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Speaker Lyons: "Good morning, Illinois. Your House of Representatives will come to order. Members are asked to please be at your desks. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Jeremy Cagle, who is with the Southern View Chapel here in Springfield. Reverend Cagle is the guest of Representative Raymond Poe. Members and guests are asked to please refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Cagle."

Reverend Cagle: "Let us pray. Heavenly Father, I praise You and thank You for another day You've granted these Representatives to come together to discuss the affairs of government. It's a privilege to be a citizen of the United States of America and of the great State of Illinois. Even more so, to be selected to represent the people of this state, and to cast a vote in their place. As these Representatives make their decisions today, I pray that You would grant them wisdom to make choices that would best represent their constituents, and grant them the insight to decide what is in the best interest of their people. In light of this responsibility, Lord, we know that You are a God who is bigger than all of our worries and problems. Whatever is decided today, whatever Resolutions are passed, whatever laws are put into action, we know that You are the one who ultimately decides the fates of men and women and You are the one that men and women will ultimately have to answer to. We're not the captains of our own fate. We're not the ones who determine our own destiny. We have the freedom to act, but we don't have the freedom to act beyond

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what You have sovereignly determined. We are human beings, and You are God Almighty. And we submit to that. But with all Your power and majesty, and authority, You are not a God who is disinterested in us. You're not a God who doesn't care what we do. You love the people You created. And You sent Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be crucified and raised from the dead that men and women might have salvation in His name. And I pray for these men and women on the House Floor today so they would know that they could have their sins forgiven if they came through Christ. And I pray that You would be... give them a profitable Session this morning. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Speaker Lyons: "Repre... Representative Carli, would you like to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

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

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

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Acevedo and Beiser are excused today."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Leader. Leader Mike Bost, the GOP."

Bost: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Barickman, Coladipietro, Mulligan, Poe and Schmitz are excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

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Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative. Clerk, take the record. There's 111 Members present, answering the quorum, we're prepared to do the work of the people of the State of Illinois. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Redistricting reports the following committee action taken on May 20, 2011: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 3759, House Bill 3760, House Bill 3761, House Bill 3762, House Bill 3763, House Bill 3764, and House Bill 3765. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May.. May 20, 2011: approved for consideration and referred to Second Reading is House Bill 387, House Bill 906, and House Bill 1033; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 1837, and Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 1996. Introduct... Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 390, offered by Representative Zalewski, and House Resolution 394, offered by Representative Rose."

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

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Representative."

Jones: "I rise to introduce my son to the chamber. Stand up, son. To all my colleagues, this is my son, Thaddeus Jones. He's a Page for the day. Say hi to everybody."

Speaker Lyons: "Thaddeus, welcome to your Capitol. Glad to have you here with your dad. Mr. Clerk, read Supplemental

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Calendar #1, going to read some Bills into the record.  
House Bill 387. What's the status on that Bill, Mr.  
Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 387, 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 Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading.  
House Bill 906, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 906, a Bill for an Act concerning  
notices. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee  
Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading.  
House Bill 1033."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1033, a Bill for an Act concerning  
employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No  
Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are  
filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading.  
House Bill 3759."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3759, a Bill for an Act con..  
concerning redistricting. Second Reading of this House  
Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No  
Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading.  
House Bill 3760."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3760, a Bill for an Act concerning  
redistricting. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 3761."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3761, a Bill for an Act concerning redistricting. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 3762."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3762, a Bill for an Act concerning redistricting. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 3763."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3763, a Bill for an Act concerning redistricting. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 3764."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3764, a Bill for an Act concerning redistricting. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. And finally, Mr. Clerk, House Bill 3765."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3765, a Bill for an Act concerning redistricting. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go through some Bills on Senate Bills-Second Reading starting on page 6 of the Calendar. There's some things that have popped out of committee this week, other things that... Amendments have either been adopted in committee or are ready to roll. So, if you pay attention on page 6 and 7, I'm going to be running through some Bills on Hou... Senate Bills-Second Reading. Starting with Representative La Shawn Ford, Senate Bill 122. Out of the record. Representative Karen May, you have, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 395. Do you wish to move that Bill, Representative? What's the status of the Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 395, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendment #1 has been tabled. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Berrios, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Mike Connelly, on the Order of Second Reading, on page 6 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 541. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 541, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Greg Harris, on the middle of page 6, on Senate Bills-Second Reading, you have Senate Bill 665, Greg. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 665, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Elaine Nekritz, you have, on Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 670. Elaine, 670. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 670, a Bill for an Act concerning regulations. Second Reading of this Second Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mayfield, you have Senate Bill 745 on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Mayfield. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 745, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Mautin... Representative Lisa Dugan, you have Senate Bill 840 on the Order of Second Readings. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 840, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Michelle Mussman, you have Senate Bill 1040 on the Order of Second Reading. Out of the record. Representative Sid Mathias, on the bottom of page 6, Sid, you have Senate Bill 1043. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1043, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Frank Mautino, on the Order of Second Reading, you have... Frank, you have Senate Bill 754. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 754, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Moffitt, on page 7 of the Calendar, on Second Reading, you have Senate Bill 1253. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1253, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Camille Lilly, on page 7 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 1292. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1292, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."



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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Karen Yarbrough, you have, on the Order of Second Reading, Senate Bill 1213. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1213, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Bob Rita, on the Order of Second Reading, you have Senate Bill 1386. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1386, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mussman, on the Order of Second Reading-Senate Bills, on page 8 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 1578. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1578, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mussman, the Chair's going to move this Bill to Third Reading? It's ready to go. Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. Representative Greg Harris, on Second... Senate Bills-Second Reading, you have Senate Bill 1623. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1623, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Michael Tryon, you have, on the Order of Senate Bills--Second Reading, you have Senate Bill 1682. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1682, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. Several notes have be requested on the Bill and have not been filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Jil Tracy, you have Senate Bill 1688. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1688, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Anthony DeLuca, you have Senate Bill 1766 on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1766, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was tabled. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Leader Lou Lang, you have Senate Bill 1794, Lou. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1794, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment

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#1 was tabled. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Jil Tracy, you have Senate Bill 1824. Representative Tracy, Senate Bill 1824. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1824, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Karen May, on page 10 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, you have Senate Bill 2063. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2063, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Carol Sente, you have Senate Bill 2082 on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2082, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Rea... Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Amendment #2 was tabled. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Sente, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Carol Sente, you have Floor Amendment #3."

Sente: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd like to adopt Floor Amendment 3 and have discussion or debate on Third Reading."

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Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's request. All those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Jim Sacia, you have Senate Bill 2151. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2151, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Sacia, has been approved for consideration."

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

Sacia: "Mr. Speaker, could you pull it from the record for a moment while I check on it, please?"

Speaker Lyons: "Take the Bill out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Representative Mike Zalewski, on page 10 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 2268. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2268, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was tabled in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Zalewski, has been approved for consideration."

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

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 simply adds some language for the City of Chicago, with regard to ongoing criminal investigations. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #2

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signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Floor Amendment #2 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 7 of the Calendar is Senate Bill 1270. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1270, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. On page 10 of the Calendar is Senate Bill 2151. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2151, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Sacia, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Jim Sacia on Floor Amendment #2."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Body, Floor Amendment #2 actually becomes the Bill and creates a study in the Children and Family Services Act on how to deal with juvenile sexual offenders. It is a study as opposed to the initial Bill, and there's no known opposition to the Bill, as currently read."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Chapin Rose, nice to see you, Representative. On page 9 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 1773. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1773, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Amendment #2 was tabled. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Rose: "Mr. Speaker, first of all, it's always good to see you, Sir. I believe that Floor Amendment 2... I don't believe I filed a Motion to Table it. That was... it contained a change in it that the Majority Leader had agreed to and that was, I think, supposed to be adopted."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status of the Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Amendment #1 has been adopted. Committee Amendment #2 was tabled."

Rose: "All right. Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Rose, we leave that Bill on the Order of Third Reading? Representative Rose, you also have Senate Bill 1702. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1702, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Jerry Mitchell, on the Order of Second Reading-Senate Bills, Jerry, you have Senate Bill 1364. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1364, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendment #1 was tabled. Committee Amendment #2 was adopted. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative McAsey, on the top of page 7 of the Calendar, on the Order of Second Readings, you have Senate Bill 1073. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1073, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Chapin Rose, on the Order of Second Bill Senate Readings, you... Second Bill... Second Reading-Senate Bills, you have Senate Bill 1798. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1798, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Rose, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Chapin Rose on Floor Amendment #2."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment was at the request of the Majority Leader. And I would like to also thank her for limiting it to undergraduate education. So,

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we ask that it be adopted and we can debate the entire Bill on Third."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we're going to start on Senate Bills-Third Reading. We're going to start in the middle of page 4 and continue to page 5. So, if you have a Senate Bill on Third Reading, please check the Calendar, be in your seats, so we can call the Bill as we go through the order. Representative Sid Mathias, starting us off on Senate Bill 172. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 172, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 172 provides that if petitions and resolutions to consolidate soil and water conservation districts, by agreement of both of the districts, are filed with the Department of Ag before January 1 of 2012 and the director of Ag determines that this consolidation is practical and feasible, then the director may approve the consolidation without the necessity of holding a referendum. When we checked with



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the Department of Elections, they actually did not have a procedure for the election... for a referendum in this type of case because those boards are semi... or quasi-public. So, this, again, is only if there's an agreement between the districts. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the passage of Senate Bill 172 should vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lang, on the Order of Third Reading-Senate Bills, you have Senate Bill 674. Leader Lou Lang. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 674, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a trailer Bill and a follow-up to the Payday Loan Act we passed last year. There was some confusion as to what the term affiliate meant... meant in that Bill, and people have been working for the last year to straighten this out with this Bill. As far as I know, this is totally agreed by all the advocates and all in the industry. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is,

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'Should Senate Bill 674 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Hatcher, Hernandez, Senger, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lang, on Third Reading of Senate Bills, you also have Senate Bill 1133. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1133, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Lou Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the second trailer Bill on the Payday Loan Bill. There were two confusing items regarding the calculation of interest, and another item as to when a person, after they pay off one loan, can start a new loan. This is also an agreed item and ask for your support."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, those in the favor of the passing of Senate Bill 1133 should vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Gabel, on the Order of Senate Bills-Third Readings, on page 4 of

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the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 1342. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1342, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Robyn Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1342 creates transparency between hospitals and... and the public. It just... it simply requires a copy of the written nurse staffing plan to be available to members of the general public upon request. It passed the Senate 54-0. And I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 1342 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Sandy Pihos, like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 110 Members voting 'yes', 1 Member voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Morthland, you have Senate Bill 1607. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1607, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Morthland."

Morthland: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As originally written, this Bill was a simple piece of Consumer Protection to protect seniors from being scammed by insurance agents who claim that they have a certification that does not exist."

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Yesterday, we added to that. The Amendment that Representative Mautino brought forward, and that gives it kind of a double whammy. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the... Representative Dave Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to make sure that Representative Morthland, after the festivities yesterday on his anniversary, if he is, in fact, wide awake and prepared to defend this Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair notices, Representative Winters, that Representative Morthland looks pretty chipper this morning, as a matter of fact. Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 1607 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Lisa Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative du Buclet, you have, on the order of Senate Bills-Second... Third Reading, Senate Bill 262. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 262, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Kim du Buclet."

du Buclet: "Good morning, Sir. I'm asking for passage for Senate Bill 262, which is an Amendment to the Commission to End Hunger Act by adding one person to the at-large

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members, so it grows from... it goes from two til... to three.  
And I'm asking for an 'aye' vote."

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

Eddy: "Thank you, Speaker. Would the freshman first Bill bearer yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "The freshman first Bill bearer, without the red jacket, will yield, Representative."

Eddy: "Representative, are you enjoying yourself so far?"

du Buclet: "I'm having a great time, Sir."

Eddy: "That's about to change. Representative, I... I noticed that at some point or another you must have missed either a Capitol Capers or the memo because it appears to me that your jacket is white."

du Buclet: "Somehow, Sir, the red jacket was not passed to me this morning. I'm not quite sure how that happened."

Eddy: "Then are you... I think... you want to pull your Bill out of the record until you can find a red jacket?"

du Buclet: "No. I do not, Sir."

Eddy: "Well... Are you... are you aware... are you aware, Representative, of a piece of hardware that's located somewhere in the chambers that you could be the lucky recipient of today?"

du Buclet: "Well, Sir, I... I was told that white is the new red."

Eddy: "Well, you were told wrong. I'd be careful who you listen to."

du Buclet: "Thank you. I will."

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Eddy: "Well, let... let me... well... well, hopefully, someone finds you the proper attire to..."

du Buclet: "We're working on it."

Eddy: "Let me ask you a couple of questions about your Bill. What... why do you think we've been able to make it through this Session so far without this legislation? I mean, this seems to be something that's been overlooked by everyone else. How... how did you notice this needed to be done?"

du Buclet: "Sir, this is... it's very important to add this additional member to the... to the committee so that the public is well represented. And so, I believe that this is... this is indeed a very important Bill."

Eddy: "Have... have you talked to the Governor about the Bill? Oh, hold on. Hold on. There we go. Much better."

Speaker Lyons: "Order in the House. Order in the House."

Eddy: "You know, it surprises me a little bit to see Representative Dunkin helping you, only because he holds the trophy and he could have just as easily given you the trophy as the red jacket. That's very sporting of him. Rep... Representative, have you spoken with the Governor's Office about this change?"

du Buclet: "No, Sir. I have not."

Eddy: "Personally, you haven't talked to the Governor? Doesn't this affect him?"

du Buclet: "It does not affect him personally."

Eddy: "Well, he has to do some additional... have you seen the number of individuals and... and positions that are vacant or expired that... that we're facing now? Doesn't this just add to the mountain of work for the Governor?"

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du Buclet: "No, Sir. The two at-large members are not appointed by the Governor."

Eddy: "Well, our... our analysis indicates that it requires the Governor to appoint three at-large members, rather than two."

du Buclet: "Yes, Sir. You are correct."

Eddy: "Okay. So, you are piling on here a little bit, on the Governor."

du Buclet: "I am..."

Eddy: "The guy is obviously busy. He's been unable to fill a number of vacant positions, and in your... how long... have you been here a couple weeks now, a week?"

du Buclet: "I've been here 72 hours."

Eddy: "Okay. And in that amount of time, it's your intention to make the Governor's job even harder than it appears to be."

du Buclet: "I think adding that additional person probably won't add to his work schedule."

Eddy: "Well, you would think so, but with the number of expired terms and other vacancies that haven't been filled, obviously, this is something that's more difficult than you might think. Representative, do you have someone in mind for the position that you're creating?"

du Buclet: "I do not."

Eddy: "No one?"

du Buclet: "No one."

Eddy: "What... what's this commission supposed to do?"

du Buclet: "This commission acts on behalf of... it's the End... it's the End Hunger Act. And what they do is to make sure

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that the local Food, Farm and Job Council, they act as a liaison to the state on this particular Act."

Eddy: "Have you ever been to a meeting?"

du Buclet: "I have not."

Eddy: "Don't you think you should go to the meeting of the commission?"

du Buclet: "I plan... I absolutely will."

Eddy: "How do you know they need somebody else?"

du Buclet: "I'm sorry."

Eddy: "How do you know they need somebody else if you haven't been to the meeting?"

du Buclet: "Well, this is what was presented to me as something they needed. Not... nothing else additional was presented to me."

Eddy: "So, you haven't been to a meeting, you're loading up the Governor with additional work in your first week, and... do you know if they serve snacks at these meetings?"

du Buclet: "No, I don't know if they serve snacks, Sir."

Eddy: "Would you be willing to bring snacks to the meetings?"

du Buclet: "I will... I can absolutely bring snacks, if necessary."

Eddy: "You won't. I don't know. Representative, I... I don't see that this has a chance of passing unless you're a little more willing to be involved in the... the meeting by bringing snacks."

du Buclet: "I am... I am happy to be more involved. I'm happy to bring snacks. And I ask for an 'aye' vote so we can get it passed."

Eddy: "Well, good luck with that."



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du Buclet: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes Leader Lou Lang."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Lang: "Representative, are you color blind?"

du Buclet: "This... this is red."

Lang: "Not over here, it doesn't look red. Looks close to red,  
kind of red, maybe in the red family."

du Buclet: "It's reddish."

Lang: "Reddish. Okay, reddish. So, have you read this Bill?"

du Buclet: "I have."

Lang: "In... so, by the way, passing a Bill in 72 hours is  
incredible. How did you get it through the system so  
quickly?"

du Buclet: "I guess I'm the lucky one."

Lang: "Well, I do the jokes here, Representative. So, who gave  
you this Bill?"

du Buclet: "Shaw."

Lang: "Shaw. Shaw gave you this Bill."

du Buclet: "I'm sorry. Senator... Representative Yarbrough gave  
me the Bill."

Lang: "Representative Yarbrough gave you the Bill."

du Buclet: "Representative Yarbrough gave me the Bill."

Lang: "Was it her Bill?"

du Buclet: "Yes, it was."

Lang: "Well, okay. So, this used to be her bill and now it's  
your Bill."

du Buclet: "Correct."

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Lang: "All right. And how did... who's this... is Representative Shaw that got involved in the middle of the Bill?"

du Buclet: "No."

Lang: "There's a Mayor Shaw. Not him either?"

du Buclet: "Shaw asked if I would take over the Bill for Representative Yarbrough, and I agreed."

Lang: "I see. So, he's a staff person, right?"

du Buclet: "And a very good one."

Lang: "A very good staff person. So... All right. I'm told he's not a very good staff person. So..."

du Buclet: "Oh, I think he's... I think he's a very good one."

Lang: "So, let me ask you this. You're removing a member of township government from this program. Is that correct?"

du Buclet: "Yes, Sir."

Lang: "You have something against townships?"

du Buclet: "Absolutely not."

Lang: "Well, why are you removing that person instead of, let's say, removing the Lieutenant Governor's appointee, or the Governor's appointee?"

du Buclet: "Well... well, it's my understanding that we're just adding an at-large member."

Lang: "Yes, but to do that, you're removing an appointee from township government."

du Buclet: "It's my understanding that that position may not have been filled."

Lang: "Well, if that was the test around here, we'd have to abolish every board and commission I think. Right?"

du Buclet: "Correct."

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Lang: "Right. So, you want to amend this Bill to require that all boards and commissions be filled tomorrow or something."

du Buclet: "I'm sorry. Can you repeat that?"

Lang: "Oh, it wasn't... that wasn't that important. Do you not think that people who live in townships are hungry and that they might want to avail themselves of this opportunity?"

du Buclet: "Absolutely."

Lang: "All right, but you don't seem to be interested in amending it. Why don't we just, instead of eliminating the township person, just amend the Bill to add a person to the committee, and you can have one more at-large member without telling townships that they're worthless, or whatever it is you're trying to do. You interested in doing that?"

du Buclet: "We can take that into consideration."

Lang: "Well, but we're... we're about to pass the Bill. All right. It's all right. I'll... I'll because your jacket is a reddish, I'll probably vote for your Bill."

du Buclet: "Reddish."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Ken Dunkin."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Dunkin: "Representative... Representative Kim... how do I say your last name?"

du Buclet: "du Buclet."

Dunkin: "du Buclet. du Bucee or du Buclet?"

du Buclet: "Representative Kim is fine."

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Dunkin: "Representative Kim, all right. So, just some basic questions. Do you... do you find it fascinating to be down here since, you know, this is warm weather and... and warm people? What's your experience been so far?"

du Buclet: "My experience has been warm, welcoming, and... and pretty good."

Dunkin: "So, I'm just curious. How is it that you, instead of thinking of a colleague, how did you come up with Shaw's name? You know, the staffer, who you got the Bill from?"

du Buclet: "I corrected myself. I didn't get the Bill from Shaw."

Dunkin: "Is he staffing you?"

du Buclet: "I'm sorry."

Dunkin: "Is he staffing you? Shaw. Is he staffing you? Is he working on this legislation? It's not a trick question. He... is he or is he not? Okay. Well, I understand. I... it's... I confuse myself sometimes. So... Yeah. Who is this Shaw guy you mentioned? I'm just curious. Is he a new Legislator like yourself? Did you read the book and... and look at all of our pictures, and match the names with the... the faces?"

du Buclet: "With all due respect, Sir, do you have questions regarding this specific Bill?"

Dunkin: "Oh, well, I'm trying to find out who gave you the Bill. I'm trying to figure out who gave you the Bill so I can speak to you in such a way."

du Buclet: "Representative Yarbrough, Sir."

Dunkin: "Representative Yarbrough. Okay. And the staff person was?"

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du Buclet: "Nicole."

Dunkin: "Nicole, oh. You sure it's not Shaw? All right. She looks like a Nicole. Well, it was a little loud here. I couldn't hear exactly what it... what does this Bill do?"

du Buclet: "It adds a person on the commission, so the commission goes from two to three."

Dunkin: "It adds a person on a commission."

du Buclet: "For the... for the... "

Dunkin: "What commission?"

du Buclet: "... at-member... the at-member..."

Dunkin: "What commission is this, Representative Kim?"

du Buclet: "The Commission to End Hunger."

Dunkin: "Okay. How long has that commission been around? I'm going to stick to the... the legislation here. How long has it been around?"

du Buclet: "No, Sir. We don't know how long it's been around."

Dunkin: "You don't know?"

du Buclet: "No."

Dunkin: "So, Nicole should know that, right? Or Shaw would know it."

du Buclet: "1997."

Dunkin: "1997. Okay. There you go. She does know. I'm proud to hear that. So, how will this end hunger? Is this commission going to end hunger or are they going to sit and pontificate about it? Are they going to solve the problem of hunger here in the state?"

du Buclet: "That's our hope, Sir."

Dunkin: "Oh, really. So, is there any money involved in this... this commission?"

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du Buclet: "I don't think there is, Sir."

Dunkin: "There is no money?"

du Buclet: "I am not clear on that."

Dunkin: "So, what's going to be the procedure, or the protocol of this Commission to End Hunger? I'm just curious, 'cause I'm hungry right now, as a matter of fact."

du Buclet: "I'm sorry, Sir. What's your question?"

Dunkin: "I said I'm hungry right now. And I mean all raw foods, all vegetables. I'm juicing. So.. can this help a person who's doing the vegan approach?"

du Buclet: "What's the question?"

Dunkin: "Can this commission help me as a vegan? You know, if I'm eating all raw fruits and vegetables."

du Buclet: "I'm sure they can accommodate a vegan diet."

Dunkin: "Is that right? And you propose to do that when?"

du Buclet: "When?"

Dunkin: "Yes."

du Buclet: "When... when?"

Dunkin: "These are all pertinent to the legislation, Representative. This is a major Bill. I mean..."

du Buclet: "We will make sure that..."

Dunkin: "...Commission to End Hunger."

du Buclet: "...you are served a vegetarian and/or vegan diet."

Dunkin: "Okay. I... I want it uncooked."

du Buclet: "You can be sure."

Dunkin: "Can this commission assist with that?"

du Buclet: "We can also help with cooking if you need assistance with cooking."

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Dunkin: "And... and so, can you tell me why the Department of Natural Resources is supporting this legislation, Representative?"

du Buclet: "I'm sorry, why they are not?"

Dunkin: "Why they are. Why they're supporting this."

du Buclet: "It's my understanding that they think an additional at-member should be added to the commission."

Dunkin: "Is that right? So, how many voting members will be on this commission?"

du Buclet: "Twenty-one."

Dunkin: "Twenty-one. Is... 12 or 21?"

du Buclet: "Twenty-one."

Dunkin: "Okay. Is that a lot, or a little?"

du Buclet: "Compared to what?"

Dunkin: "Well, you know, I'm not familiar with a Commission to End Hun... Hunger, especially, you know, being hungry right now. How would you get things done, given the fact that that's so many bodies and brains that they're trying to figure out one direction, and they may go 21 different directions. Is there a remedy to sort of resolve that potential conflict?"

du Buclet: "I think they have a very good method of resolving any conflict that they may have."

Dunkin: "Good. So, and what method is that, Representative?"

du Buclet: "Well, they come together and they meet, and they discuss, and they hash out their issues, and they're able to come to a..."

Dunkin: "You know..."

du Buclet: "...a conclusion that they all agree with."

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Dunkin: "I notice on here, you have three at-large members. Who would those at-large members be? What would they consist of? Who would they consist of? Legislators..."

du Buclet: "No. The general public."

Dunkin: "Republican?"

du Buclet: "The public."

Dunkin: "The public. Okay. So, how would you select those public members?"

du Buclet: "They are selected by the Governor."

Dunkin: "They're what now?"

du Buclet: "Selected by the Governor."

Dunkin: "Selected by the Governor. Okay. All right. So, could you make a recommendation?"

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dunkin, are you close to being finished? Thank you, Sir."

Dunkin: "Congratulations on your first Bill, Representative Kim du Buclet."

du Buclet: "Thank you for your questions."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Riley."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Riley: "I have some frivolous questions to... to ask you, but I have a serious question."

du Buclet: "Yes, Sir."

Riley: "Again, tell me the genesis of this Bill with respect of taking away the representative from township government."

du Buclet: "Please give us a minute."

Riley: "Okay."

du Buclet: "Can we get back to you, please?"



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Riley: "I'm sorry."

du Buclet: "May we get back to you?"

Riley: "Well, you... you can I guess in the context of, you know, how long you presented the Bill. One... one of the things I want to point out; the commission made a lot of sense. If you look at members of the commission, they all have something to do with the provision of food, stuff that people who are needy. Township government, for the most part, I think are experts in that because that's where a lot of the food banks in the metropolitan area are located, and so they understand about distribution; they understand about procurement, you know, from the Chicago Food Depository, and so on and so forth. I know out in the south suburbs, for example, I represent, there's myriad townships that have really great food programs. And it just seems to me that there should be some representation from a unit of government who specializes in doing that. Would you... what would you think?"

du Buclet: "I agree with that."

Riley: "Okay. So, it, you know, it... for that reason, you know, I have some problems, you know, with... with the Bill. Whenever you can give me that genesis and, hopefully, you know, it would happen before you pass that. I would... I would really like to know because, frankly, that would... that would be a problem for me."

du Buclet: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Lyons: "Our final speaker will be Representative Anthony DeLuca."

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DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Everyone join me in wishing my Senator, our Senator, Toi Hutchinson in her birthday today. Happy birthday, Senator Hutchinson."

Speaker Lyons: "Happy birthday, Toi. Many happy more. Representative du Buclet to close. Representative du Buclet to close."

du Buclet: "I ask for an 'aye' vote, Sir."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady asked for the passage of Senate Bill 262. All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Bost, Hatcher, and Leitch. Kay. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 110 Members voting 'yes', 1 Member voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Congratulations, Representative. Welcome to the family. Representative Eddie Jackson, on the Order of Senate Bill-Third Readings, Representative Jackson, you have Senate Bill 1968. Representative Jackson, wish to call Senate Bill 1968? Read the Bill... Out of the record? Out of the record. Representative Daniel Biss, on the Order of Senate Bill-Third Readings, you have Senate Bill 2106. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2106, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dan Biss."

Biss: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2106 is about the subject of the recycling of electronic waste. This means

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things like TVs, computers, and so forth which, when discarded into landfills... contain a variety of toxic substances like mercury and lead, and so forth, which are sometimes carcinogenic or neurotoxins. And as a result, we have, in place, in statute, first of all, a landfill ban going into effect in January of 2012, so the consumers may not discard these items into an ordinary waste stream and second of all, a mandate which dictates that manufacturers of this equipment have to do a certain... arrange for a certain amount of... of recycling of electronic waste. The reason for this Bill is that that mandate is constructed in a somewhat convoluted and poor way. It's not really in keeping with other states. And it's also too low, which will cause a tremendous, tremendous problem for consumers when the landfill ban goes into effect this coming January. So, 21... Senate Bill 2106 simplifies the language the mandate is constructed, elevates it so it's in keeping with other neighboring states including Minnesota, Wisconsin and Missouri, and puts us on track to fulfill the landfill ban when it goes into effect. This is a Bill that is certainly an initiative of the environmental community, but it's also supported by a number of municipalities and units of local government because of the importance of the landfill ban. It's also supported by the Metropolitan Mayors Conference, and it's supported by a very, very large number of growing small businesses that exist across our state and engage in the recycling of elec... electronic waste. Initially, there was some concern from the business community, but be... by lowering a series of fines and making... streamlining the

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process substantially, we've removed the opposition of almost all business groups, including every single business contained inside the State of Illinois, including Motorola, the largest manufacturer that would be effected in Illinois. The only remaining opposition is businesses that are without any in state presence. And therefore, I think this is a good Bill, both for the environment and for the Illinois business community. I ask for an 'aye' vote. And I'm happy to take any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Morgan, Representative Jim Watson."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Watson: "Representative, I... so... so, my understanding is this takes the... the program from a... from a return share to a market share?"

Biss: "Yes, Representative."

Watson: "And... now... what would you say, or how do you address if... if a new company comes in and... and grabs a big market share immediately, but has no previous return, so to speak, to be responsible for?"

Biss: "That... that's exactly correct. The... the mandate that sets in place is a percentage of sales two years previous. So, a brand new company will have no mandate on it whatsoever until two years after it starts selling electronic equipment, but that doesn't place an additional burden on other companies even if the new company, as you said, sells a huge amount of things in its first year. Any

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individual company's mandate is a percentage of what it sold two years before."

Watson: "Okay. And... and is there an assumption here that... that everybody that buys a new computer is actually... has another one to recycle?"

Biss: "There is a... a very long history of learning that the amount of this stuff, which is discarded, is way more than what the mandate we're proposing would be. So, it may not be exactly one for one in every consumer's instance, but again, a number of states have mandates that are comparable to or higher to what this Bill proposes, and the industry groups have not had trouble meeting those mandates."

Watson: "All right. Thank you, Representative."

Biss: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "No one else is seeking recognition, Representative Biss to close."

Biss: "I simply ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is... the Gentleman moves for the passage of 2206. All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Bost, Kosel, Reboletti, Dennis. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On the Bill, there are 95 Members voting 'yes', 15 Members voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Kay Hatcher, in the middle of page 5, you have Senate Bill 2139. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2139, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Hatcher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Assembly. Senate Bill 2139 is an initiative of Senator Chris Lauzen. As amended, it takes the Fox Valley Park District and changes it from an appointed board to an elected board. Normally, this board is appointed by the county chairman. Both of them stepped forward to agree that this is perfectly okay with them. And I would ask for your consideration and vote."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Dunkin: "Representative..."

Hatcher: "Representative."

Dunkin: "Good afternoon."

Hatcher: "How are you?"

Dunkin: "Very well. This here Fox Va... do you represent Fox Valley?"

Hatcher: "I do."

Dunkin: "What..."

Hatcher: "I do. Fox Valley..."

Dunkin: "What portion of it?"

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Hatcher: "The... the Fox Valley Park District encompasses four counties and several communities. Aur... Aur... It encompasses Aurora..."

Dunkin: "So, is that... what... what per..."

Hatcher: "...Montgomery and North Aurora."

Dunkin: "What percentage of... of Fox Valley do you represent of that park district?"

Hatcher: "A... a fair amount."

Dunkin: "Okay."

Hatcher: "It's... it's divided... I'd say it's divided..."

Dunkin: "Right."

Hatcher: "...between three State Reps."

Dunkin: "I'm just curious because the Fox Valley Park District is appointed by the mayor, correct?"

Hatcher: "No. No, by county... by the county board chairman. It is not the..."

Dunkin: "Excuse me. By the county board chair..."

Hatcher: "...it is not the... it is not the city park district."

Dunkin: "Sure. Sure."

Hatcher: "It is a..."

Dunkin: "I stand corrected."

Hatcher: "...regional park district."

Dunkin: "So, has... is there any problems or reasons why this is... why this Bill is introduced?"

Hatcher: "The Senator brought this Bill forward, as in their recommendation, simply to make an elected, an accountable board. I will..."

Dunkin: "But what's the rationale for this, Representative? Why... why is this come... coming before us, because all of our

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park districts are not... actually, not... most of them are... some are appointed, some are elected. But why... why this particular legislation?"

Hatcher: "You'd have to speak to the Senator on that."

Dunkin: "Okay. Well, who is the current chair of the board?"

Hatcher: "Current chair is Theodia Gillespie."

Dunkin: "Okay. Oh, Theo... Theodia Gillespie. All right. So, has there been any concern of any misappropriation of moneys, or..."

Hatcher: "The Fox Valley Park District's one of the most highly regarded park districts in the State of Illinois and in the nation. It's won a gold metal award and has received many commendations, both in the state and national level for its commitment to national resources."

Dunkin: "That's great. Has there been any concerns of mismanagement?"

Hatcher: "Not to my knowledge."

Dunkin: "Now since Miss Gillespie... Now, you know, sh... by the way, she's like... she's the board chair, and the first African American, and the only African American in the State of Illinois that's a park district chair. Am I correct?"

Hatcher: "I'm not aware. I know that she has the Fox Valley Park District, and I count her as one of my oldest and dearest friends."

Dunkin: "And you know Dan... Dan Barreiro is the... is a Latino, the only Hispanic board member on the Fox Valley Board, as well. Are you aware of that, Representative?"

Hatcher: "I'm sorry. I was distracted."



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Dunkin: "I said Mr. Dan Barreiro is a board member, and he's Hispanic. He's the only Hispanic on the board, as well. Correct?"

Hatcher: "I believe so."

Dunkin: "And you said this... this board has received several major national and statewide awards, commendations because of the... the way it's run and the way it's looked at. The way... Excuse me..."

Hatcher: "It's an extraordinary park district."

Dunkin: "Rep... Representative, can you do me a... a favor as a colleague? Can you pull this out of the record?"

Hatcher: "I would be delighted to do so and we can continue to discuss it."

Dunkin: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, on the request of the Sponsor, take this Bill out of the record. Mr. Clerk, on the middle of page 5, under Senate Bills-Third Reading, is Senate Bill 2145. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2145, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is just an extension of the Sunset Act, the Petroleum Equipment Contractors Licensing Act. It's agreed language with some minor changes. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is,

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'Should Senate Bill 2145 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? David Harris. Lou Lang. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 5 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2149. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2149, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Eddy: "Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2149 is the result of several years of work and a lot of negotiations, and.. and agreements that were made related to when school districts get into financial problems, especially districts that are in such bad financial shape that they are facing loss of the ability to make payroll and pay vendors. This would allow for the State Board of Education to exercise some powers that exist in statute that have been kind of consolidated into this Section of the Code, and give them some additional powers in order to manage a school district's finances. And I would be happy to answer any questions anyone might have about the Bill, and I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

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

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

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Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Davis, M.: "Representative, can you tell us what districts, previously, have been under a school Financial Oversight Panel?"

Eddy: "Several districts have. Some of those include Hazelcrest, Round Lake, certainly, I think, the most noteworthy lately, is East St. Louis is now under one. Other districts around the state... I don't have the complete list, but several have."

Davis, M.: "About how many?"

Eddy: "I don't have the number. I could get that to you. I don't have that with me."

Davis, M.: "So, in order to have a... the state board put a school Finance Authority Oversight Panel over your school board, your district has to do exactly what?"

Eddy: "Well, the district has to have, really, sunk to a financial level that based on a rating scale of actual numbers, how much cash they have on hand, how much debt they have, be on a financial watch and then warning list for a number of years. So, this is a last resort type of a thing. The state board certainly doesn't enjoy this, obviously, it means the district's in trouble, but it... it takes several years normally to get this bad."

Davis, M.: "How long does it take to get back their own autonomy?"

Eddy: "Well, it depends on... on, obviously, how bad it was to begin with. There... there's no set amount of time. There are targets and benchmarks, and then some cases, depending on available resources, it may go quicker. Some of it has

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to do with existing contracts, how soon those might be renegotiated. It does not give them the ability to change those contracts though, and that may take some more time in certain situations."

Davis, M.: "Have you ever had a case where the Financial Authority Panel was spending money wildly.. was spending the district's money?"

Eddy: "I'm sorry. What was the question?"

Davis, M.: "I said, have you ever had a case where the Oversight Panel was misspending the district's money?"

Eddy: "Representative, I'm not aware of a situation where an Oversight Committee has misspent money. I.. I mean, maybe some of that would depend on the person's perception of what they did, but I don't know of any situation where they, 'misspent'."

Davis, M.: "And who appoints the Oversight Panel, and what kind of professional requirements might there be?"

Eddy: "The.. the State Superintendent of School makes the appointments and they have to have expertise in school finance. They have to have a background that supports..."

Davis, M.: "And are these people paid?"

Eddy: "No. No."

Davis, M.: "Is there a salary for them?"

Eddy: "It's... No."

Davis, M.: "There's..."

Eddy: "Not salaried. They.. they are able to hire administrators and replacing them, but they are not compensated directly."

Davis, M.: "You... they're not compensated at all..."

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Eddy: "No."

Davis, M.: "...not even for expenses?"

Eddy: "Well, that's different than compensation. Maybe they get some reimbursement for expenses, but..."

Davis, M.: "So, does it... does it... Representative Eddy, does a reimbursement come out of that school district's money, or does the state board provide it?"

Eddy: "The district is responsible as part of the financial oversight to pay those expenses."

Davis, M.: "So, it's kind of like an added expense to that school district that's already in trouble."

Eddy: "I... I think they would receive, though, some state funding that would offset that as part of agreeing to be under the auspice of the Financial Oversight."

Davis, M.: "Who is the Senate Sponsor of this Bill?"

Eddy: "This is a... Senator Sullivan."

Davis, M.: "Is he all by himself, the way you are?"

Eddy: "Pardon me?"

Davis, M.: "Is there any... are there any cosponsors?"

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

Davis, M.: "Are you guys having trouble with your finance... financially in your district?"

Eddy: "Not... thankfully, not right now."

Davis, M.: "But you don't know exactly what districts are. You know who has been in the past, but you don't know who currently might need this service. Is that correct?"

Eddy: "No. Representative, it depends on a formula that specifically is applied to each district, and at the end of every fiscal year, that can change. I don't know which

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districts are going to qualify because I don't know the fiscal condition of all the districts in the state."

Davis, M.: "And the state board will make the determination. Do you know how long do they have to be on the watch before they're determined to be in need of this Financial Oversight Panel?"

Eddy: "There... there's no specific amount of time, but one of the key triggers is that school district not being able to make payments to their employees. And I think that that's an important part of this that... that we're trying to get in there and make sure that individuals, who are working, are going to get their paychecks."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Representative. Those are the all the questions that I have, but I really do have a great concern about putting an oversight appointed board over an elected board. And in most of your districts, your school boards are elected. Of course, in mine, it is not elected, but I do have concern with putting an Oversight Panel over an elected board and spending the money of that community and it appears, perhaps, without the direction or wherewithal of that particular school board. Now, if someone is mispending the money, then surely that should be dealt with, but I have great concern with placing an appointed board over an elected board, and deciding how their dollars will be spent."

Eddy: "Representative, I respect that. I do want to make one clarification. This board does not replace the state... the... the local board."

Davis, M.: "They're over them. I understand that."

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Eddy: "They... they work in coordination and consultation with them. They don't replace them. I mean, I just want to... I understand your concern, but I wanted to make that distinction."

Davis, M.: "Thank you for your... your answers. Thank you very much, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "Will Davis."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Davis, W.: "Representative, can you briefly describe the process by which a Financial Oversight Panel is put in place versus a School Finance Authority?"

Eddy: "Yea. There are really two ways. A school district can request for the oversight because they're... they're in a situation where they're not making payroll and they're not able to pay vendors, and maybe even purchase food. And they can go and say we need this assistance because they would then be eligible for some immediate financial assistance, maybe to make payroll, or if they reach a certain level, then the State Board of Education could provide that oversee... sight without them requesting it."

Davis, W.: "Okay. And the School Finance Authority? I'm asking the difference of how each one is put in place."

Eddy: "Well, the... the Financial Oversight portion of this is basically being brought into this part of the Code. The... the Oversight Panels are getting some additional powers, but we're not changing what is currently really being done with the... the Financial Oversight."

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Davis, W.: "No. I... let me say it this way."

Eddy: "Okay."

Davis, W.: "I guess what I'm trying to get at is the fact that the State Board of Education has the ability to put a Financial Oversight Panel in place, and a School Finance Authority has to come through the General Assembly. Is that correct?"

Eddy: "This... this is to address that situation so that in cases where the General Assembly isn't in Session and it's necessary for that immediate action that... that can take place without General Assembly approval until we... until we meet again. And we worked really hard to allow for, only in those cases where it's absolutely necessary, that oversight to take place until the General Assembly does meet."

Davis, W.: "That's what... I guess that's what I'm getting at. So... so, the State Board of Education... this will allow the State Board of Education to be able to put an Oversight Panel in place versus having to come through the General Assembly to vote to put a Finance Authority in place over a school district, correct?"

Eddy: "Yeah. And... and it doesn't... in those situations immediately where we may not be available to... to do that. And... and in some cases, it provides relief for individuals to be paid or... or for districts to continue to operate."

Davis, W.: "Well, I... I'm clear on that but..."

Eddy: "Okay."

Davis, W.: "...when I spoke to the State Board of Education, kind of the impression that I got in speaking with them, is that



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this was kind of the leveling off of the two. Meaning that you had one that was put in place because that's what a school district needed; the other is not quite as stringent, in some respects, as a School Finance Authority, and this is the leveling off of the two. But my concern was is that if a school district needs to come through the Legislature for Financial Oversight, and we're kind of removing that opportunity for the Legislature to make that decision, that are we dumbing down, in a manner of speaking, what needs to take place for the oversight, and just giving sole discretion to put oversight in place by the State Board of Education versus at least some conversation with the General Assembly."

Eddy: "But this... this is limited, but in many cases, they would have to come here for long-term and additional debt instruments beyond this, what we're trying to provide them, which is a limited Financial Authority. They could still have to come back here, but probably in those cases where emergencies require that they go in quickly, and on a limited basis, they... they are allowed to do some debt instruments. They still will... will likely, there'll be instances where they'll have to come here."

Davis, W.: "Well, according to our analysis, it indicates that the FOP, or the Financial Oversight Panel, that we're talking about, once it's established will be in... in place for 10 years. So, where's the limited aspects of this that you're speaking of if it... if it's established, and it's established for 10 years?"

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Eddy: "The... the amount or the... their ability to take out loans is... is the limited part."

Davis, W.: "The ability for them to take out loans is..."

Eddy: "Yeah. That's limited."

Davis, W.: "...is the limited part."

Eddy: "Yeah. We've limited that."

Davis, W.: "But they still would have the oversight for the 10-year period, or could have the oversight..."

Eddy: "They could."

Davis, W.: "...for the 10 period."

Eddy: "Up to 10 years I think is the key. It doesn't... I... I mean, it could end sooner, up to 10 years is the authority. It could end sooner. If the district hits the benchmarks and they're able to then financially be solvent, it could end sooner. But we wanted to put a cap on how long it could go."

Davis, W.: "Okay. I'm... I'm not in any way..."

Eddy: "No."

Davis, W.: "...trying to necessarily question the expertise of the State Board of Education, obviously, it's what they do. But having come to the General Assembly, you had the opportunity for the General Assembly to be involved in that process and now, it seems like you're taking away the General Assembly's ability to be involved in that process and giving sole discretion to the State Board of Education."

Eddy: "No, I think really... I would characterize it as allowing in limited circumstances when we're not able to, maybe because between May and November, for example, the end of

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May and November... hopefully the end of May, right, and November that we're not here, there are school districts that get in to some financial conditions that take some immediate action. We tried to limit that authority for just those instances, while maybe collapsing some of the other statutory language into one part of... of the School Code, but this is not meant to be a great expansion. We worked really hard to limit it."

Davis, W.: "Okay. Well, again, just kind of removing the General Assembly from the conversation, and not that I'm asking you to amend this in any way, but was there any ever a conversation about that if we're not in Session and the state board decides to put a Oversight Panel in place, that when we come back in to Session that that Oversight Panel now has to come back before the appropriate committee and at least have some kind of discussion as to why it was done, and whether or not the General Assembly should then subsequently vote to put a Financial Authority in place to manage that school district."

Eddy: "Well, I... I appreciate that. I think the problem that... with that might be some of the debt instruments that they need to use during that short-term would need to be continued and we wouldn't be able to have the authority to end that. We limited it though to only what they absolutely needed so that if they need to go beyond that, then when we do come in, they would have to ask us. But... but it would be difficult not to... well, for us, to go back on those debt instruments once they're issued."

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Davis, W.: "What... so you're saying that if you put a Financial Oversight Panel in place and they get the short-term debt relief that they need..."

Eddy: "Very limited."

Davis, W.: "...a very limited debt relief that they need, that we couldn't subsequently come behind that, vote to put a Financial Authority in place and continue what... what has already been started, we couldn't do that?"

Eddy: "Yes, we could. If they need more than what we... the limited amount, we could add to it, but we would have to do that."

Davis, W.: "Well..."

Eddy: "Their authority is very limited."

Davis, W.: "Well, that's what I'm... well, that's... essentially, that's what I'm getting at, is because if they put a Financial Oversight in place, there's no requirement that would have... that would make them to have to come back to the General Assembly..."

Eddy: "Yeah. The... the loan..."

Davis, W.: "...to have that discussion that you're talking about."

Eddy: "The loan is for only three-fourths of the school year, and that... that's when they would have to come to us."

Davis, W.: "Okay, Representative."

Eddy: "Okay?"

Davis, W.: "Thank... thank you very much."

Eddy: "Yeah. You're welcome."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Ron Stephens."

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Stephens: "Representative, what's the... what's the worst that can happen if we pass this Bill?"

Eddy: "Well... I mean, the worst thing that could happen is a Financial Oversight Panel of experienced, knowledgeable individuals could go into a failing school, provide individuals' paychecks for a very limited period of time..."

Stephens: "Thank you. What's the best..."

Eddy: "...'til the General Assembly met."

Stephens: "...what's the best thing that can happen?"

Eddy: "Well, I think the best thing that could happen is school districts could continue to function, make payroll, and order... order the supplies for their students..."

Stephens: "Sure."

Eddy: "...and even food for their cafeteria."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. I don't understand the opposition to the Bill. It... this is a commonsense thing that is going to help save local school districts. This is really good legislation. The Gentleman's worked hard. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "We have two final speakers. Representative Flowers, then Representative Dugan. Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, so..."

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Flowers: "Thank you. If the school is in a financial crisis, this... the authority, the Financial Oversight Panel, they would be able to loan the school money?"

Eddy: "The state actually loans the money. What... what this did... does is it gives a Financial Oversight Authority the

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authority to borrow enough, only on a limited basis, to... to make payroll, to keep the school going."

Flowers: "But the school already have a financial authority board. They already have a board, so why are we creating another board over the board when the school is already in financial problems?"

Eddy: "The... the reason for this is, and part of the Bill is, that the school district would have already had to have attempted to... to borrow money on their own, and they would've been denied, and they would have nowhere else to go to secure funding to make payroll or to purchase supplies. This is... this is only in those extreme situations. And then, by the way, and I want to make sure I clarify this, their... their authority over the school board is limited to a... a certain financial authority. The school board's authority for all other matters continues. This doesn't replace that."

Flowers: "According to the analysis here, this... the FOP, the Financial Authority Planning, is that what it is?"

Eddy: "Financial Oversight Panel."

Flowers: "The Financial Oversight... so, we have a Financial Oversight Panel, and we have a School Financial Authority, and then do we have a oversight... a financial oversight board? Do we have..."

Eddy: "No. They're being combined. That... that's what the purpose of this is, is to allow that one authority to provide assistance and... and really, the... the purpose... it collapses them into the one oversight authority. The purpose is, I hope, is to be consulting and cooperative to

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try to help the school district get it back into financial shape where all of their authority comes back to them. That's the goal of this. It's not to take over. I don't think they want to do this. I think they have to so people can be paid."

Flowers: "So, we, the state, is responsible for giving these schools the monies that they need to educate our children. Am I correct?"

Eddy: "We... it's some..."

Flowers: "Am I correct? We, the state, we're responsible to giving each one of these school districts moneys to educate our children."

Eddy: "To some... to some degree. Some schools don't receive as much money as others, as you know."

Flowers: "I agree."

Eddy: "But, yes. But... but the state's... the primary responsibility for education is the state and we have a formula that is used to distribute funds to districts that don't have property wealth so that they can meet a foundation level."

Flowers: "So, if we have a formula for districts who... whose districts don't have the financial property wealth to be fund equally across the board, so we do know they're going to be some schools that's in trouble, why... are we going to pay the financial board, are we going to pay the Financial Oversight, are we going to pay the Financial Panel? Are these people paid?"

Eddy: "No, Ma'am."

Flowers: "And so, they're... no money's involved at all?"

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Eddy: "No."

Flowers: "They're just..."

Eddy: "Expenses possibly..."

Flowers: "But with..."

Eddy: "...you know, for travel."

Flowers: "Why can't we just... why can't the state board just send a... a financial advisor in there? Obviously, the school district are not financial wizards so that... we're the ones that appropriate the money. If they have a problem, if they need some more money, I heard you say in an earlier debate that if we're not in Session... well, we can... how often are we not in Session... and I know we are 30, 60, 90 days late. Why is it that we have to have this when, in a few more months, we'll be in Session..."

Eddy: "Well, because..."

Flowers: "...or have an emergency to have... to add more moneys to the budget if it's needed."

Eddy: "I... I'll give you examples. As you know, often times, when school districts leave for the summer, they don't even know what their amount... the appropriation for state aid or mandated categoricals; they don't even know. So..."

Flowers: "But... but they should know..."

Eddy: "I... I agree... I wish..."

Flowers: "...and it's the state board's responsibility."

Eddy: "No."

Flowers: "And so, probably, maybe what the problem is, we're putting the cart before the horse, and maybe we need to redirect the way we've been doing things. Maybe the way we've been doing things is wrong."



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Eddy: "Well, I... I don't disagree with that, but I'm saying..."

Flowers: "And instead of creating a board on top of the board that was created for the board that's not working, we need to eliminate those boards and redistribute the funds in a different way."

Eddy: "Well, the reason the school districts don't know is because the budget isn't finished, oftentimes, and the final appropriation isn't known until late in the summer. So, if we leave here in June and we don't come back until November, there is a... a pretty significant amount of time there where school districts could end up in a... a financial situation where, perhaps, they're not going to be able to make payroll, and this allows during that time, on a limited basis... by the way, the Financial Oversight Panel that we're talking about already exists in law, and all of the... all of the rules and regulations are the same, they're just kind of collapsed into this Bill. This just gives us a limited authority for a short period of time."

Flowers: "So, Round Lake and Hazel Crest are two schools we know are on the so-called failing list. Now, when we say failing, we're not talking about failing in regards to grades. We're talking about failing in regards to the monetary money that they're able to raise from their property tax. Am I correct?"

Eddy: "I'm not sure, Representative. I apologize. I don't quite follow the question."

Flowers: "According to the analysis, two schools are mentioned: one is Round Lake, and the other is Hazel Crest. So, these

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two schools are failing financially. How are they doing academically?"

Eddy: "Representative, I, honestly, I can't give you an answer on how they're doing academically. I'd have to check."

Flowers: "I think that's part of the problem. You know, we're so focused on other things that we really forget what we're here for. We're here to educate the children, and I don't think the principals... it should not be their problem as far as the finance is concerned; it's the board's problem. And for us to create all of these boards on top of the boards in a 5-member board here and an 18-member board there, and all these three articles, is nothing but confusion. The more adults that's involved, the more confusion, and the less education. And I would respectfully... I would have to really vote against this Bill because, once again, it's talking about a takeover of a school. And we all know that the state taxes are not equal across the board because school... schools are not funded equally across the board. So, God forbid, if there's a storm or a tornado, that school district will be in financial jeopardy because of the storm and because of the tornado. It doesn't mean that it's failing. It doesn't mean that it has to have a financial takeover. It means that that school is in fin... that area is in financial distress, and the state board should step in and do whatever it is that they have to do because the more layers we create the worse it gets at the bottom for the children. I respect you, Sir, and thank you very much."

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Speaker Lyons: "There's no further lights on. Representative Eddy to close."

Eddy: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the... the purpose of this... and by the way, this panel... this Oversight Panel exists. We're not creating this. It... it's there. It... it happens. It's happened before. This allows the state to intervene more quickly in situations where school districts are desperate, and they can't make payroll. They, perhaps, can't buy food for their cafeteria, and at the end of the day, what we would do here is help school districts in a very, very difficult financial time, make it until the General Assembly can meet, and... and maybe do additional oversight. I would request that you support this legislation. It's taken a long time for all parties involved, that the... the School Board Association isn't concerned anymore about the oversight. There really is no opposition to this any longer. It's taken about two years to come to this agreement, and... and I hope we can pass it. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Roger Eddy moves for the passage of Senate Bill 2149. All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Dugan, Dunkin, Ramey... Dunkin, like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 72 Members voting 'yes', 39 Members voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby

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declared passed. Representative Jim Sacia, you have Senate Bill 2162. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bills 2162, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Senate Bill 2162 was brought to us by the Illinois Sheriffs' Association. Has no opposition. It is.. it simply allows all of the sheriffs' departments across the state to have inner agency transfer.. transfers of their vehicles, without a cost to their agency. The Secretary of State's Office is neutral. And again, as I stated, there is no opposition that I am aware of to the Bill. I ask for your vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 2162 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Dugan, you have on Senate Bills-Third Reading, Senate Bill 2190. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2190, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading."

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

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Dugan: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 2190 is an initiative of DNR. It's actually identical to House Bill 1437, which passed unanimously out of the Ag.. House Ag Committee, and Senate Bill 2190 actually passed unanimously out of the Senate. This addresses some issues for DNR about the release of cap.. into captivity and protected wildlife. So, I'll certainly answer any questions, but I would certainly like an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, I see in this analysis that you're seeking to remove the gray wolf, black bear and.. and cougar from the protected species list. Is that correct?"

Dugan: "That is correct. That was at the request of the Farm Bureau."

Franks: "And the.. and the analysis indicates that the reason you wish to do that is because if they attack livestock, they want to be able to shoot without consequence, correct?"

Dugan: "That's what I understand."

Franks: "How many black bears have attacked livestock recently?"

Dugan: "I don't know. I think we'll have to call seven.. Kevin from the Farm Bureau, but this was brought to them from.. by the Farm Bureau for whatever the reason was, and everybody

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agreed to it. I don't know how many black bears are around."

Franks: "That's what I was wondering. How many cougars, do you know, have attacked livestock? We're not talking people. We're talking livestock."

Dugan: "Thank you, Representative Franks. I... I don't... I don't know that there's many either, but there must be some issue, otherwise the Illinois Farm Bureau would not be bringing this issue up..."

Franks: "Well, I'm a member of the Illinois Farm Bureau. I'm not always rational. I'm just wondering, for instance, how many gray wolf attacks there... there has been?"

Dugan: "Now, I think there may have been a few of those."

Franks: "Right."

Dugan: "Correct."

Franks: "I mean, I can... I can see foxes, because I've seen foxes attack, and I've seen coyotes, as well. But I've never seen a black bear or a cougar attack livestock."

Dugan: "And... and I personally have not either, but certainly if the Farm Bureau, at some time, would like to give you a tour, I... I'll certainly ask them to do so, Representative Franks."

Franks: "Okay. Well, let me ask this. If we remove the black bear and the cougar from the protected species list, will that allow hunters to be able to hunt black bear and cougars in Illinois?"

Dugan: "No. I don't believe so. Not from what I understood from DNR and the Department of Ag."

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Franks: "'Cause. I'm serious. That'd be one concern because I'm... I think black bears should probably remain on the list, the endangered species, and I'm worried that if this comes off the list that then people would be able to hunt them."

Dugan: "No, because I don't think there's a hunting season for those either."

Franks: "No, but if they're... but there wouldn't be any penalty if someone shot one."

Dugan: "Correct. And that would be no different than what it is now, Representative, other than if they attack livestock. That's the only thing I believe the Farm Bureau is doing."

Franks: "Okay. Well, just thank you."

Dugan: "Yes. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Karen May."

May: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields, Representative."

May: "Yes. I guess I would echo Representative Franks comments that it... unless we have a problem, why would you take animals off of the... is it endangered species or protected species?"

Dugan: "It's a protected species, not an endangered."

May: "Okay. Do you know how many gray wolves, black bear, or cougars there are in this state? What's the difference between a protected species and an endangered species?"

Dugan: "Well, I think, and again, I don't know exactly for sure, but endangered is there... there are very, very few; whereas protected, there... there is no hunting season for

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them. Again, Representative, when the Farm Bureau brought this to DNR, who are the ones that work on endangered and protected species in this state, they were the ones that agreed that this was no issue if those particular species of animals did attack livestock. So, again, this was brought to... by the Farm Bureau. DNR sees no problem with it. In fact, they were in support of it; they put that on there. And then, that's about all that I know of it."

May: "Rep... Thank you for your explanation but, honestly, unless you can tell me that this is a problem, and that they have been killing livestock, I'm just uncomfortable voting for it. Thank you."

Dugan: "And again, I can only go by what the Farm Bureau and DNR have explained to me, which this is an issue and they felt it should be addressed."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Chapin Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Sponsor will yield."

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Rose: "Thank you. Representative, what is a feral livestock?"

Dugan: "It's a wild... so, this particular Bill, I know one of the issues why this Bill was brought forward was because of feral hogs..."

Rose: "Oh, okay."

Dugan: "...which are wild. They have been let out of captivity."

Rose: "But is somebody cultivating them or are they just running wild?"

Dugan: "They're just kind of running wild, and... and I know we have an issue in southern Illinois with feral hogs at this particular point."



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Rose: "Right. So... so, in this case, we have a... Urbana had a group of Ferrell turkeys a few years ago. They were running roughshod across the good citizens of Urbana, and Representative Jakobsson will well remember. It was quite the story when the normally left wing liberal mayor of Urbana decided they wanted to catch them. And then many people in the PETA community thought they should be left to run free in the streets of Urbana pillaging and scaring the citizens."

Dugan: "Right."

Rose: "So, would... would this Bill allow us to shoot said turkeys?"

Dugan: "I don't believe that it lets you shoot them. Of course, there is turkey season, but I don't believe that this would just let you shoot them in the middle of Urbana, no."

Rose: "But it would allow for us to take care of the turkey situation in Urbana."

Dugan: "If you have, yes. The, again, feral wild turkeys, feral hogs, that type of thing, then it can be addressed."

Rose: "And is the Farm Bureau in support of this?"

Dugan: "Yes, they are."

Rose: "Thank you, Representative, very much."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dugan to close. Representative Dugan to close."

Dugan: "Yes, thank you. Again, some of the issues that were brought up, I appreciate it. All I can say is DNR and the Farm Bureau sat down and talked about it. They believe

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that this is needed. And so, therefore, I would like an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady moves for the passage of Senate Bill 2190. All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Dunkin and Tryon. Dunkin, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 102 Members voting 'yes', 9 Members voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Will Davis, you have, on the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, Senate Bill 2193. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2193, a Bill for an Act concerning Environmental Justice. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2193 creates the Environmental Justice Commission, which brings together approximately 20 individuals that will be various individuals like Legislators, director of agencies, business interest and community groups to study and assess current laws and policies, develop and recommend options to the Governor and the General Assembly to bring a new focus toward the issues at a state level. Be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any questions on Senate Bill 2193? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should the Senate Bill 2193 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'."

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The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Leitch, Representative Zalewski. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Dennis Reboletti, you have Senate Bill 2270. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2270, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading."

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

Reboletti: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill's an initiative from the DuPage County State's Attorneys Office, which deals with a child murderer registry. It makes some corrections. It adds some offenses: aggravated battery with a firearm, aggravated battery with a machine gun, and home invasion. It also clarifies what violent offenses are when concerned with certain aggravated offenses, as well as domestic battery. I'd entertain any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 2270 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative May, Representative Dunkin. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is

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hereby declared passed. Representative La Shawn Ford, you have Senate Bill 2271. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2271, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative La Shawn Ford."

Ford: "All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House. Senate Bill 2271 has no opposition. It creates a Racial and Ethnic Impact Research Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to determine a practical method for the standardized collection of and analysis of the data on the racial and ethnic identity of the arrestees by the state and local law enforcement agencies. There's no opposition, as I said, and I'm... would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 2271 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mary Flowers. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, on page 2 of the Calendar, Representative Ramey, you have House Bill 306. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 306, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill.

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Amendment #1 was adopted to the Bill. No Floor Amendments.  
No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mike Connelly,  
on the order of House Bills-Second Reading, you have House  
Bill 1309. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1309 has been read a second time,  
previously. Committee Amendment #1 was tabled. Floor  
Amendment #2, offered by Representative DeLuca, has been  
approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative DeLuca, are you prepared to do  
Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1309?"

DeLuca: "I ask that we adopt the Amendment and we can debate it  
on Third Reading."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. Is there  
any discussion? All those in favor of the adoption of  
Floor Amendment #2 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed  
say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it.  
And Floor Amendment #2 is adopted. Anything further, Mr.  
Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Sara  
Feigenholtz, you have, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second  
Reading, Senate Bill 1234. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1234, a Bill for an Act concerning  
civil liability. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.  
Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor  
Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Feigenholtz, you also have Senate Bill 1622, on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1622, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Amendments... no... no Floor... Correction. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Fortner, on the Order of Second... Senate Bills-Second Reading, you have Senate Bill 1837. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1837, a Bill for an Act concerning Corrections. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amend... Committee Amendments 1 and 2 were both tabled. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Fortner, has been approved for consideration."

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

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. Floor Amendment 3 becomes the Bill, and would provide for mental health courts in Kane County as a pilot program to see their effectiveness, and report back as a potential model elsewhere in the state."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Farnham, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, on page 10 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 1996. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1996, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Floor Amendments 1, 2, and 3, offered by Representative Farnham, have all been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Well, Representative Farnham, you have three Floor Amendments. Floor Amendment #1."

Farnham: "Withdrawn."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman moves for the withdrawal of Floor Amendment #1. Floor Amendment #2, Representative."

Farnham: "Please withdraw that, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, withdraw Floor Amendment #2. Representative Farnham on Floor Amendment #3."

Farnham: "House Amendment #3 is a gut and replace Amendment that makes technical changes to Amendment 2, clarifying that IDPH will provide information about public health, and that IDH... HA will provide information about affordable housing options, and return the report deadline for the plan back to October 1, 2011."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Dan Brady, you have Senate Bill 401 on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 401, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Chuck Jefferson, what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Chuck."

Jefferson: "On Wednesday of next week, May 25, we will be having the after Session party. The Latino Caucus and the Black Caucus will be meeting at the Black Caucus House, and it starts immediately after Session at 5:30. So, we want to take this opportunity to invite all the Members to the end of Session party at the Black Caucus House, 614 College Avenue, next Wednesday. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Chuck. Representative Roger Eddy."

Eddy: "Mr. Speaker, I... I missed the last one. Where... the end of Session's Wednesday, then? Is that what he said? Maybe I..."

Speaker Lyons: "No. You... you didn't even hear, Representative. You heard it... was end of Session. The beginning of the parties for the end of Session, is what I believe, Representative... was alluding to."

Eddy: "Oh, we're going to start... we're going to start Wednesday and just keep on, keeping on. Thank you."



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Speaker Lyons: "We'll get there as soon as we can, Roger. Thank you for bringing it to our attention. Representative Ann Williams, you have Senate Bill 1701 on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1701, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law, which may be referred to as the Emergency Medical Services Access Law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Williams, you also have, on page 10 of the Calendar, on Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 2236. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2236, a Bill for an Act concerning regulations. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 387, offered by Representative Feigenholtz. House Resolution 388, offered by Representative Dunkin. House Resolution 389, offered by Representative Bost. House Resolution 391, offered by Representative Reboletti. And House Resolution 392, offered by Representative Sommer. And House Resolution 393, offered by Representative Reitz."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Jack McGuire moves for the passage of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolution... the Agreed Resolutions are... are... Agreed... Agreed Resolutions are adopted. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, here's the announcements you've really been waiting for. Saturday's

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Session, as we know, has been canceled. On Sunday, May 22nd, there will be a 5 p.m. Perfunctory Session. Five p.m. Perfunctory Session on Sunday.. on Sunday, May 22. The chamber will not be... will not be here. We're off on Sunday. So, Leader Lou Lang moves that the House stand adjourned... the House stand adjourned 'til the hour of 3 p.m. on Monday, May 23, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk. All those in favor of adjournment signify by saying... saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And before we formally adjourn, Representative Watson."

Watson: "Purpose of an announcement."

Speaker Lyons: "Please..."

Watson: "House Republicans will caucus immediately following adjournment in Room 118."

Speaker Lyons: "Republicans, you are caucusing. And now, seeing no further business to come before the House of Representatives, the House stands adjourned until the hour of 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, with a Perfunctory Session on Sunday, May 22. Have a wonderful weekend, everybody. Drive carefully."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and reading of Senate Bills-First Reading. Senate Bill 1305, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1436, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1735, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1750, offered by Representative

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Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Introduction and reading of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 3783, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."