, Representative Ford. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 139, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This Bill... House Bill 139 simply stands for children. It... what it does it requires or not required, but it encourages summer school for any student that is two years or more behind in their reading and math. It encourages summer school for those subjects. And I move for passage of House Bill 139."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. The Bill's on Short debate. The Chair recognizes Representative Jerry Mitchell for two minutes."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Ford, you amended this Bill and removed the requirement and made it a permissive piece of legislation, is that correct?"

Ford: "Correct."

Mitchell, J.: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Have you completed your questions, Sir? 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? Record yourselves, Members. Acevedo, Will Davis. Please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1267, Representative Flowers. Representative Flowers. Out of the record. House Bill 1264, Mr. Farnham. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1264, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Farnham."

Farnham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 1264 amends the General Assembly Compensation Act. And House Amendment 1, which we passed in committee, replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the General Assembly Compensation Act, provides that beginning July 1, 2011, the base allowance for House Members is 62,460 and Senate Members 74,700. Provides that beginning July 1, Members of the General Assembly, 2011 Members of the General Assembly are prohibited from receiving and shall not receive any annual percentage increase in their office allowance based on the cost of living adjustment effective immediately."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentlemen moves for the passage of the Bill. The Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. There'll be one speaker and Mr. Leitch's light is on. The Chair recognizes Representative Leitch for two minutes."

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Leitch: "If you don't want to use the money, why don't you just not spend it?"

Farnham: "I didn't, Representative and I sent it back to the State of Illinois."

Leitch: "What's that?"

Farnham: "I didn't spend it and I sent it back to the State of Illinois."

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Leitch: "Well that's commendable and I think that's the choice that we all have. I spend all of my money in... in my... fund here for... I use campaign funds for all the office expenses, but to provide the very best in constituent services and to pay for Bradley student interns and my LOA, I require the use of the office allowance. And I think it is a step backward, as it relates to constituent services, to make a requirement that all of us do something that Members can do on their own, independently. If they don't want to use the money, don't use it, but don't impact those of us who put that money to important use serving our constituents."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bost, this... you're the next speaker except this Bill is on Short Debate, but I'll allow you two minutes, Sir."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, each one of us have a kind of unique situation. In my case, you know our office allotment actually has to run two offices. And in the case of Representative Phelps, I know that to be a fact. I mean, when you start talking about 5 and 10 and 8 counties that you have to cover, it isn't like, okay, we're just got a phone line and an office that nobody's at or... or you know, the overall cost for many of these offices is actually offset quite often by a lot of our campaign funds already. And I don't mind doing that. I've done that ever since I've been a Legislator. But whenever I... whenever we reduce this, now I'm not going to be able to provide that frontline service, be very difficult for our constituents to get ahold of us and when we look at the price that they're getting for... for the amount that we're

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paying into these district office allotments and the benefits that they're getting, especially in those rural areas, there's a real problem with this Bill. And I... I need to make sure that that's on record and... and that's the problem I see with this."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Farnham to close."

Farnham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand the concerns and I do respect that and all I can say is the situation that we're in in the State of Illinois when we're looking at the cuts we are to human services and to our schools and it's a small price to pay. And we just have to find ways to do more with less. So, I urge an 'aye' vote on this."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 58 voting 'yes', 51 voting 'no'. Mr. Farnham, do you wish Postpone Consideration, Sir?"

Farnham: "Yes, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Please place the Bill on the Order of Postpone Consideration at the request of the Sponsor. House Bill 1310, Mr. DeLuca. Mr. DeLuca, House Bill 1310. Out of the record. House Bill 1195, Monique Davis. Out of the record. House Bill 3365, Kelly Burke. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3365, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Burke."

Burke, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 3365 amends the Firearm Owners Identification

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Card Act to add a conviction for aggravated domestic battery to a list of offenses for which... which prevents an applicant from obtaining a FOID card. It is retroactive in... and in line with Federal Law. House Bill 3365 also provides that a respondent against whom an order of protection is issued shall surrender his or her FOID card for the duration of the order and shall surrender his or her firearms if the issuance of the order of protection meets certain standards as set forth in the Act."

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, 108 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3431, Mr. Reboletti. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3431, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Thank you, Speaker. This Bill would simply amend the... the delivery portion of the element of a possession of a stolen firearm as an element of aggravated possession of a stolen firearm. It also changes a reference of more than 31 firearms to 31 or more firearms. And I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "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

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all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Acevedo, Osmond. Please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3422, Mr. Brown. Out of the record. House Bill 3175, Mr. Brauer. Out of the record. House Bill 3019, Mr. Bost. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3019, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 3019, as amended, simply deals with the southern quota zone that allows for property owners, if they bump up against each other, the pits can come right next to each other or the blind can come right next to each other on a property line unless there's a disagreement, at which time those are required to have a 100-yard setback. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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? Acevedo, Williams. Please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2401, Jerry Mitchell. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2401, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is a very simple technical change that allows subcontracting for community groups in order to get the reenrolling dropout schools open. Be happy to answer any questions."

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? Kelly Burke, Chapa LaVia, Cole, Osmond. Please record yourselves. Please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1152, Mr. Bradley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1152, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley."

Bradley: "This is an initiative of the Community Behavioral Healthcare Association. It would create a safety net to make sure that mental health services are provided to underprivileged areas. There's no cost to the state. It's a matter of efficiency in making sure we have our resources in the most economical and efficient manner. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those in favor shall vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Chapa LaVia. Please take

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the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1634, Mr. Rita. Mr. Rita, 1634, Sir. Out of the record. House Bill 1639, Mr. Rita. Out of the record. Members, we have a series of Bills that are on your priority lists that are on Second Reading. Let's move through these as quickly as possible so that we can find all those trucks that Mr. Sacia is worried about on I-55. The first Bill is House Bill 2067, Mr. Zalewski. Mr. Zalewski. Out of the... out of the record. House Bill 3390, Representative Williams. Out of the record. House Bill 1167, Mr. Verschoore. Out of the record. House Bill 2549, Mr. Sullivan. Out of the record. House Bill 2555, Mr. Schmitz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2555, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Schmitz."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. Floor Amendment 1 permits nonhome rule counties with a population of more than 600 (sic-600 thousand) with the administrative... adjudication they collected, an administrative tow fee. And once... hopefully, we'll adopt Amendment 1, then we'll have Amendment 2 which actually changes the population number."

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Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman's moved for the adoption of the Amendment. There being no debate, those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 offered by Representative Schmitz."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Floor Amendment #1 had the population of counties of 600 thousand Floor Amendment 2 moves that population down to 500 thousand."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment shall say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3294, Mr. Nybo. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3294, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 has been tabled. Floor Amendment #2 has been adopted. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Nybo, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Nybo."

Nybo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for adoption of the Amendment. Floor Amendment 3 becomes the Bill. This amends the School Code to increase the availability of epinephrine in certain circumstances in our schools. And I move for adoption."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. There being no debate, those in favor say 'yes';

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opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2972, Mr. Turner. Mr. Turner, do you wish to move your Bill? Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2972, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3366, Mr. Turner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3366, 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 Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1130, Representative Sente. Out of the record. House Bill 3403, Mr. Rita. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3403, the Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Rita, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, take that Bill out of the record, please. House Bill 1362, Mr. Moffitt. Mr. Moffitt, 1362. Out of the record. House Bill 1307, Mr. Moffitt. What about... We'll get to that other Bill, Sir. 1307, out of the record. How about 3255? Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3255, the Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendments 1 and 2 have been adopted. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Moffitt, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Isn't there Floor Amendment 4? With..."

Speaker Lang: "One at a time, Sir."

Moffitt: "We'll table 3 and move to adopt 4."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman withdraws #3."

Moffitt: "Withdraws 3."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt on #4."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #4 removes ... it's an agreed Bill now. And this takes care of a waiver for the State Police to take the EMT test and a waiver for volunteer not-for-profit ambulances serving a population under 5000. And with this Amendment, it would be agreed. And I move for the adoption."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. There being no debate, those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1122, Mr. Mathias. Out of the record. House Bill 2585, Mr. Kay. Out of the record. House Bill 865, Mr. D'Amico. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 865, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Bradley, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley on Amendment 1. We'll just take this out of the record temporarily, Sir. House Bill 186, Mr. Durkin. Out of the record. House Bill 3486 for Mr. Cross. Out of the record. House Bill 1373, Representative Coladipietro. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1373, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Committee Amendment #1 has been tabled. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Coladipietro, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Coladipietro."

Coladipietro: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Floor Amendment 2 becomes the Bill. It repeals the provisions concerning the creation of the duties of the Electronic Records Advisory Board. And we're going to merge those duties into the State Records Commission under the responsibility of the Secretary of State and they will have ongoing responsibility to develop policies, guidelines and best practices for addressing electronic records management. We could adopt this, Floor Amendment 2, that would be awesome."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. There being no debate, those in favor of the Amendment shall say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of

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the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1380, Mr. Reitz. Out of the record. House Bill 760... 786, Mr. Phelps. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 786..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Understanding your hand signals, Sir. Out of the record. That one I understand, Sir. House Bill 1091, Representative Nekritz. Representative Nekritz, 1091. Representative Nekritz. Out of the record. House Bill 585, Representative Nekritz. Also out of the record. House Bill 1355, Representative May. Representative May. Out of the record. House Bill 212, Mr. Jones. Out of the record. House Bill 3118, Mr. Jefferson. Mr. Jefferson. Out of the record. House Bill 653, Greg Harris. Representative Greg Harris. Out of the record. House Bill 1926, Majority Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1926, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1962, Representative Dan Burke. Out of the record. House Bill 440, Representative Berrios. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 440, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by

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Representative Berrios, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Berrios."

Berrios: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Amendment is a gut and replace Amendment; it becomes the Bill. We're creating a task force to look at the safe communities programs, the federal program."

Speaker Lang: "She's moved for the adoption of the Amendment. There being no debate, those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3385, Representative Berrios. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3385, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was tabled. Floor Amendment #2 has been referred to committee. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady wishes the Bill taken out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 2058, Mr. Arroyo. Out of the record. Representative Dan Burke, House Bill 1962. Please 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 Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 925, Dan Burke. Please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, that's House Bill 929."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 929, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Dan Burke, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Burke. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 653, Representative Greg Harris. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 653, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Greg Harris, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen and Mr. Speaker. This is a piece of legislation that passed out of the Human Services Committee unanimously yesterday that attempts to tighten the controls on group homes, CILAS, in the State of Illinois in response to some total... truly, truly horrendous abuses that occurred in the homes run by the Graywood Foundation here in Central Illinois where two children were murdered and there were 11 other cases of abuse and neglect that were substantiated and the department did not respond because they did not believe they had the adequate authority. We're trying to close these loopholes, prevent this kind of tragedy from ever happening again. I would be happy to take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. There being no debate, those in favor say

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'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1810. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1810, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3005. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3005, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Committee Amendment #1 was tabled. Committee Amendment #2 was adopted and Committee Amendment #3 was tabled. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 865, Mr. D'Amico. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 865, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Bradley, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "On objection, Mr. D'Amico will handle the Amendment. Mr. D'Amico on the Amendment."

D'Amico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The... the... the Amendment is a gut and replace and basically just creates... we want law

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enforcement to track cell phone.. accidents that involve cell phones."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. There being no debate, those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2607, This is on the Order of Third Reading. Representative Kay. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2607, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Kay. Mr. Kay. Out of the record, Sir, or you want to move this Bill? Out of the record. House Bill 3109, Representative Cole. Out of the record. I see that Representative Cole has returned to the chamber. Do you wish to call 3109, Representative? Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3109, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Cole."

Cole: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House. HB3109, the State Board of Elections currently has an Advisory Council on Bilingual Education. This Bill charges that that council was reviewing and advising on four specific tasks regarding the Transitional Bilingual Education Section of the School Code. The four tasks that will be charged is whether and how the 20 child per attendance center minimum in the Transitional Bilingual Education Section of the School Code should be modified,

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whether and how educator certification requirements in the Transitional Bilingual Education School Code and applicable State Board of Elections... Education rules should be modified, whether and how bilingual educational requirements in the Transitional Bilingual Education section of the School Code should be modified to address differences between and whether and how to allow school districts to administer alternative bilingual education programs instead of transitional bilingual education programs. These four tasks could be important for a number of schools who have under 20 students that would be in the transitional programs. We have some successful schools in Lake County doing that and we'd like the ability to be able to study whether the alternate schools would be allowed in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady's moved for the passage of her 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? Burke, Colvin, Dunkin, Mell, Nekritz. Dunkin. Please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 256, offered by Representative Connelly. House Resolution 257, offered by Representative Farnham. House Resolution 258, offered by Representative Osmond. House Resolution 259,

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offered by Representative Eddy. And House Resolution 260, offered by Representative Sosnowski."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it, and the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Members, the Chair would like to thank all of you for your cooperation today. We moved lots of Bills and because of that we're heading home early. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie now moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Monday, April 11 at 4 p.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and reading of Senate Bills-First Reading. Senate Bill 16, offered by Representative Thapedi, a Bill for an Act concerning foreclosure. Senate Bill 35, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Senate Bill 40, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 41, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 42, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 74, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 153, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 262, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 541, offered by

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Representative Connelly, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 769, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 1240, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1278, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 1531, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1681, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1784, offered by Representative Golar, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 1836, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 1869, offered by Representative Kosel, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 1929, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 1950, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Senate Bill 2007, offered by Representative Connelly, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 2009, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 2012, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. Senate Bill 2025, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2027, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2040, offered by Representative Coladipietro, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2062, offered by Representative

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Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2073, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2083, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 2096, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2133, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2143, offered by Representative Hammond, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2145, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. And Senate Bill 2236, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."