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Speaker Lyons: "Good afternoon, 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 Pastor Tony Pierce who is with the Heaven's View Christian Fellowship Church in Peoria, Illinois. Pastor Pierce is the guest of Representative Gordon-Booth. Members and guests are asked to please refrain from starting their laptops, shut off all electronic equipment, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Tony Pierce."

Pastor Tony Pierce: "Thank you. I, first of all, would like to give thanks to House Speaker Madigan in his absence and certainly Honorable Representative Joe Lyons who is serving in his stead, to each of you as House Members and certainly to my Representative, the Honorable Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth for this opportunity. And let's pray. Most Honorable God, as supreme creator, and sustainer of life and giver of every good and perfect gift, we pray in behalf of the good and honorable and just women and men who have sacrificed so much of themselves and their families to be here to represent all of us, the citizens of this great State of Illinois and it's contribution to our great nation. We pray today for each and every one of our Representatives for Your vision, so that they may see the serious issues that confront us beyond the partisan divides that separate us, in order to find the unity that is necessary to employ the very best decisions for Illinois and America. Partisanship often blinds us from seeing the

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other person's perspective while statesmanship permits us to see with clarity and sensitivity the perspective of others across the aisle from us, whom we may not always agree with, but whom we need to find unity with for the betterment of Illinois and for the betterment of our nation. And so, Lord, let every Representative here today see and vote first as Americans and Illinoisans and second as Democrats, Republicans and Independents. They need to do so because of the grave financial issues that confront us. Chairman Doug Oberhelman of Caterpillar tells us that the business climate in Illinois needs better tax reform for manufacturing to locate more plants here in Illinois. But, Attorney General Lisa Madigan informs us that there are millions of homeowners in Illinois who are stuck financially underwater in upside down mortgages, in need of principal relief to stay in their homes. And our state is saddled with billions of dollars in debt that it is struggling to pay. Our Representatives need to act as statesmen and women with sensitivity because we are also confronted with grave social issues. Many of us in cross this great nation and within this great state have sought greater safety and security by seeking such safety in gun legislation such as conceal and carry and stand your ground, but such legislation may promote vigilantism that results in the killing of our most vulnerable, such as Trayvon Martin. And so, Oh Lord, we are beset with these and other grave and urgent problems and issues that seem beyond our capacity to find common ground all of which demand of our Representatives the wisdom of Solomon to

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solve. So, that is what we ask for, for them today, Oh God. Grant these Honorable men and women of this august Body collectively the wisdom of Solomon and the courage to use it correctly so that they may lead our great state and thereby our great nation to the grand and glorious future that potentially lies before us as Illinoisans and citizens of this great United States of America, Amen."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Emily McAsey, would you lead in us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

McAsey - 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, how are the Democrats doing today?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the absence of any excused absences among House Democrats today."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you Leader. Michael Bost, GOP."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Tracy and Representative McAuliffe are excused on the Republican side of the aisle."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Leader. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There's 114 Members responding to the Roll Call, we have a quorum. We're prepared to do the work of the people of the State of Illinois. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses reports the following committee action taken on

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March 27, 2012: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4496; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4313. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law reports the following committee action taken on March 27, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2561; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 5877; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4863 and Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5482. Representative Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor reports the following committee action taken on March 27, 2012: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 411 and House Joint Resolution 74."

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

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Michael."

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Representative Keith Sommer and I would like to welcome a group of Chamber members from the Washington Chamber and from the Pekin Chamber, as part of their Chamber Leadership School. And they are located to my right and to the back of us, if they would please rise and be recognized. I'd like to welcome them to Springfield."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to your Capitol, Chamber members. We're proud to have, enjoy your day. Representative Don Moffitt for the purpose of an announcement, then personal privilege. Representative Moffitt."

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Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to remind everyone today that it's... recognizing another one of our great industries in Illinois: it's Illinois Trucking Day. They have a display out on the north side of the Capitol, on Monroe Street, several trucks out there. You can take a ride in a truck. Also, they provided a paper bag... you can... food for a food pantry, benefit Feeding Illinois and ITA member that oversees eight regional food banks, so take some food out there. They'd probably accept a monetary donation, but a chance to ride in the big truck. And one of the trucks out there is from the company the... of Dwight Kay, so the big auto transport truck, Representative Dwight Kay's truck. He probably would even take you for a ride, maybe. I don't know, but I hope you'll go out and honor our trucking industry. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "It's a great cause. Thank you, Representative Moffitt, appreciate the reminder. Representative Dan Beiser for what purpose do seek recognition, Dan? Does not seek recognition, just the... checking on his buttons. They work. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, again we'll be running through the priority lists of both Democrats and Republicans. So, we'll be bouncing around from Third, mostly Third Readings, some Second Readings for Amendments. But do pay attention because we'll be going back and forth. Not everybody's on the list, but everybody who should be is here with a priority bill. So, we'll start with... no, we won't... let me see... Representative Dan Beiser, on page 18 of the Calendar, on the Order of Third Readings, you have House Bill 5122. I believe for the purpose of an Amendment

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you want to move that Bill to the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, move that Bill to the Order of Second Reading on request of the Sponsor. Representative John Bradley, on page 19 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 5528. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5528, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative John Bradley."

Bradley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an initiative of the Illinois Broadcasters Association. It's important in times of crisis that we have a process in place to make sure that broadcast information is transmitted to the general public. It creates a certification and training system to be administered in the State of Illinois. I know of no opposition. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Chair recognizes Leader Mike Bost."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Bost: "Representative, this was a... an initiative that was kind of fired after the Katrina situation."

Bradley: "Correct."

Bost: "And... and basically what they had is... is that... that fuel could not get to the generators and therefore keep up radios and things like that in... in the State of Louisiana and... and they realized the problem there."

Bradley: "Unfortunately, you and I have a lot of experience with this and one of the most important keys to storm

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recovery is getting the information out to the general public and this would allow us the system to do that."

Bost: "Thank you and Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, it's very important that in this time of... of tragedy and times when we're trying to get emergency services provided to keep... be able to be informed, the broadcasters have worked... and this is with the emergency management personnel as well, to make sure that those communication lines would stay open. And that's exactly what this Bill does. I stand in strong support of it."

Speaker Lyons: "No one seeking further discussion, the question is, 'Should House Bill 5528 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 Dunkin, Jerry Mitchell, want to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Kelly Burke, on page 19 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Third Readings, Kelly, you have House Bill 5342. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5342, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Kelly Burke."

Burke, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5342 will increase transparency for economic development subsidies offered to Illinois businesses. Currently the law requires

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companies receiving subsidies to annually disclose their progress towards creating jobs or other deliverables. There's clawback language in current law that is if a company fails to deliver on their job creation or retention goals the state can recapture some or all the subsidy. Currently the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity posts those reports online at its corporate accountability website. It also posts the summary of the number of the companies that are subject to recapture. This Bill will take DCEO's reporting one step further and require DCEO to post online the name of the company from whom subsidies were recaptured, the date, the amount of recapture, and a summary of the reasons supporting the recapture. I worked with a public interest research group, DCEO and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in drafting this Bill. I appreciate their input. I know of no opposition. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Representative, I want to applaud you on this. We had passed the clawback provisions years ago. It was a Bill that I had authored because of something that had happened in my district with Motorola where they had received millions of dollars and promised to create and retain jobs and they hadn't. I hadn't thought of this aspect of it and you're making this much stronger. And we passed a Bill yesterday on transparency, as well, with DCEO and I think this will go a

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long way to helping ensure that the agreements that we entered into are actually followed up on. So, I want to applaud you and I would encourage the Body to vote 'aye'."

Speaker Lyons: "Chair recognizes Representative Rosemary Mulligan."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Mulligan: "Representative, don't you think this is an invasion of privacy?"

Burke, K.: "Representative, this information is already disclosed by the companies in their report, but to... and it's on the corporate accountability website... but to see it you have to actually go physically through the report. So, this takes information that is publically available and simply puts it in a more accessible spot. It's no more burden on the company; they have no further reporting requirements. What it does is have DCEO just ad... take that information and instead of reporting it in a summary, they report it as individual instances."

Mulligan: "So why do you think it's necessary?"

Burke, K.: "Because I think if fol... if businesses are receiving subsidies from... from the state, subsidies that are borne out by all the other taxpayers, then people have a right to know what happened with those agreements, whether or not the companies were able to live up to their promises and what happened to the money, what happened to the subsidies. Were they recaptured? How much was paid back? I think it's a... a big step towards transparency."

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Mulligan: "Do they have a length of time once.. they have to spend the money and so if they don't spend it within that time then they have to account for it?"

Burke, K.: "Well, ea... each agreement is different. So, they... whatever the terms of their agreement are, they report whether or not they're in compliance with the terms of that agreement. So, this is again, information the companies already report; it's just putting it in a more prominent position."

Mulligan: "Don't you think it automatically makes the company look like they're doing something wrong when they may have not done anything wrong at all. They may have just miscalculated."

Burke, K.: "No, an... and we worked with the Chamber of Commerce to include a provision for a summary of an explanation of what occurred that would cause them to not be able to meet their goals. And then the Chamber was satisfied with that. I know of no opposition to this Bill."

Mulligan: "Well, the proponents on here are SEIU Healthcare and Illinois Public Interest Research Group. Doesn't seem like you have any business people, manufacturers or IRMA, anybody like that, that would be impacted by this."

Burke, K.: Well, all I can tell you is I worked with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce to craft this Bill and it was at their suggestion that we added some of the features. And I don't know if we have their support, but we certainly don't have their opposition."

Mulligan: "Well, that's an interesting comment to make. You don't have their support..."

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Burke, K. : "Well, I..."

Mulligan: "...but they... they haven't opposed it."

Burke, K.: "...I worked with them and I believe they are in support of this, but I do not want to speak for the Chamber. But what I can tell you is they are not in opposition to it."

Mulligan: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Kelly... Kelly Burke to close."

Burke, K.: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 5342 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? Bost, Bradley, Dunkin, Flowers, Gordon. Mary. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 103 Members voting 'yes', 10 Members voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Since we are on the Order of Burke, Representative Dan Burke, you have House Bill 5114, on page 18 of Calendar. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5114, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Dan Burke."

Burke, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill, 5114, would provide that a not-for-profit corporation in our state, that was created by two physicians at Northwestern in the training of CPR and the use of AEDs, would be provided to every grade school in our state, grades sixth through eighth. It's a seven minute

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video that would be afforded to, again, every public school in our state. And as I suggested, when we passed the Amendment on the matter, Representative Eddy at the time in committee had inquired as to the definite no cost aspect of this recommendation. And we have accommodated that in the Amendment. This is no cost to government, no cost to any school district. It's simply an opportunity for every school in our state to be provided with a very concise and appropriate age-wise CP... C... CD to train young children in the use of CPR and AED, the automatic external defibrillator. And I'd be very happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Dennis Reboletti."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative Burke, our analysis indicates that the Bill required students enrolled in grades one through eight to watch this video. You're... you said that it was grades six through eight."

Burke, D.: "That has been amended, Representative. So, we are now... the very first draft said one through eight, now it's six through eight."

Reboletti: "And it would be up to them, the school and the school board to determine when this video should be watched, if it's health class or a gym class."

Burke, D.: "It would be..."

Reboletti: "Would that be up to them?"

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Burke, D.: "...entirely at their discretion, how they want to utilize this CD, this video."

Reboletti: "And... and this DVD or whatever, would... it would be... would then pr... provided free of charge then, right?"

Burke, D.: "Absolutely free of charge. Actually, there's... two physicians at Northwestern, Dr. George Chiampas and Dr. Aldeen who have on their own created a not-for-profit corporation solely for the purpose of educating our society in the techniques of administering CPR and the use of AEDs, automatic external defibrillators."

Reboletti: "Well, I think it makes sense since we have these devices in schools and that there may not be staff or teachers around to... to hurry up to use those devices. It would make sense that students would be able to begin to administer this lifesaving instrument. So, thank you, Representative Burke."

Burke, D.: "Exactly. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the discussion. Representative Burke moves for the passage of House Bill 5114. 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 Arroyo, Gaffney, Dunkin. Representative Gaffney, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 89 Members voting 'yes', 24 voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative John Cavaletto, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

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Cavaletto: "Personal privilege, Sir."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, John."

Cavaletto: "Thank you very much. I'd like to introduce Dr. Underwood, President Dr. Underwood and his wife Roxie and Professors from Kaskaskia College. Would you please stand. Give them a warm welcome to the Capitol, will you. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to your Capitol, folks, enjoy your day, proud to have you here. Representative Patricia Bellock, point of personal privilege."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to take the time to invite everybody, today is the National Alzheimer's Alliance Day. And the Alzheimer's people are downstairs in the Lieutenant Governor's Office, Sheila Simon and they have lunch for everybody, all Legislators here if you take the time at 1:00 to go down and just learn a little bit about m... Alzheimer's. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative Bellock, appreciate the announcement. Representative Kelly Cassidy, on page 18 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 5278, on the Order of Third Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5278, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 5278 builds on work that we have done here in Illinois to address the issue of human trafficking and put Illinois in the forefront of this issue through the 2010 Safe Children's Act and the 2011 Justice for Victims of Sex

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Trafficking Crimes Act. House Bill 5278 builds on that, will improve prosecutors ability to use our state's anti... antitrafficking laws and will help to ensure that more resources go to support services for survivors. I'd appreciate your support."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, maybe you could tell the Body a little bit about the trafficking of persons and what that is, why we have changed the terminology that we used to use and why we consider trafficking in persons."

Cassidy: "Absolutely. Thank you, Representative. Here in Illinois what we... what we see all too often is that we previously dealt with trafficking victims more as defendants where women and children were being used by traffickers to enrich themselves, forced into primarily sex trafficking crimes and we would... they would be prosecuted very often. We really have stepped into the lead to address the real root of the problem and going after those traffickers who are victimizing these women and children and providing services to them. And Illinois has taken a huge step forward leading our country in that way."

Reboletti: "Does this also change the statute of limitations on... on any of the charges? Do you know?"

Cassidy: "It addresses the absence of a statute of limitations fo... for juvenile victims to... to make clear that juvenile

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victims have a... have a different standard to meet. So, yes, it does address the absence and creates a statute of limitations for juvenile victims."

Reboletti: "It's my understanding that Chicago is one of the capitals of trafficking based on the fact of a lot of the activity in downtown with the different events that are down there at McPier, all these... For some reason, I didn't realize this, but that actually brings a lot of the traffickers here because you have people in and out and they can come into the city, they can leave the city and then involve themselves in this marketplace."

Cassidy: "We... we do have a significant problem in Chicago. Just as with any trade, Chicago is a major transit hub and trafficking in persons is no different. And we do see a great deal of it in Chicago."

Reboletti: "Well, I... I do support your legislation. I think it's very important that we keep the focus on those who are trafficking people, that the people involved in the process are usually a victim. And that I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Cassidy: "Thank you."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Cassidy to close."

Cassidy: "I would just appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 5278 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 Gaffney, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 114 Members

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voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Jim Durkin, on page 17 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 4596, on the Order of Third Readings. Jim, want to take a look at it? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4596, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a initiative that was to me by the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority that addresses situations about the certain exemptions under the FOIA Act with regards to ongoing criminal investigations when multiple authorities are brought in for the course of the investigation. We had a very robust discussion in the State Government Administration Committee. This Amendment which I placed on the Bill yesterday is an agreement between the Illinois Press Association, Attorney General, the Chiefs of Police and also the Criminal Justice Authority. I welcome any questions."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, when you brought this Bill to committee I was one of the seven people who voted 'no'. Since then, how has the Bill changed?"

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Durkin: "Here it is verbatim. That the exemption will exist for law enforcement during a... if you just bear with me one second."

Franks: "Sure."

Durkin: "The provision under the FOIA Act its... it states, 'records in the possession of any public body created in the course of administrative enforcement proceedings, any... and any law enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that disclosure would obstruct... let me see the language here, obstruct an ongoing criminal investigation by a law enforcement agency that is not the recipient of the request when the recipient agency possesses such a record only because it maintains a multijurisdictional police data management system such as Chicago Police, Illinois State Police which receives information in the form of data and documents relating to the law enforcement investigation."

Franks: "So, this would reduce the amount of the agencies that would be exempted, under the original Bill. This... Correct?"

Durkin: "Correct."

Franks: "So this would only really deal with multijurisdictional police data."

Durkin: "It's... the Illinois... mainly the Illinois State Police."

Franks: "Okay. And as a result of this Amendment there are... this is an agreed Bill now?"

Durkin: "Correct."

Franks: "Well, I really appreciate your work 'cause I... I appreciated the idea. I thought it was drafted too broadly before and it seems that you've been able to correct that."

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Durkin: "Agreed. Thank you very much."

Franks: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Durkin to close."

Durkin: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 4596 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 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Chapa LaVia, on page 14 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Second Readings, you have House Bill 5825. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5825, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Jerry Costello, on page 18 of the Calendar, Sir, you have House Bill 5100 on the Order of Third Readings. Out of the Bill. Representative Costello, you also have House Bill 5565. Out of the record. Representative Dwight Kay, on the Order of Second Readings, you have House Bill 5575, on Second Reading. What's the status on that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5575 a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Kay."

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Kay: "Mr. Speaker, could you come back to me in just a second, please?"

Speaker Lyons: "I couldn't hear you, Representative."

Kay: "I'm sorry. Could I pull my file? I need... Could you come back to me in just a second?"

Speaker Lyons: "We're just moving that to the Order of Third Reading, Representative. So..."

Kay: "Thank you. I'm sorry."

Speaker Lyons: "...unless you an objection we'll move it to Third Reading..."

Kay: "No, no, that's perfect. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "...and we'll probably come back to it tomorrow. All right. Leave that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. Representative Bill Cunningham, on page 18, of the Calendar under House Bills-Third Reading, you have House Bill 5248. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5248, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Bill Cunningham."

Cunningham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 5248 is an initiative of the City Colleges of Chicago. It amends the Community College Act and allows community colleges to follow the same rules that state universities follow when it comes to accepting gifts and grants, particularly when the grants call for the purchase of certain goods or services. This is... Bill was based on a problem or grew out of a problem the city colleges ran into when they got a grant from Hilton Hotels to host a fundraiser. One of the conditions of that grant was that

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the fundraiser be held at a Hilton property. When the colleges opened it up to bid, a different hotel property was a low bidder. So, Hilton would not fund the grant and they could not hold the fundraiser. This Bill would correct that problem and as I said, treat all community colleges the same way universities are treated. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote and I'd answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DeKalb, Representative Bob Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "Representative, will this change the normal procurement procedure for other than these donations that are made?"

Cunningham: "No, it will not. It would only apply to gifts, donations, grants and would only apply when whatever the service is, is a hundred percent funded by that gift."

Pritchard: "Very good. Thank you."

Cunningham: "Sure."

Pritchard: "It's a good Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Cunningham to close."

Cunningham: "Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 5248 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Monique Davis, Ken Dunkin, Sandy Pihos, Keith Sommer, would you like to be recorded? Randy Ramey. Back row, GOP. Jim

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Durkin. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 72 Members voting 'yes', 42 Members voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, on page 17 of the Calendar, Leader, you have, on Third Readings, House Bill 4601. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4601, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This legislation emanated from the Office of the Comptroller. It's an effort to make work in that office much more efficient, labor-saving, and more effective for the 21st century. So, most of this is cleanup legislation; for example, for the last 40 years you've had to have two witnesses to the destruction of a... particular pieces of paper. That's a much longer period than the Internal Revenue Services requires. It also will ask state agencies to give documents to the Comptroller's Office in electronic form to the extent that they are able. For fiscal '12, this fiscal year and the next fiscal year, the Comptroller will be able to pay prompt payment penalties out of a line item for either year as long the line item is the same. It also will increase the threshold at which state agencies have to send contracts to the Comptroller so the Comptroller can focus on the more expensive contracts when doing a review of agency purchasing. I'd be happy to answer your questions and I'd be grateful for your 'aye' votes."

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Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's d... description.
Representative Randy Ramey. Gentleman does not seek
recognition. Representative Reboletti."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, do we have the technology in place
to begin this by 2013? Or is that going to be subject to..

Currie: "I... we hope so. What we have said in the Bill is that
if a state agency doesn't have scanning equipment than that
can be a reason that they don't have to meet the
requirements that they give the material to the Comptroller
in electronic form. We are hopeful that most of them do
have that capacity today and as... again, if an agency can't
do it 'cause they don't have the equipment, that means they
don't have to."

Reboletti: "Has Comptroller Topinka indicated what type of
savings that her office would... would see once this is
implemented?"

Currie: "I think, if you don't have the scanner, you're not
going to have an easy time meeting this requirement..."

Reboletti: "But what I'm saying is..."

Currie: "...unless...unless the material is already in e-mail form
and then you can go ahead and e-mail it. But..."

Reboletti: "But I'm saying from a savings within... not having to
do all the paperwork, from a labor..."

Currie: "Yeah."

Reboletti: "...perspective. Do we know a dollar amount? Any..."

Currie: "Well, I don't know what the... what the number of hours
might be, but it seems to me that scanning is faster than

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xeroxing which I think is what they're doing today. In addition, xeroxing means you've got to use up a lot of trees and then you've got to get the material physically by hand to the Comptroller's Office. I think that will save a lot."

Reboletti: "And a lot easier to store."

Currie: "Yes. Yeah."

Reboletti: "So, thank you, Leader."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Jack Franks."

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

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

Franks: "Thank you. Representative, I'm reading the analysis and I have a couple of questions on the underlying Bill before the Amendments. And one of them was amending the Illinois Procurement Code to provide that whenever a grant or contract liability exceeding \$20 thousand and we're changing it from 10 thousand. Why are we moving up the requirement to a higher number?"

Currie: "Because most of the contracts that are below that number don't present significant problems for the Comptroller's Office and we are anxious to make sure that the focus in that office is in the places where we are spending real money. So, again, it's not intended to say that... that small contracts are irrelevant. If there is reason to believe that a small contract presents a problem, the Comptroller can go back and ask for it. But the idea is that as... with inflation over time, the \$10 thousand requirement doesn't match the reality of our world."

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Franks: "My second question is dealing with the State Prompt Payment Act."

Currie: "Yes."

Franks: "Now, it looks as though we're changing the penalty for the Prompt Payment Act by giving the state more time to make the payments."

Currie: "We're not changing the amount of money that will be due. Instead of the Comptroller having to come back and ask us after we finish the lapse period, how can I pay this \$4.20 bill; we're saying that if the Comptroller has a line item that covers that prompt payment penalty in the current or the next fiscal year, the Comptroller can use that line item to get... otherwise people have to go to the Court of Claims for \$4.75. I don't think that's a useful activity... a useful requirement for a vendor who is owed money. And it seems to me this is a way of solving what is a real problem for the people who provide goods and services to the state."

Franks: "Do we know how much the Comptroller ha... has to line item right now for the penalties that it's going to have to pay?"

Currie: "I don't think... I don't think it's that line item, Representative, but I think what it is, is if there is a line item for payments to this kind of vendor and there is enough money either in the current fiscal year or FY13, then the Comptroller can use those dollars to make good on the prompt payment penalty."

Franks: "Because our analysis indicates that it's one percent for each month or a fraction thereof."

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Currie: "That's right. And that does not change..."

Franks: "Right."

Currie: "...under this law."

Franks: "But it also says for each day of any amount approved and unpaid within 90 days. Has that changed? Has the 90-day threshold changed at all?"

Currie: "No."

Franks: "Okay. Thank you."

Currie: "It's only a question of... of being able to pay without having to... if you go past the lapse period, having either to say that we're going to extend the lapse period for everything or going to the Court of Claims. So, this is to be responsive to the vendors and not require them to jump through extra hoops."

Franks: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you. It's a straightforward cleanup from the Comptroller's Office. It's going to save us money and it's going to bring greater efficiency to the operations of Illinois State Government. I would appreciate your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 4601 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Chapa LaVia, Ramey, Sommer, back row, GOP. Mr. Clerk, take the record. 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Camille

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Lilly, on page 17 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Third Readings, you have House Bill 4609. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4609, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Camille Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise to present House Bill 4609. House Bill 4609 increases State Government transparency and public information as a piloted project. Its department shall designate one or more officials to serve as department ambassadors whose duties shall include the following; inform the public of services available, assist the public in accessing services, review the department's method for demo... disseminating information and to recommend and implement more efficient practices that provide services and information to the public where possible. This is not a position; it's a function within the department. No fiscal impact. No opponents. If there's no question, I would appreciate your 'aye' vote. And thank you for your attention."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Leader Mike Bost."

Bost: "Representative, if... if... Will the Sponsor yield, first off, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

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Bost: "Representative, and I understand it's a pilot program. Now, your idea is to... or the piece of legislation actually says to bring a department ambassador..."

Lilly: "Yes."

Bost: "...to act as a liaison between the department and which group?"

Lilly: "Department and the public."

Bost: "I'm... I'm sorry. I'm having trouble hearing you."

Lilly: "Same here."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentleman, the noise level in the House this morning has been tough for people trying to have a discussion on Third Readings. Could we please bring the noise level down? Shhh Thank you very much. Representative Bost."

Bost: "You say that it's a department ambassador to serve as a lai... liaison between the department and who?"

Lilly: "And the public."

Bost: "Well, don't we have this already? I mean, isn't... isn't any person who works for the Illinois... for the Department of Human Services actually working as a person that deals with the public on an individual issue, that they would be an expert on that issue that they happen to be dealing with. Or am I wrong on this?"

Lilly: Thank you, Representative. This ambassador will... and this function will aid all the department's staffs. With the number of cuts, increased needs in our state, our citizens are devastated and are in need of services."

Bost: "Well... well, I understand and so... so... but my question is... Now, will this person receive pay?"

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Lilly: "No, this is a function only within the department and the department..."

Bost: "So, they're going to be..."

Lilly: "...shall and may..."

Bost: "...so... so this..."

Lilly: "...designate someone."

Bost: "...so here... here's what I'm going to ask, okay. And... and understand with our budget situation the way it is and I understand you're trying to have someone who will explain to the... to the constituents, the general public, where we're having to make cuts or reductions, what job are we going to pull that person off of 'cause ei... they're... either going to have to already be with the agency or we're going to have to hire somebody new. Am I correct on this, or..."

Lilly: "No, you're not."

Bost: "All right. Explain to me why I'm not."

Lilly: "This is not a job; this is a function when there are needs... our citizens are in need of services. With the increased cuts and increased needs of our citizens, each department shall identify someone to help the public to inform them and to access services."

Bost: "Representative, w..."

Lilly: "This in... this increases state transparency and public information."

Bost: "Representative."

Lilly: "Yes."

Bost: "With all due respect... with all due respect, why would that person not be doing this now without legislation? They work for the Department of Human Services and therefore

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they should be already working with the public and have someone at each department..."

Lilly: "With..."

Bost: "...without having to create legislation to do this."

Lilly: "...with the needs that our citizens are going to incur, this is... this is a necessary effort to make sure that our state departments are equipt and would... when the or when want to show compassion and concern to help people. This gives them the opportunity to work in that vein to help people who are in need. This is not a fiscal change. This is showing concern and compassion for the citizens of Illinois when in need."

Bost: "Okay. I agree, I want to show concern and passions for the citizens of Illinois. If there's anyone here that... believe me that's what I want to do."

Lilly: "I'm s... I'm not questioning that."

Bost: "But how can we show concern and passion when we take them away from the existing job and direct them to do this?"

Lilly: "No, Sir. I have spoken to each of the departments."

Bost: "You got to have one or the other."

Lilly: "This... I have no opponents on this particular Bill. I have met with Department of Human Services, IDOT, Health and Family Services, DHS and DOC."

Bost: "Okay."

Lilly: "This is not a concern from them. I have..."

Bost: "So, maybe... maybe we..."

Lilly: "...no opponents on this Bill."

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Bost: "So, maybe it is that this shouldn't be a Bill but a Resolution."

Lilly: "I'm sorry."

Bost: "Maybe this shouldn't be a Bill but a Resolution where we tell... we suggest to the agencies that they do this; because now what we're doing is, we're binding... and I'm sorry that this had no argument in committee, but I'm a little concerned here when we're... all of sudden we're going to pull someone off... and you can say we're not, but it... but it's real clear in the language. We're going to either hire somebody new or we're going to pull somebody off of their existing job to be the... to be the... the liaison or the ambassador, as you're calling this, to go out and feel warm and fuzzy about what we're talking about. I mean, what the issue is and about the reductions that are going to occur. Wouldn't it be more sensible to keep that person on the front line doing the work instead of going out and telling everybody why it is that they're being cut and then wasting the money in that direction."

Lilly: "Thank you... thank you, Representative. This is a pilot program that maximize state services for public information. Please..."

Bost: "Why..."

Lilly: "...understand what we're trying to state. We want our citizens to understand we are here for them."

Bost: "And... and..."

Lilly: "And they deserve that."

Bost: "I have... I have one ques..."

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Lilly: "We are maximizing state services for public information, please understand that."

Bost: "I... I'm trying to understand. But let me also say, unless our analysis is wrong, you said that no one was against it in committee?"

Lilly: "I said I had no opponents."

Bost: "Oh, okay. All right..."

Lilly: "Thank you."

Bost: "...no opponents to the Bill in committee because people did vote against it in committee and... and... Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "To the Bill."

Bost: "Ladies and Gentlemen, look, I... please look at the Lady's Bill. And this is not directed at her, but... but it is directed at our situation. We, in the State of Illinois, have continued to go down this path where, you know, politically it's a great thing to go back to our districts and say oh boy, you know what I did, was I put a person in the agency that was going to talk to you about why it is we're making these reductions. No, ever person in the agency already 'ought to be explaining this to the people their dealing with, not creating some law that all of sudden forces that issue. And... and even... once she... once the word 'shall' is placed in there... once the word 'shall' is placed in there that is going to force those departments to pull someone off another job, specifically for this one. And I understand that the... that the Sponsor is trying to do something right here, but in trying to do this, I think

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she's reducing the amount of effectiveness that the actual departments can have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I did not put the timer on. I'd appreciate it if we pre... keep our remarks to the point, but not extend it. Representative Reboletti."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, who brought this legislation to you? Whose idea was it?"

Lilly: "I'm s... I didn't hear you, I'm sorry, Representative."

Reboletti: "Whose idea was the legislation, what is the genesis?"

Lilly: "Sponsor, myself."

Reboletti: "Would you agree with me that every employee in the State of Illinois is a liaison to all of our residents?"

Lilly: "They are supposed to be, yes."

Reboletti: "So, why would we need to designate one particular person to do the job they're already supposed to do?"

Lilly: "Government transparency."

Reboletti: "I'm not... I'm a little bit perplexed on how that becomes more transparent. So, Secretary Saddler has to designate one person to be the liaison to go to speak in public. I'm assuming she already has some folks that do that, right?"

Lilly: "Each of our staff within the department of Illinois has responsibilities. We are going to have increasing needs. Now they have the opportunity to do a pilot project to assign someone to address these additional needs."

Reboletti: "Is that... is that a union position?"

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Lilly: "Excuse me."

Reboletti: "Is that a union position?"

Lilly: "No. I..."

Reboletti: "What happens if the ambassador is on vacation or sick? Is there a backup ambassador then that steps up to perform the function?"

Lilly: "That is something for the aging... agency to figure out. But it's a function."

Reboletti: "What other departments would be involved in this? It's DHS, for now... or all departments must do this."

Lilly: "E... Just DHS is a pilot project."

Reboletti: "Representative, with all due respect, I appreciate the need for more transparency and accountability and responsibility, I'm not sure how this legislation gets us there. So, I will not be supporting it. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Rep... Representative, we talked about this in committee and it is logical I think to say that every employee of the department... of any department should be an ambassador to the public, correct?"

Lilly: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "I mean, I think that's... should be the minimum that every state employee recognizes that they interface with the public and they should be an ambassador. I think I understand where you're coming from on your Bill. You know, in the military they... an officer might be assigned an additional duty, like, he might do platoon... platoon leader but he also be the motor... the motor officer or the supply officer or the mess officer. So, what you're looking to do

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is assign an additional duty to a member of the department and that duty would be as an ambassador for that department. Make sense?"

Lilly: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "Okay. And that makes sense and I understand where you're coming from and the Bill... the Bill works in that regard. The one thing I would ask you to look at though is the specific language of the legislation really does give the ambassador some real authority here, specifically to review the department's methods of disseminating information. That's pretty... a pretty broad charge that has some real additional responsibility for that ambassador, additionally, to recommend and implement more efficient practices of providing services and information. So, there really is a lot of additional duty which this ambassador has to... has to perform. I'll support your Bill. I think it is an additional duty as I mentioned, but at the same time some of the criticism that you may have heard from others I think are valid that we're getting strapped and we're going to get even more strapped in the coming budget and folks are going to have less and less time to do additional duties, and they have to focus on the primary task at hand. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "We have two final speakers, Representative Winters and Representative Yarbrough and then we'll have Representative Lilly to close. Dave Winters."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

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Winters: "Representative, I'm a little concerned about this, not having heard the arguments in committee, but it just appears to me that we should already have communication staff, possibly a public information officer within the major agencies, you picked out, I believe, Human Services. How do you see this ambassador as being different than one of the people that already handles the interface between the agency and the public, particularly the media?"

Lilly: "This..."

Winters: "What are you adding with this that we aren't currently doing at Human Services?"

Lilly: "This is for the agency to improve its communication with the public."

Winters: "But can't that be done without legislation. Can't the agency director simply say, hey, we're not getting the word out to people, we need to focus on this a little more. Maybe that can even come from the Governor; maybe we don't need to have legislation to drive this. It is an administrative function which the Legislature typically leaves to the Governor or to the other statewide elected officials. I don't think that this kind of detail is needed in statute, but it is properly left to the... to the administrative portion of State Government, not to the legislative function. Can you address why you feel that it should be written into statute, are you frustrated that they aren't doing it right?"

Lilly: "This is a pilot project. As we all can do things better, sometimes we need assistance and that's what I..."

Winters: "Well..."

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Lilly: "...this legislation allows us to try to do things better..."

Winters: "But have you..."

Lilly: "...Representative."

Winters: "...have you talked to the Governor, have you talked to the agency director."

Lilly: "Yes. I have, I mentioned I spoke with four different agencies. This will..."

Winters: "And... and what is..."

Lilly: "...be a pilot project in the Department of Human Services."

Winters: "What... what was their response when you asked the agency director, hey, you're not doing what you need to do to communicate with the public, can you... can you step up your game? What was their response?"

Lilly: "Very they... actually, I didn't have a lot of opposition, but what I am saying to them is, this is not what you're not doing, it's what we're preparing to do with our economy as it is. This is a way to help and to assist our departments who care about the citizens of Illinois, to make sure that they have information. The state is creating their transparency and public information where people can access services."

Winters: "I... I..."

Lilly: "We need... this is when we need to help the citizens of Illinois."

Winters: "Well, I... I simply call into question the need that we legislate this role for government. I think it is an administrative function and is beyond the purview of this

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General Assembly to run the agencies. That is really a gubernatorial responsibility. I don't think that adding this job title adds anything to State Government that can not already be done. The last question, have you checked with Hilary Clinton in the State Department, if they're going to be named an ambassador, what kind of credentialing do they have to do and does that give them free parking privileges or a little flag that they can put in their car?"

Lilly: "Do you want me to respond?"

Winters: "Sure. If you're naming ambassadors, I would assume the State Department would have to get involved at some level. Do you have a response?"

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, have we..."

Lilly: "Not at this time, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "...concluded this discussion almost?"

Winters: "I'm fine. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Okay."

Lilly: "You're welcome."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Yarbrough and then Representative Lilly to close. Leader Yarbrough."

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

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady awaits your questions."

Yarbrough: "Representative, you talked to me about this Bill maybe about a year ago when you came into this Body. You we're kind of frustrated and also wondered if, in fact, we had a... somebody who was responsible for responding to people and I told you that we did, but I like this idea of an ambassador in the agency. And if the agencies aren't

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unhappy with it, then I think this is a great piece of legislation. Now, you indicated this is a pilot program?"

Lilly: "Yes, Representative."

Yarbrough: "Okay. And so, is it for one year, three years, five years?"

Lilly: "We haven't determined that."

Yarbrough: "Haven't determined that? Okay. Well, to the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to support the Lady's idea and her Bill today and I'm going to encourage all of you to do so. We have pilot programs all the time and we want to see if, in fact, it'll work. If it works, then we herald it as a great idea and it helps State Government. I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Lilly to close."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you Representatives who shared in the conversation. We are currently having challenges in our department and this legislation prevents departments to assist people in need. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. She asks for an 'aye' vote. All those in favor of supporting the Bill designate 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? Bellock, Crespo, DeLuca, Dugan, Mathias, Tryon, like to be recorded? Mr... Mr. Clerk... Bellock, Dugan, Tryon. Mr. Clerk, take the record. This Bill, having received the... 61 Members voting 'yes', 53 Members voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed.

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Representative Will Davis, on the Order of Second Readings, on page 14 of the Calendar... Representative Will Davis, Will Davis. Will Davis, you have, on the Order of Second Readings, House Bill 5831. Out of the record. Leader Frank Mautino, on page 19 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 5632. 5632, Frank. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5632, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Frank Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Last... last year we had worked on the unemployment insurance issue and we're very fortunate to have... very fortunate to have the assistance of Representatives Roth, Sullivan and Bradley in making sure that the UI trust fund would stay and remain solvent, that businesses... about half the businesses in the State of Illinois would see a reduction in their UI taxes and that we could work together in a bipartisan manner to get it done. This is the final piece of that legislation. This is basically putting us into compliance with the federal regulations and it's an initiative of the department but also was one of the items and it is the last piece of our... solving the UI crisis for Illinois. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 5632 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? Barickman, Bellock, Poe, Rosenthal, Tryon, would

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you like to be recorded? Wayne. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative David Harris. Don't sit down, David. You have, on the Order of Third Readings, on page 16 of the Calendar, House Bill 4063. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4063, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill deals with a Firearm Owner's Identification Card and it actually toughens the re... the requirements for the Firearm Owner's Identification Card, but it also allows for an exclusion for these... these paintball guns that are known as air soft pistols. You may be aware or may not be aware that if you buy one of these air soft pistols technically you have to have a FOID card. That was not the intent of the legislation earlier on. I did say that this strengthens the requirement for the Firearm Owner's Identification Card because now it excludes from the definition of any firearm; any pneumatic gun, spring gun, paintball gun, which expels a singular global projectile not exceeding .18 inches in diameter or... used to be... before it used to be and, or which has a maximum muzzle velocity of less than 700 feet. This was brought to me actually by a constituent in our former colleague's district, Representative Eddy, who has now left us. And it

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just adds that exclusion for paintball guns from the FOID card."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 4063 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? Kelly Burke, Representative du Buclet, Representative Mell. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 113 Members voting 'yes', 1 Member voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader David Leitch, on page 20 of the Calendar, David, you have, under House Bills-Third Readings, House Bill 5849, 5849. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5849, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Gentleman from Peoria, Representative David Leitch."

Leitch: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. House Bill 5849 is a measure that I worked out with the nursing home community and the Department of Public Health. It provides that in the case of the most serious Type 'A' and Type 'AA' violations, that those violations will be reviewed by a senior committee at DPH in order to assure consistency of their application throughout the state. I don't know of any opposition to the Bill and I would ask for your support."

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Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor of the passage of House Bill 5849 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? Dunkin, Farnham, Greg Harris, Dwight Kay. Farnham. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Frank Mautino, on the Order of Third Readings, on page 17 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 4963. Frank, 4963. Out of the record. Representative Rita Mayfield, Third Readings, page 18 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 5187. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5187, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Lake, Representative Rita Mayfield."

Mayfield: "This Bill passed committee unanimously. It deals with notification of victims of their rights at the time of incident. I'll address any questions. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the passage of House Bill 5187 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? Brady, Gaffney, Hayes, would you like to be recorded? Leader Brady. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On

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this Bill, there's 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mayfield, you also have on the Order of Third Readings, on page 16 of the Calendar, House Bill 4145. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4145, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "This Bill is an initiative of the county of Lake. And basically what it would do, it gives the county the same permissions as the municipality surround... within the county have in regard to inoperable vehicles that have been abandoned on vacant property. It just allows them a more seamless process for removing those pr... those vehicles. There is no opposition to the Bill and I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the passage of House Bill 4145 can 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? Dunkin, Dwight Kay, like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sid Mathias, on page 14 of the Calendar, under Second Readings, you have House Bill 5761. 5761, on Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5761, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Committee Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 was adopted. A fiscal and state mandates note has been requested but not filed on this Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Bob Pritchard, your next priority Bill that we see here is... page 22 of the Calendar, House Bill 52... 5221. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5221, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. This Bill is on the Order of Postponed Consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this Bill strengthens the child support program by improving communication with the company making withholding payments, with the recipient when those payments aren't received and it's... provides for strong punishment if those payments are not made. I would be happy to answer your questions."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, has House Amendment #1 been adopted?"

Pritchard: "It has."

Franks: "And how does that change the underlying Bill that had failed... is... or is this the same Bill that we had seen last week?"

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Pritchard: "Well... we... it has the Amendment already added to it, which is a lower standard for a company knowing that they have missed a payment, rather than having it be of a higher standard of willful."

Franks: "I appreciate that change 'cause you and I had discussed that."

Pritchard: "Yes."

Franks: "So, that... that helps. The other question I was concerned about when we had spoken last time was the change in the statute of limitations from two years to one year. Is that still in the Bill?"

Pritchard: "That's... that's still in the Bill and what we're trying to do with the Bill though is improve communication so that we don't get to a two-year limit. If there is knowledge of the responsibility to withhold, there's a penalty of a hundred dollars a day per incident. So, if someone just blows off this withholding for a whole year, their penalty's going to be \$120 thousand. So, there's strong financial penalty to get the compliance and we want those payments to be made, so why wait two years. Let's limit it to one year and make sure that they're making those payments every month."

Franks: "Is there a limit though... when you said \$120 thousand for the year, is there a limit of \$10 thousand in this Bill?"

Pritchard: "So, that's per missed payment."

Franks: "And how was that defined? The missed payments."

Pritchard: "Well, the payment is what the court has ordered to be paid on a timely basis. So, if they miss that payment,

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that could be up to a \$10 thousand maximum. So, that's what I said, if they missed one payment over the course of the year, there would certainly be an incentive for them to make that payment."

Franks: "So, it'd be a \$10 thousand fine maximum instead of the higher fine that they could get now."

Pritchard: "Yes."

Franks: "Okay. To the Bill. I really want to thank the Sponsor for making some changes and he had shared with me the genesis of this Bill from a very respected attorney in our area and a former judge, who I have great esteem for. The only issue that I'm still concerned about is the fact that we would be limiting the statute of limitations. I just see so many people having trouble getting funds from a former spouse; and it's usually a mom who's not getting paid by the noncustodial dad and as a result, it puts the mom at great disadvantage and great hardship for the entire family. And I just can't support a Bill that would limit the statute of limitations when such high stakes are there. I think that the Bill has gotten better. I just don't think it's soup yet? And it may be something that we could work on, but at this point, I would encourage the Body to vote 'no'."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Pritchard to close."

Pritchard: "Ladies and Gentlemen, what we're trying to do is make sure these payments are made promptly. If you make them promptly, you don't have to worry about a statute of limitation. So, we have penalties in here, we have notice

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requirements in here. And I would I ask for your support to make sure that we get these payments on a timely basis."

Speaker Lyons: "All those in favor of the passage of House Bill 5221 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? Davis, Lang, Penny, like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 107 Members voting 'yes', 5 Members voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Deb Mell, on the Order of Third Readings, Deb, on page 18 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 5178. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5178, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Lady from Cook, Representative Deb Mell."

Mell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5178 simply state... sets a minimum fine for littering for \$50. I passed a similar Bill out of the House last year. That fine was a \$100 and it got stalled... held up in the Senate. So, I urge an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, what's the minimum fine right now for a littering ticket?"

Mell: "There is no minimum fine."

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Reboletti: "Do you know what the maximum fine is?"

Mell: "It... you know it varies. I don't know the ex... the maximum fine, but I think it would vary, you know, according to like... like... large companies and large dumping and stuff like that."

Reboletti: "Is this only with respect to state tickets, as in if the Illinois State Police issued a ticket or is this if the Elmhurst Police issued a ticket, would that violation be the same minimum?"

Mell: "I think I... it would only be the state..."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Mell: "...because Chicago currently has a ordinance. It has a \$50 minimum for the City of Chicago."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mell to close."

Mell: "I'd urge a 'aye' vote. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "All those in favor of the passage of House Bill 5178 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? Berrios, DeLuca, Osmond, Saviano, like to be recorded? Dunkin. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 75 Members voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Thapedi, you have two Bills on Third Reading, the first one being House Bill 4559. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4559, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative André Thapedi."

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Thapedi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4559 is an initiative of the Illinois Commerce Commission that simplifies the rate case procedure for small water and sewage public utilities in the state. This Bill, as amended, following negotiations, removes the opposition of CUB, the AARP, and the Attorney General. There is no opposition at this point and I'm willing to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "Chair recognizes Representative... Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, is there is a situation that needs to be remedied by this legislation?"

Thapedi: "I'm not sure I understand your question."

Reboletti: "Is there a situation somewhere in the state that needs to be remedied by your legislation?"

Thapedi: "Well, this is certainly such a situation in which sometimes some of these smaller utility companies... they have to expend large amounts of money in these relatively insignificant rate cases which cost them quite a bit of money and that money is then passed on to consumers."

Reboletti: "So, basically, even for a small rate increase it will cost a lot more of the small rate increase because of the cost to basically litigate the case."

Thapedi: "Exactly."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Thapedi to close."

Thapedi: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 4559 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'... vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? DeLuca, Osmond. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 67 Members voting 'yes', 46 Members voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. André, you also have, on page 20 of the Calendar, House Bill 5823. Out of the record. Representative Dennis Reboletti, on page 17 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Third Reading, you have House Bill 4929. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4929, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Thank you, Speaker. This is an initiative of the Illinois State's Attorneys Association. Last year, Representative Zalewski passed a reform of Civil Forfeiture Act and there were some issues with some of the other counties on how this was being addressed. And so we tried to clarify the time that the State's Attorneys Office has to notify somebody who is having their vehicle seized or any property seized and make sure that we keep the different types of hearings consistent, either a judicial hearing or administrative hearing cannot exceed a value of \$150 thousand. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there... are there any questions? Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Mike Zalewski."

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Zalewski: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Zalewski: "So, Representative, exactly why are we going from 14 days to 21 days?"

Reboletti: "There are issues downstate, especially, where we don't have courts meeting as often as we do up in our area. And there's issues with how long it takes law enforcement to deliver information to the state's attorney of when something should be seized, then the state's attorney having time to turn around and notify the person of in rem proceeding. And so, downstate, especially, it takes a little bit longer. So, we wanted to clarify it and say that there's a 21 day period instead of 14 days."

Zalewski: "And I have... my analysis says that the... there's an Amendment that's pending. Is that not accurate? That the... there's an Amendment that requires the... the use of a form 4-64 and that increases the amount from 20 thousand to a 150 thousand."

Reboletti: "One moment."

Zalewski: "I guess that could be an inquiry of the Chair, as well, I don't..."

Reboletti: "Yes."

Speaker Lyons: "Do you got..."

Reboletti: "Can I take this out of the..."

Speaker Lyons: "...in... inquiry, Sir?"

Reboletti: "Can I take it out of the record just for a moment, Mr. Speaker?"

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Speaker Lyons: "We'll take that out and get back to you, Representative."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status on House Bill 5104?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5104, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Arroyo, on page 18 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Third Readings, you have House 5531, 5531."

Arroyo: "I... I want..."

Speaker Lyons: "Out of the record."

Arroyo: "I want to put that back on Second I have to put an Amendment on that, Joe."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Arroyo asks... requests that we put that order... that Bill on the Order of Second Reading, Mr. Clerk. Representative Arroyo, you also have, on the Order of Third Readings, House Bill 5852. Out of the record. Representative Mike Zalewski, page 19 of the Calendar, Michael, you have House Bill 5547, 5547. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5547, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Body, this Bill does... it does a very simple thing. It enables any Home Rule municipality that has parking garages to change the way in

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which they structure a parking tax... parking tax on the... on the garage. Right now, the system is very inequitable for those who choose to park downtown in Chicago or wherever, for that matter, anywhere that has a parking garage. If you go into a garage and stay for three hours and one minute, you are liable for a full hour of taxes for that fourth hour. What this Bill... what the Bill does is simply say that the City of Chicago, should it choose to do so... this Bill does not mandate it; it just gives the opportunity to the City of Chicago to enable the system by which a percentage-based taxing system is put in place. This will make for more efficiency in the... in the parking industry, more competition, user-friendly taxes for those who choose to park downtown and it'll make the system more efficient. So, I'm happy to take any questions. But just to be clear, all this Bill does is enable a Home Rule municipality to enact an ordinance to go to a percentage-based tax system for parking garages. This does not raise anyone's parking tax or do anything that would hurt those who wish to park in a downtown garage."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mike Bost."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Bost: "You know, in my area, I'm pretty sure I've got a lot of these so that's why I have all these questions, you know. Of course, I would have also... also might have Brandon Phelps that has a lot of parking garages in his district. I think there's a concern. Is there a limit, a cap on... on to what level these taxes can..."

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Zalewski: "Under... in my Bill, Representative, is there a limit?"

Bost: "Yes, under your Bill, right now."

Zalewski: "No. No, I... I... and I think the answer to that question is, this is... this changes the... the formulation of the tax to a percentage base, so what this will do is force the..."

Bost: "Right... but right... right now is it a just a set fee that they..."

Zalewski: "Right now the city enacts a flat tax and they're all..."

Bost: "So, they... it might be \$5?"

Zalewski: "Exactly."

Bost: "For every part? Okay. And is this based on the percentage of what you're actually charging? Is that what you're converting it to?"

Zalewski: "Precisely."

Bost: "Okay. Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mike Fortner."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Fortner: "I think this is a... this is a very good idea and I just want to make sure everyone is clear what we're doing here. As it stands right now, Home Rule communities that have a parking flat rate structure, they can raise it by ordinance right now."

Zalewski: "Which they did this past year and people saw their parking taxes go up."

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Fortner: "So... so, whether we do anything or not, that doesn't change the ability. The Home Rules can do that. What this does do is make it much clearer to the public what they are paying for their time spent at a parking facility because they will know it is whatever percentage, should the Home Rule municipality choose to go that direction, rather than having to guess based on a very complex hourly chart. Well, maybe it's 5 percent at this band and 15 percent here and 25 percent here and it changes minute by minute, hour by hour."

Zalewski: "Correct."

Fortner: "So, what this Bill does is it will, I think, make it clearer to the public what they are paying because they will know they are paying whatever percentage is established as opposed to a variable scale that would be set by the very same municipality."

Zalewski: "Correct."

Fortner: "So, I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Rosemary Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You'd think there was another Mulligan here."

Speaker Lyons: "Pardon me, Rosemary, I didn't hear you."

Mulligan: "Representative, don't you think they're just going to add the tax into the fee that we pay when we pull into the garage?"

Zalewski: "Well, Rep, they do that right now, Representative."

Mulligan: "I know, 'cause I park down there."

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Zalewski: "Well, what... I mean, what's occurring right now is the city just passed last... I think in last year's budget, they passed a parking fee increase and so everybody's fees went up."

Mulligan: "Right."

Zalewski: "And... and the... the parkers bore the brunt of that cost. And on top of that, it's inefficient because as I mentioned before everybody's paying for a full hour of parking based on one minute sometimes. So, what this does is it forces the garages to be competitive, it makes the city better able to audit these garages to ensure that the garages are doing what they're supposed to be doing, and it actually stabilizes the system so that parkers get the amount of taxation that they're using the garage for."

Mulligan: "So, are you... I'm sorry someone was talking behind me, but... are you saying that they're going to... you're going to tax them on the amount even if it's for one minute."

Zalewski: "What the... what the Bill does, just to be clear..."

Mulligan: "One of my... one of my local communities... in fact, two of my local communities have parking garages, so..."

Zalewski: "Are they... are they Home Rule, Representative?"

Mulligan: "Pardon me?"

Zalewski: "Are they Home Rule?"

Mulligan: "Yes."

Zalewski: "Yes, they're Home Rule?"

Mulligan: "Yes."

Zalewski: "Okay. So, they would have to still enact an ordinance to do this, to enact a percentage-based system."

Mulligan: "Right."

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Zalewski: "And..."

Mulligan: "Well, the object is not to discourage shoppers in our area either."

Zalewski: "Well, if they... if they were to enact an ordinance, they would... my guess is, go to a system that would force them to be more competitive with each other. Right now, they're operating under an archaic system that forces all of them to pay the same amount of tax that... and they just force it down upon the parker."

Mulligan: "Well, currently one does not charge because they're... the goal is to encourage the people to come and shop there and there isn't enough downtown parking, so they put an underground garage in. But you know, if you go downtown... I know... I know the mayor is looking for ways of generating more revenue; so, I'm just trying to figure out how this actually works where he's..."

Zalewski: "This... this is not an initiative of the mayor of the City of Chicago. This is a Bill that would simply enable the city, if they were to come to an agreement with the parking industry, to more adequately and fairly address the way that those garages are taxed. So, this isn't a revenue hunt. This is simply a way of clarifying the way in which parking garages are taxed. The City of Chicago would still have to introduce, deliberate, and enact an ordinance that would address all the concerns that you're speaking of."

Mulligan: "Okay. I have to sit down and think about it. I don't think I agree with you, but that's okay."

Speaker Lyons: "David Harris."

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Harris, D.: Thank you, Mr. Chairman... Mr. Speaker. Question of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, as I read the Bill, this only applies... when it comes to municipalities, this only applies to the City of Chicago or to any municipality of more than 2 million. Correct?"

Zalewski: "Correct, Representative."

Harris, D.: "Okay. It also applies to any Home Rule county, correct?"

Zalewski: "Correct, Representative."

Harris, D.: "Does the county of Cook now impose a parking tax?"

Zalewski: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "Okay. So, help me understand why we need the change. I understand... I understand the variability if you park for three hours and one minute, but doesn't the City of Chicago now impose a flat tax. When I pull into that garage, they're saying okay you're going to pay the garage whatever you pay the garage and you're going to pay the City of Chicago 'X' in tax."

Zalewski: "Correct. So, what happens is... when that happened and it happened this past year. When that occurred it forced upon the garages, for everybody to raise their... their parking rate. Everybody's rate went up. If you... anyone... anyone who drives downtown saw their rates go up. If... if the city were to enact an ordinance based on the legislation we were to pass, they could potentially go to a percentage-based system whereby the revenue is divided more equitability amongst the garages and the Home Rule

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municipality. That is both good for the parker because it forces the garages to be more competitive and it's good for the Home Rule municipality 'cause they can audit better."

Harris, D.: "All right. If they choose to do that. Okay. I follow. Is it... has an... has an alderman or a Cook County Board member proposed such an idea?"

Zalewski: "Well, you can't be... you can't be too careful with those alderman up there, so I don't know about that. But I'm just... I... I don't... I can't answer..."

Harris, D.: "Do you speak from experience?"

Zalewski: "...your question. I can't answer right at this time, Representative."

Harris, D.: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Ed Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this has the potential to be a very pro-consumer Bill. If you look at how some of these structures are worked out. If the first three hours, you'd pay a rate. The 3:01 to 6, you pay another rate and 6:01 to 9, you pay a third rate. And the various different rates that go about. By doing this, if you're one of those people that might have shown up at 3:05 and so instead of the zero to 3 rate, you're now on the 3:01 to 6 rate, we can have these folks be more competitive by adjusting the rates and therefore potentially being pro-consumer. So, with that, I rise in support of this Bill. It is not... there's no nefarious reasons why they want to do this. But at the end of the day, it's... it'll be easier for them to... to regulate what goes on there and potentially be pro-consumer. Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Zalewski to close."

Zalewski: "I... I... We had a good debate on this. I would just add that under this current policy to do this would.. would tax gross receipts. We're obviously not allowed to do that in Illinois. So, this is... again, I thank the previous speaker for his support. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 5547 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Bost, Feigenholtz, Lilly, Riley, would you like to be recorded? Bost, Feigenholtz, Lilly, Riley. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this issue, there's 56 Members voting 'yes', 55 Members voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Postponed Consideration, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, put this Bill on the Order of Postponed Consideration on request of the Sponsor. Representative Reboletti, you've given me the signal that you're ready to proceed with House Bill 4929. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4929, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "I gave an explanation before. I know there was a question about if it was a Floor Amendment or not. It was a shell Bill that had an Amendment that went through committee. So, I don't think Representative Zalewski has anymore objection to it."

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Speaker Lyons: "All right. The Gentleman's made his point clear on that, on House Bill 4929. All those in favor signify its passage... 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 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Zalewski, you also have, on the Order of Third Readings, House Bill 5752, 5752. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5752, a Bill for an Act... for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Repre... the Bill... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Bill simply does some various cleanup language to the Dental Practice Act. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of passage of 5752 House Bill signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Chapin Rose, on the Order of House Bills-Third Readings, you have House Bill 5865, 5865. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5865, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Chapin Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill amends the Deferred Compensation Article allowing employees in deferred compensations plans offered through the State of Illinois to just pay them Roth plans which are post-tax. So, there's no fiscal impact because this is only post-tax dollars. We already offer pretax. This would bring us into line with, basically, Federal Law."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Jack Franks."

Franks: "I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponk... Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "This... would this Bill just allow for Roth contributions?"

Rose: "Ye... yes. It would allow them to participate in Roth plans which are post-tax, so there's no financial impact on the state."

Franks: "And we're not allowed to do that now under the state..."

Rose: "No, for whatever reason we're not. It seems a little bit silly, but we're not."

Franks: "Yeah. You're 100 percent right. So, thank you for fixing that loophole."

Rose: "No problem. Thank you, Representative Franks."

Franks: "I'm going to miss you when you're in the Senate."

Rose: "Well, thank you."

Franks: "Come back and visit will, you."

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Rose: "Don't... don't jinx me. Don't jinx me. There's a... knock on wood."

Franks: "Yeah, all right."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Rose to close."

Rose: "This is a very important Bill and I would ask for con... favorable consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 5865 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 Barickman, like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Keith Sommer, on page 18 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Third Readings, you have House Bill 5062. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5062, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Tazewell, Representative Keith Sommer."

Sommer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5062 would remove the requirement that minors be personally served in an adoption proceeding. This would eliminate a costly and cumbersome requirement that they be served. This is a provision provided to us by the Chicago Bar Association, Adoption Law Committee, and various adoption attorneys across the state. I've experienced this little inconvenience in the adoptions that we've undertaken and

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this will streamline the process and make it less expensive for adoptive parents."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Will... Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Chapa LaVia: "Is... is this your first Bill, Representative?"

Sommer: "This week, yes."

Chapa LaVia: "I love you. No further questions."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 5062 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? Dan Burke, Toni Berrios, Representative Carli. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Dave Winters, on the Order of Third Readings, on page 19 of the Calendar, Dave, you have House 5319. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5319, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dave Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5319 takes a provision that was in last year's changes to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District in Lake County that would allow them to enter in an agreement to sell the wastewater. There are some industries that might be able to use the wastewater coming from a sanitary district for a

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monetary gain and this would allow sanitary districts to sell that water. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none... The Chair recognizes the Lady from Will, Leader Renée Kosel."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Kosel: "Who would determine the price of the water to be sold?"

Winters: "It would simply be a matter of contract between the industry and the sanitary district."

Kosel: "So, this wouldn't be subject to water sales that would go through the Commerce Commission?"

Winters: "I don't believe it would, no."

Kosel: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dave Winters moves for the passage of House Bill 5319. 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 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Tim Schmitz, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Schmitz: "Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Lyons: "State your Inquiry."

Schmitz: "Mr. Speaker, I've just... find myself here humming the alphabet song and we went Zalewski, then we went Sommer, then we went Rose, then we went Winters. And I learned a

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different alphabet song in grade school. I was wondering, if there was a new one that I should be aware of."

Speaker Lyons: "So, did I, Leader, but you're welcome to stand up here and watch how hard it is to catch people in their desks. So, sometimes when people tend to roam around and that does happen, believe it or not, it's kind of hard to find people when they're in rotation, so. And if they're not there, we get them back. Oh, turn on me so quickly. All right, we have new lists we're going to go through. We did complete both lists, Democrat and Republican. We will try to... we will try to keep it in alphabetical order, but it's easier said than done. Bear with me. Representative du Buclet, on the Order of Third Readings, on page 19 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 5587. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5587, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Lady from Cook, Representative du Buclet."

du Buclet: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I'm presenting House Bill 5587, which addresses the issue of training law enforcement officers on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder otherwise known as PTSD. House Bill 5587 would simply require Illinois State Police and the Law Enforcement Training Standards Board to hand out training programs concerning PS... PTSD for police officers under their respective jurisdictions. Programs should include training on how identify symptoms... how to identify symptoms and how to handle situations in which an individual exhibits those symptoms. Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Chair recognizes Leader Mike Bost."

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

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

Bost: "Representative, I... let me tell you that... that this is something that's very near and dear to my heart. Many people don't know, I was a firefighter before I started this job and one of the... as a firefighter, there's no good time whenever a tragedy occurs and you actually have a situation where you lose a life, okay. But some of the worst times is whenever you lose a child. I and one other, State Police officer now, he was a local police officer at that time, had to pull out a drowning victim who was about 11 years old. And while the mother was... was screaming save our baby, we knew her from high school, and we couldn't do it. And it was during that time that I understand what's involved with the... the dealing with the Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome in that particular job. And I understand that's what you're trying to do here. But as of right now, most of the local law enforcements, as well as the State Police, already do this. Am I wrong?"

du Buclet: "Representative, they have what they call... and let me get my e-mail out... I spoke to Darrin Clark with the State Police. What they have now is a broad topic of variant behavior with no specific PTSD training..."

Bost: "Say that again, a broad..."

du Buclet: "They... they have a broad topic called variant behavior under which PTSD would fall. Currently it's not specifically identified within the training. This would be

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specifically addressed and there will be no additional cost associated with this training."

Bost: "Well... well, right now, or at least that's... that's what I understood and... and understand when that occurred that was... that's been over 20 years ago now, okay. When that occurred it was a case where a loss of life had occurred or a shooting had occurred or something that would cause this. What do they use now? Is this... does this effect anything that they would use as far as cause that they would say... you know, if all of a sudden, there's no incident that anybody knows of but we call it Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome. What is the standard set?"

du Buclet: "I believe there is no current standard, which is part of the issue. If there is specific standards set, or more specifically, if there is curriculum for PTSD it could more... be more directly addressed."

Bost: "Okay. Another question I have is our analysis shows that it was split vote in committee. What... what was the concern that was occurring apparently in committee that caused people to vote 'no'?"

du Buclet: "The vote was split, Representative Sacia and Reboletti, I believe, just wanted me to address if there will be any cost associated with it. And there will not be any additional cost."

Bost: "You... you have confirmed that there's no cost."

du Buclet: "I've confirmed. I have an e-mail here from the State Police saying there will not be any additional cost."

Bost: "Okay... okay. Thank you very much, Representative."

du Buclet: "Thank you, Representative."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, I appreciate you taking this Bill out of the record and doing your due diligence on this. I know that you've made the point that there's no additional cost. Can you explain how the program would be administered? Would... it would be a part of that variant training that you were talking about. It will be specifically required by our new cadets."

du Buclet: "What I understand from Lt. Clark is that they would just incorporate that specific topic into the current training, again, underneath variant behavior."

Reboletti: "Would this all..."

du Buclet: "So, they would just incorporate that into their existing training."

Reboletti: "And I can't remember, I asked you this question in committee, does this..."

du Buclet: "Sure."

Reboletti: "...not only for new trainees, but does this also require current police officers to receive this training as well?"

du Buclet: "The way it's written, the way I understand it, is that officers are trained periodically on specific topics and their training has to be renewed on a periodic basis. It would just be incorporated into the... whatever training comes up whenever they have to have their renewed training."

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Reboletti: "So, at sometime in the next year, two years they would be..."

du Buclet: "Whenever they have to come up."

Reboletti: "...in a regular rotation, it would be addressed?"

du Buclet: "Their rotation, exactly."

Reboletti: "Thank you very much."

du Buclet: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative du Buclet to close."

du Buclet: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Again, this Bill would address the issue of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, ensuring that our officers are trained in this particular area. And I ask for your 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady moves passage of House Bill 5587. 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? Rich Brauer, Marlow Colvin, Mike Connelly, Representative Lilly, Representative Poe. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 113 Members voting 'yes', 1 Member voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Patti Bellock, on page 13 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Second Readings, you have House Bill 5679. On Second Reading, 5679. What's the status on that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5679, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Ken Dunkin, on page 16 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Third Readings, you have House Bill 3867. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3867, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Ken Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3867 simply allows individuals who have been commit... convicted of domestic violence as murderers to have the opportunity to go to the Illinois Supreme Court and argue their case regarding them having admissible evidence of past domestic violence. The individual has to have served 25 years and we are simply asking the U.S... the Illinois State Supreme Court to listen to admissible evidence as it relates to what was not. So, I'm asking for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Repre... Representative Hernandez. Hernandez does not seek recognition. Representative Dennis Reboletti."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, I'm trying to get my arms around this to understand the situation in which this would occur. You're saying that it's somebody who is a victim of domestic violence who then murders the spouse, ex-boyfriend, whoever and now you want to allow them to petition the Illinois Supreme Court to reduce a sentence that was found to be extended term, for whatever reason the court found it to be extended term eligible."

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Dunkin: "Exactly."

Reboletti: "What was the gen..."

Dunkin: "Sentenced prior... Sentenced prior to 1992."

Reboletti: "Why... why do we need to do this legislation because we already have our Appellate Courts, our Supreme Court. There's opportunities to petition sentencing in a timely fashion, and if the courts agree, they could always reduce the sentence or send it back to the lower court, why do we need to do this, why do we need to have this remedy?"

Dunkin: "Well, Representative, that's an excellent question. The Federal Women's... the Federal Battered Women's Testimony Act of 1992 came out after these individuals who did not... who are not allowed to submit a history of domestic violence from their respective spouse. And so what we simple are doing here is allowing battered women who have been convicted of murder to simply present that as admissible evidence."

Reboletti: "I... I can't imagine, Representative, and thinking back 20 years ago, that these individuals would have at some point filed an appeal based off of the change in the use of a battered women's defense. Do you know what happened to those appeals?"

Dunkin: "Representative, this Bill is pretty straightforward. It's real simple. This Bill simply allows them to have that opportunity to present it to the Illinois Supreme Court. Prior to that, they weren't allowed."

Reboletti: "Well, I would assume they've already had a crack at the apple. They've already had the bite at the apple. They've had an opportunity to file appeals. They've

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exhausted their repeals. And you're going to give them a new remedy to and I don't see how this is justified."

Dunkin: "Rep... Representative, there are a number of domestic violence organizations that are supportive of this here. They're still sitting in prison. These individuals all have a... have a minimum of 25 years that they've served and we're trying to come up with a determinate sentence or at least give them the opportunity to present evidence or history of domestic violence from their spouse who they eventually killed."

Reboletti: "Representative, I'm looking at our analysis and I don't see any of the victims groups you're mentioning slipping in and taking a position. Are... could you let me know what groups are taking a position on this?"

Dunkin: "Absolutely. You have the Citizens for United Rehabilitation Errants, you have the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Criminal Justice Advocacy for People with Mental Illness, ISM Sounding Consulting. Those are the ones who slipped us, but there are a lot of individuals who have this indeterminate sentence where they were not allowed to submit evidence or history of domestic abuse among their... you know within the court."

Reboletti: "Representative, were these groups present at the Judiciary I Committee? I'm not seeing that anybody slipped in any position?"

Dunkin: "No, they... no, they... they were not, Sir."

Reboletti: "Was there a reason they didn't take a position in committee, now that we have online filing?"

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Dunkin: "You know, Representative, it is a... it takes an effort to come down here. We're... we're hundreds of miles away from a lot of people who are... we impact, Chicago and Quincy, Southern Illinois, the East... East St. Louis. It was originally filed in 2011, so everyone doesn't get the opportunity, as we would think, to come down here and address us. So, that's why they sent us Representatives and Senators here to address some of these issues that others can't particularly have access to as often as we do."

Reboletti: "How would these individuals be identified based on their convictions? Many of them would have said the First Degree Murder convictions. Can then any First Degree Murderer file another petition for relief from the Supreme Court? How... how exactly would the inmate be identified as being eligible for this relief."

Dunkin: "Excellent question. Currently, there are roughly seven to nine individuals who are... who meet this status. So, we know who they are. That's why these organizations are supporting this type of initiative."

Reboletti: "Representative, I... I have some concerns about how they're... these individuals are identified. So, at least at this time, I can not support your legislation. But I will be willing to work with you if it does not pass."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, again, I did not put the timer on. I know this is a very important issue, but if you could hone your debate into three to four minutes it would be appreciated by the rest of the speakers that are looking to address the issue. Next speaker is Representative Elaine Nekritz."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Nekritz: "Representative, as I understood the... this legislation these were... these were victims of domestic violence who were convicted of the crime of murdering their batterer before they were allowed to admit evidence of that abuse. Is that correct?"

Dunkin: "Yes, that is correct."

Nekritz: "So, the record that was developed during the court case would have no... no evidence, no... nothing in there to indicate that there... that there was this abuse. And so, if they were to appeal, that there would be no... there would be no... record... court record of the abuse..."

Dunkin: "Exactly."

Nekritz: "...so the appeal would do no good."

Dunkin: "That is correct, Representative."

Nekritz: "Okay. So, I just wanted to clarify that. The second problem of... of having these... having the ability to identify these folks. These were folks that, that I'm assume... were married, I believe, to their abuser and so it's not that... it would not be that hard to figure out those folks, those handful of women sitting in prison who were married to the person they actually ended up killing. It can't be that large a population of those folks before 1992. Would that be right?"

Dunkin: "You're absolutely correct, Representative."

Nekritz: "Thank you very much."

Dunkin: "Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons: "Chair recognizes Representative Rosemary Mulligan."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Mulligan: "Representative, when I first came to the General Assembly in... I was elected in '92 started in '93, I sat on a panel of women that went through cases of women who had not had this defense and we chose several of those women where we thought the case file indicated that they had been battered and then we asked then Governor Jim Edgar to pardon them. Also, I have a friend that I was in a statewide women's organization with from Kankakee County who is currently a judge, but she's only been a judge for a number of years. There were very few women judges in that area and she served in domestic violence court. I think this is an interesting Bill and I think it's important because I think it depends on who your defender is, whether it's a public defender, you know, if they have a good attorney or they didn't have anybody that... that stood up for them. I think if... if it was brought up in the case, so that it was already examined I do not think they would be eligible unless it was a very poor court proceeding, and then it might be overturned on the merits or lack of them. But I... I think what you're trying to do is interesting. I thought we probably had some laws in this state that would go along with that, but I think that it's not unusual what you're asking, particularly in a case where the person originally was not afforded a good defense. So, I would... I'm going to support your Bill. I think it's a good idea to

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look into it. And it says one or the other, it doesn't necessarily have to be a woman; in some cases, men are battered also."

Dunkin: "Absolutely."

Mulligan: "But I do know that we worked on this and it was a very interesting group and some of those women... I think it's harder... I think it's better to go back to court than to ask a Governor or someone to pardon them because there's always the instance where people write that up in a different way. So, I think going back through the court system is probably a little better way of doing it. And I would support your Bill."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Chapin Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First off, can I ask a parliamentary inquiry here?"

Speaker Lyons: "State your inquiry, Sir."

Rose: "Has House Amendment #1 been adopted?"

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "No Amendments have been adopted to House Bill 3867. Floor Amendment #1 was referred to committee where it remains."

Rose: "Okay. May I ask a question of the Sponsor, then, Mr. Speaker?"

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

Rose: "Thank you. Representative Dunkin, as a first matter, I have extreme concern that the Amendment was not adopted because the Supreme Court should not be the venue where this is litigated; it should be in the Circuit Court. And

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that is what the Amendment did and the Amendment was suggested by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to correct that. At a minimum, before this is voted on, that should be attached. But the second issue, substantively and this is like... I'd like your response on, Representative. We have a concern here that you are basically allowing someone to come in after the fact file a notarized statement of abuse and it says right here on line 23 of page 1, 'Abuse must have been claimed but is not required to be proved.' That fol... flows into section page 2 line 1. But a notarized statement could then allow somebody to get a reduction in their sentence without there really being any another proof whatsoever that there was abuse. I have absolutely no problem with an underlying point here that if someone is committed a murder in essentially self-defense against an abuser, against an attacker, I absolutely think there are appropriate venues to deal with that, justifiably so. But I'm extremely concerned about the way this is written: 1) you're in the wrong forum. I mean, we don't send anything to the Supreme Court level that is a Circuit Court level decision. But 2) to simply say that someone can file a notary statement without ever having any of... any abuse at all proved up, that's a real problem. That's a real problem. I mean, anybody convicted of a First Degree Murder could then come in under the terms of this... could then come in file an affidavit and suddenly be subject to a sentence reduction when there was never any abuse to begin with other than what's... they stated in a notary."

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Dunkin: "Representative, this actually... this... this takes it to the Circuit Court so that it can be... it can start that process and..."

Rose: "It doesn't take it to Circuit Court..."

Dunkin: "Okay. So..."

Rose: "...because you didn't adopt Floor Amendment..."

Dunkin: "...listen... no... what..."

Rose: "...or House Amendment #1 that was sent to committee."

Dunkin: "It was adopted in committee, Representative."

Rose: "It... it... I just asked the Clerk that and he said, no, Representative."

Dunkin: "I heard him as well. It was adopted in committee. So, I don't know, maybe there's a technical error here."

Rose: "I'm looking at the status... On the Clerk's... you had the Clerk read it and on the status of the computer, it says House Floor Amendment #1 referred to Judiciary Committee. That was after your initial hearing. It's never been debated; it's not attached."

Dunkin: "What I will do, Representative, is... Can I get a parliamentary inquiry?"

Speaker Lyons: "State your inquiry, Representative."

Dunkin: "It should have been filed, that was the purpose of me being in the committee."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk... repeat the question, Sir."

Dunkin: "I need a status found of the... of the Amendment that was filed in committee, Amendment #1."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "There are no Committee Amendments for House Bill 3867. Floor Amendment #1 has been referred to the House Judiciary I - Civil Law Committee."

Rose: "Which that's the one that takes it from Supreme Court to Circuit Court, which will resolve the venue issue, but you still have an underlying substantive issue too and that's not been attached."

Dunkin: "What we can do is adopt the Amendment right now on the Floor, Representative."

Rose: "Well, you could if it was a Floor Amendment, but it was sent to Judiciary I Committee. And you'd have to take this from Third back to Second, go to committee and adopt it."

Dunkin: "So, Representative, do you have a real concern with the Bill..."

Rose: "Yes. Both."

Dunkin: "...or is it the process?"

Rose: "Both."

Dunkin: "Well, state your point."

Rose: "I.. I did. Point one is you're in the wrong venue. Point two is anybody can..."

Dunkin: "Which one fixes. Amendment #1 fixes that venue."

Rose: "Yeah. Correct. Amendment #1 would fix the first issue, that's correct, if it was adopted in committee. But you'd have to go back to Second to do that and go to committee. The second point is a substantive one is as a matter of public policy you can't come in after something's been litigated, file a notarized statement that claims abuse, but written into this says doesn't have to proved and suddenly get a sentence reduction."

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Dunkin: "No, Representative, that's... that's misinterpretation of this... of the intent of the law and what's written."

Rose: "I'm not saying that's your intent..."

Dunkin: "Just... just... hold... excuse me..."

Rose: "...I'm just saying what's written."

Dunkin: "Well, what's written is... the... the legislation speaks to allowing an individual who has been sentenced for life for murder and for that particular individual who did not have the opportunity to submit evidence of past domestic violence with their spouse, who have now been sentenced for an indeterminate sentence, they served 25 years."

Rose: "I..."

Dunkin: "It was prior to 1992, Representative, I'm answering your question..."

Rose: "Representative, I understand that and I..."

Dunkin: "They... they simply..."

Rose: "...what they problem is, page 1 line 23; 'Abuse must have been claimed but is not required to be proved.' That's... that's the problem, not required to be proved. I don't disagree that there are crimes of passion where people quite frankly, in many cases self defense, should either a) not be convicted, or at least be given some sort of a lesser sentence based on those circumstances, but that's not what this says. This would open it up to anybody convicted of any First Degree Murder to come in and say, hey, I was abused and then they don't even have to prove that that's true. That's right there..."

Dunkin: "That's... that's..."

Rose: "...line 23 page 1 bleeding into line 1 on page 2."

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Dunkin: "Is that in your Bill text or your analysis?"

Rose: "That's in the Bill text; I just quoted from your Bill..."

Dunkin: "What I would do..."

Rose: "...your Bill's text."

Dunkin: "Yeah. This is... I don't know how we're miscatergorizing..."

Rose: "Look... look... and I've..."

Dunkin: "...this Bill."

Rose: "...I think this..."

Dunkin: "Representative, here's what I'm going to do. Since we're having a... a procedural question here, Floor Amendment..."

Rose: "There's two questions. Yeah, there's..."

Dunkin: "...versus an Amendment in a committee. So, let me find out, parliamentary wise where we are with this and I'll bring it back. Okay."

Rose: "That... that makes a lot of sense. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dunkin, is it your intention to take this Bill Out of the record? Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Representative Mary Flowers, on page 19 of the Calendar, under Third Readings, you have House Bill 5730. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5730, a Bill for an Act concerning police procedure. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5730 creates the Police Sensitivity Task Force to investigate instances of racial disparities

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related to traffic stops and make recommendations concerning police training reform. And I'll be more than happy to answer any questions you may have."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Chair recognizes Leader Mike Bost."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor... la... yields."

Bost: "This is a... a single task force, Representative?"

Flowers: "Yes, Sir, a single task force."

Bost: "And it with the State Police and.. and what is it they're... what's your intent with this?"

Flowers: "Well, Representative, you may be familiar with the legislation that we passed in regards to racial profile back in 2004. And on numerous of occasion reports have come back showing that the discrimination and the disparities in the stop are getting worse instead of better. The ACLU is even asking the Federal Government to come in to investigate our State Troopers to find out what is going on. So, what I would like to do is take this opportunity is to review what is going on with our police stops despite the fact Hispanics and African Americans are stopped more often than Caucasian but more contrabands are found on Caucasians. And so, there's a problem with what we're doing. Racial profile should have no place in traffic stops or stopping people just because of the color of their skin or their wear. This is America. We all look different, we walk different, we think differently. And because I'm different than you does not give a police officer to right... the right to stop me just because of the color of my skin."

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Bost: "Don't disagree with you, Representative. I'm needing to find out here specifically about this particular task force. How many members on the task force?"

Flowers: "Eight members on the task force: two appointed by each of the four Legislative Leaders, the director of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standard Board, the director of the State Police, Chairperson of the Illinois Human Rights Commission, Superintendent of Chicago or his designee, Cook County Sheriff, a professional training in the field of law enforcement, a professor teaching the field of law enforcement. And it goes on to give the duties of what is expected."

Bost: "It... okay, a couple things, is this a paid task force?"

Flowers: "No. No money's involved at all."

Bost: "Okay. And paid for travel?"

Flowers: "Pardon me."

Bost: "Paid for travel or meeting attendance?"

Flowers: "Yes. Yes."

Bost: "Okay. So, there is a cost."

Flowers: "Well, yes, Representative, there is... there will be no one on the payroll, but there will be a cost..."

Bost: "Okay."

Flowers: "...for travel..."

Bost: "For travel..."

Flowers: "...and reimbursement, yes."

Bost: "...for travel..."

Flowers: "Yes."

Bost: "...and those type things. Do we know what those total costs will be?"

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Flowers: "It'll be very minimum compared to the problems and the suits that we've had."

Bost: "I'm not... but... I understand that. I'm not disagreeing with you, you know, on trying to deal with the problem."

Flowers: "I have no idea."

Bost: "I'm... I'm..."

Flowers: "I have... I don't know how many meetings we're going to have to attend. I don't... I don't know what the cost is going to be."

Bost: "Okay. I... and I understand... it seems... is this a task force that's only going to be dealing with Cook County?"

Flowers: "This is a task force that's going to be dealing with the state."

Bost: "Okay. That's a concern I had... then one concern I have is, is that once again we have, you know, as... as a person from downstate we have Cook County that is going to have a designation for a specific member and... and I know I understand they're the bigger county and the population's there and..."

Flowers: "Absolutely."

Bost: "...and you know, for me being almost into Kentucky, I understand..."

Flowers: "Wou... would you like for me... would you like for me to add on some more? Would you..."

Bost: "Well, yeah..."

Flowers: "...would you like for your county."

Bost: "...I don't know that as much as I just see the problem that once again it's Cook County has a member and if it's a

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state task force those members should come from the state, not necessarily from any given county, so."

Flowers: "Well, re... well, remember the Gover... the eight legislative appointees and so they can come from any parts of the state."

Bost: "Okay. Okay. Well, Representative, I'll watch it a little bit closer and thank you."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reboletti."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, you made... we had a very vigorous debate in the Criminal Law Committee about this and as I read your task force recommendation or to create the task force, it doesn't talk anywhere about the differences in consensual searches versus the pretextual stops that you're talking about based on somebody's race. And I know that was an issue that was brought up by the Tribune and I've seen that data. How come you haven't included that into the... into the task force to be reviewed?"

Flowers: "Well, that is a part of it, Representative, as far as the consensual searches are concerned because some of the so-called consensual searches are technically not consensual. And... and so..."

Reboletti: "The difference is when a police officer asks a driver to get out of the vehicle, can we search the vehicle, that... that's what I'm talking about versus somebody being pulled over based off of racial profiling. There's a difference between the two and you and I have had

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this discussion before. And I have explained to you that in some of the communities I used to prosecute in, depending on the officer, the officer may work in a Latino neighborhood and therefore, the officer is more likely to pull over people who are Latino than not. And then that you have other communities like Elmhurst, which I'm from, that have a... of a transient population, so I've always been concerned on how these numbers are processed and what the percentages are that would be the correct percentage to be stopping or not stopping. In this task force you ask that people that... who believe they are victims will be allowed to testify. Do you have an idea of how many people would be allowed to testify and...?"

Flowers: "I have no idea, Sir."

Reboletti: "And what about with the respect to law enforcement officers, I mean, are we... is this something that you... you think we'll have numerous hearings on or... something in Chicago, something down here."

Flowers: "I think... I foresee, without being committed, I foresee maybe about four, no more than six hearings across the state, just to make sure that we get a flavor of the entire state. And just to try to gather up the... the testimonies from the various people, because of the various stops. It depends on... we would look at where the stops has occurred from the previous records and I think that would give us an indication as to where we should begin."

Reboletti: "Representative, I thought that it... in the five years that I've been here, that we already did a racial profiling task force, maybe I'm mistaken. But I know that

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Representative Davis, I think, had one and I know we renewed the data or tracking the data of our traffic stops. Isn't this basically doing the same thing? I think it was last year and there was some federal money and there was state money and continuing to collect data from our traffic stops. Isn't this basically the same thing? I know we were collecting that data and I think we had Northwestern or some of... one of our universities were continuing to analyze that data. Aren't we already basically in the process of this?"

Flowers: "We had the University of Illinois to collect that data and as a result of that particular information, we found out that in 2009, that's the latest number where the public availability for the data was Hispanic motorists was three times more likely than white motorists to be... to be consented to be searched, but white motorists were three times more likely to be found with contraband. And so as a result of the 60- page complaint by the Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division of the Chief of Special Litigation Section, the ACLU of Illinois requested that the Department of Justice require that the Illinois State Police to bar all consent searches and to step up the ACLU of Illinois and other civil rights groups that have urged for the past two Governors to take without... that has asked the past two Governors to take with a response. And Governor Pat Quinn has asked the State Police director to review these issues according to Mr. Grant Klinzman with the ACLU."

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Reboletti: "I... I appreciate that, Representative. I'm not sure if we need a task force to take a look at this. I think this is something we could probably work together on with respect to how these stops are conducted..."

Flowers: "Well..."

Reboletti: "...what practices we should add in. I'm not sure if we need to have a... an entire task force dedicated to it."

Flowers: "...well, you know, Representative, I really beg the difference and again, I will say to you that this is America and oftentimes the type of training that police officer have they may not be sensitive to the different nationalities and the different race and the different ethnicity and the different tradition that people bring to this country, to this state. And so therefore, what would be abnormal to you and I would be someone else's norm. That comes through education, that comes through communication and as you and I we do not make the traffic stops. So, for the people who actually make these stops, for the people that come into contact with the various people, it's important that we find out, what is the missing link. What is causing this disparity? What is causing this discrimination? And as a result of doing so, I think we will all be better for it and the disparities and the discrimination to the traffic stops could be easily eliminated."

Reboletti: "Representative, I... I appreciate your comments on that. I know that we have come a long way and we have had an addit... a large amount of additional training that our officers are supposed to be taking and... regarding all types

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of different sensitivity. I just don't know if this task force is necessary to try to deal with the issue at hand so..."

Flowers: "Well..."

Reboletti: "...I do appreciate your remarks."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Sacia."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Sacia: "Representative Flowers, over the nine years, being in my tenth year that I've been here, you and I have often had conversations. I think you would agree and we both agree that we're coming from very different worlds."

Flowers: "Absolutely."

Sacia: "My law... my background is predominantly law enforcement and over the years, the unbelievable professionalism that I've... I've seen interjected into law enforcement training across this great state I have developed the greatest appreciation for. I think you would agree that myself as a Caucasian, going through, say, Cabrini-Green I probably might be viewed by a law enforcement officer, be he, white, black, Hispanic, whatever, might take a hard look at me. Would that not be an acceptable statement?"

Flowers: "You know what, Representative, no, it won't and let me tell you the reason why. Because we're used to seeing Caucasian people in our community especially in uniform, so that would not..."

Sacia: "No, no, no. I'm driving through as a civilian at..."

Flowers: "Even..."

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Sacia: "...three in the morning."

Flowers: "...you know what, and again, I don't think you've been to the area lately because it's very integrated. And..."

Sacia: "Okay..."

Flowers: "...and so..."

Sacia: "...wrong choice of words then for Cabrini-Green, but I think you know where I was going with..."

Flowers: "Well, Englewood..."

Sacia: "...the comment."

Flowers: "...no, but I'm serious, and this is what I'm trying to get you to understand. If you come to the south or west side of the City of Chicago and walk down the street, you will just be walking down the street. A police officer will not stop you and say, hey, man, where you going, what are you doing in this neighborhood. That's not going to happen, but now if... if I were to be in your community, the chances of someone stopping me, questioning me, as a taxpayer, as to what am I doing in your neighborhood. What do you mean your neighborhood? I pay taxes here. I should be able to go any place I want without being suspect as a criminal. Now, if I'm lost, I will flag the police officer and say, officer, can you please help me, but..."

Sacia: "I... I..."

Flowers: "...but for you to question me, why am I in a particular neighborhood, I'm insulted by that, Sir."

Sacia: "Oh, come on, Representative, we do not... Representative, let me have a moment, will you."

Flowers: "Of course."

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Sacia: "Would you not agree that there already is a Racial Profiling Prevention Data Oversight Board that was created by statute and has never, I repeat, has never met? Now, that being said, here we go reinventing the wheel again, putting, in my opinion, police on trial, insinuating that they are... and let me remove that word, insinuating, I don't mean to say that, but certainly a degree of skepticism that law enforcement is still out there racially profiling individuals. And we're going to create another task force. I just... I find it amazing, Representative, when we already have... an... and let me check with staff as to when this Racial Profiling Prevention Data Oversight Board was created."

Flowers: "Representative, and I'm glad you brought that board us because that was a board that was created by Representative Davis and the terms of those people on that board has expired and the Governor has not reappointed anyone else."

Sacia: "But they never met. Would you agree?"

Flowers: "No. I thin... I think they met once, so I will not agree. I think they did meet once. But you know, Representative, let me preference my remarks as I did in committee. I think we have some of the best and the finest as far as our police officers in this state. So, I want to get that on the record and make that quite plain and clear. But just..."

Sacia: "I recall you saying that."

Flowers: "...just like this Body, we're not perfect and just like the police officers they're not perfect. And this is not my

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personal opinion. I'm reading to you, Sir, from an article that talks about... it's the newly released data details continuing persistent racial bias in the Illinois State Police consent searches identified by the ACLU. And it goes on, Sir, to say an annual report released this month by the Illinois Department of Transportation... it was the Illinois Department of Transportation that revealed that the Illinois State Police Troopers continue to asks motorists of color permission to search their vehicles without cause at a higher rate than whites. So, this is not my personal opinion. This is information and data that is out there for the public to see, it is a problem. It is discrimination. We have laws also against discrimination in this country, in this city, in this state. And so, once again, we're going to put forth a pr... a... we're going to put forth a committee to investigate because, as I said earlier, this is America. We have all kinds of people from all walks of life and people of color should not be found guilty because they are people of color, Sir."

Sacia: "Rep..."

Flowers: "And just as you are able to ride down the road without fear of being stopped... I bet you the years that you've been down here you've never been stopped, but I can't say the same for myself. I even being..."

Sacia: "Representative..."

Flowers: "...I was, well..."

Sacia: "...I have been stopped and I was somewhat above the legal limit, for speed... for speed..."

Flowers: "Oh, no you were not."

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Sacia: "...for speed, yes, I was. Representative, twice in your response there, twice, and I'll quote you directly, you said this is not my personal opinion. I respect that, but yet, our analysis says this is Member initiative. You took the initiative, is that correct?"

Flowers: "Of course, Representative. The Bill... I took it upon myself. This Bill has been around much longer than you've been in office, I want you to know. That's how long and how serious this problem has been. So, it is my initiative to pick up this baby and walk with it or run with it, but, as far as the problem, the problem was discovered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The problem was discovered by the ACLU. The problem was discovered by the NAACP. The problem was discovered by other entities. And so, therefore, just as you find problems in your community that you bring to this Body to address, I am doing likewise. And I do take it personally because it impacts me and my community differently than it impacts you and your community."

Sacia: "I... I respect that, Representative, I truly do, and I've always enjoyed the... both personal and professional interaction that you and I have shared over my ten years of being here. That being said, I just don't think we need another task force. I really believe that, not only do we have highly professional law enforcement officers in Illinois, our mobile training teams, which I would point out are on the financial wire right now and facing the potential of being cut. Every year these mobile training teams go to our select police stations, they offer training

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across this great state, every year. And one of the things that is always involved is the issue of dealing with race and the professionalism of the law enforcement officer, making a stop that he or she or they decide to make. I really think, Representative, this is a Bill that isn't needed. I recognize your passion, I respect your passion, but I would encourage a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Flowers to close."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This report is mandated by the Illinois Traffic Stop Study Act and it was just released by the Illinois Department of Transportation and it goes on to say that almost all motorists in 2010 between 94 and 97 percent consent to searches when asked by the Illinois State Trooper, suggesting that the coerciveness of the nature of the encounter rendered the consent, was not truly voluntary. And the only thing I'm asking is that we would please vote 'yes' on this piece of legislation. It is very serious. It impacts all of our lives. It will impact the budget of this state. This is a problem that we have in this country. This is a problem that we have in the state. And it should be okay that we should be able to sit down and have an intelligent discussion on racial profiling. It's okay to talk about race. We don't have to be angry. We're not pointing fingers at anyone. Continuing education for doctors, continuing education for police officers, continuing education for Legislators makes us all better people. I urge an 'aye' vote and thank you."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Flowers moves for the passage of House Bill 5730. 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? Brauer, du Buclet. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 60 Members voting 'yes', 52 Members voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Dan Brady, on the Order of House Bills-Second Readings, Dan, on page 13 of the Calendar, you have House 5635. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5635, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Howard, do you seek recognition?"

Howard: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Today we have visiting us, are some of my constituents including individuals who represent the Real People Realty Company, led by Carlyn Jackson. I'd like you to help me to welcome them to Springfield."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield. We're proud to have you, enjoy your day at the Capitol. Representative Jones, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Thaddeus."

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Jones: "I would like to welcome to the Capitol, one of the finest detectives in Calumet City. He's also a realtor, he's down here, Detective Iwaszko, he's to my right."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mulligan on the floor. I don't see Rosemary. We can come back. Lisa, don't run. We'll come back to her. Representative Ford, on the Order of Second Readings, on page 4 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 3779. What's the status on that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3779, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Ford, has been approved for consideration."

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

Ford: "I move to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3779. The Amendment limits the number of times where the tests will be offered at the Unemployment Security Offices to only once each quarter. The initial Bill would like for the testing to take place at least twice a month at each testing site. So, the Amendment will limit it to one quarter and the information will be posted on the website as to where the testing will take place. And I move for the adoption of Amendment #1."

Speaker Lyons: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. 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 #1 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Rosemary Mulligan, on page 17 of the Calendar, you have, on the Order of Third Readings, House Bill 4974. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4974, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Lady from Cook, Representative Rosemary Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4974 amends... amends the Criminal Code and it provides that in addition to other elements of the offense mob action, includes the knowing or reckless threat of force or violence disturbing the public peace by two or more persons acting together and without the authority of law. It increases the penalties for mob action. Be happy to take your questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Representative Mulligan moves for the passage of House Bill 4974. 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? Colvin, Crespo, Krezwick, Zalewski, like to be recorded. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Gabel. Robyn, you have, on page 18 of the Calendar, House Bill 5013. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5013, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Robyn Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 5013 has schools make available to the public, immunization data that they are already required to submit to the State Board of Education. This creates transparency for parents about the immunization rates at their children's schools and about their children's risk of contracting preventable diseases at school. There's no opposition to this Bill and I would appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Chair recognizes Leader Mike Bost."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Bost: "Hey... Representative, I... I'm just looking at our analysis. It seems that there was opposition to the Bill. Was there an Amendment... did the Amendment take away the opposition?"

Gabel: "Yes."

Bost: "And... and what was the original opposition to... that... that the..."

Gabel: "In the... in the original Bill it gave some examples about how the schools could make the information available and the opposition was from the Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance. And they just didn't want any references in there about how they could make this available."

Bost: "So, they... so, they would've felt have been an unfunded mandate without the Amendment?"

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Gabel: "Correct. Correct. They're... They're fine with the Bill now."

Bost: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Gabel: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Gabel moves for the passage of House Bill 5013. All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Will Davis, Ken Dunkin, Chuck Krezwick. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Brandon Phelps, on page 17 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Third Reading, you have House Bill 4573. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4573, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Saline, Representative Brandon Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 4573 is a cleanup Bill for the ICC. It simply states that this Bill simply removes the requirement of the ICC to regulate CO2 pipelines because the Federal Government already does this. There's no opposition and I ask for an '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 House Bill 4573 signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Crespo, Gordon, Harris, Jones, Mussman, like to be recorded? Crespo, Harris, Jones, Mussman, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Tim Schmitz, on the Order of Second Readings, on page 10 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 5257. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5257, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Schmitz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "How am I doing, Leader, on the alphabet better? Have I improved on my alphabet, Sir? Representative Schmitz on Floor Amendment #2."

Schmitz: "Thank you, Speaker. When we originally had this Bill in committee we were... we found out that we had competing statutes. So, basically we're cleaning it up with Floor Amendment 2 and we're adding the words 'trees' and 'bushes' to the Section that we're cleaning up. Be happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mike Unes, on page 16 of the Calendar, Sir, under House Bills-Third Readings, you have House Bill 3825. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3825, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mike Unes."

Unes: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3825 takes a very comprehensive approach of solving a very serious problem in recyclable metal thefts. I'm sure everyone in this Body has heard of the many drastic increases in copper and high level metal thefts that have been occurring. And in fact, the National Insurance Crime Bureau recently released a report that in... indicated an 81 percent increase in this area and Illinois was in the top five mentioned in the increase of recyclable metal thefts. The damage caused by these thieves, many times, Mr. Speaker, exceeds the value of the scrap metal stolen. And what 35... 3825 does is takes a two-pronged approach of solving this problem: 1) it makes it much more difficult to sell stolen metal by tightening regulation of the scrap metal sales. And 2) it adds tougher criminal penalties in order to deter to thieves themselves. This makes the criminal liable for the amount of damage he or she causes when determining the penalties for the first time. I'm happy to answer any questions, but before I do, Mr. Speaker, I want to say thanks to Representative Reis and Representative Beiser for their continued efforts in this area. And also I want to

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thank Representatives Cunningham and Burke for their help on this Bill in the very early stages."

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

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "Representative, you've got a limit in here of \$100 that a metal purchaser can't... can't pay cash for something. Isn't this a rather low threshold?"

Unes: "Thank you, Representative. The limit of \$100 of no cash payments is actually one of the most... in fact, the most comprehensive that we were able to find in the nation. The State of Virginia... Virginia has a much higher threshold. We have worked with the recyclable metal theft industry from the very early stages of this Bill late last fall and this was an agreed upon compromise with the industry. This simply states that anything over \$100 could not be paid in cash."

Pritchard: "But my point is, isn't that a threshold that's too low? That you're creating a lot of extra paperwork and repeat trips back to the metal recycler for this seller to get payment for something."

Unes: "Oh, I... I don't think that..."

Pritchard: "Would... wouldn't a more reasonable threshold be \$300?"

Unes: "I don't... I would respectfully disagree, Representative. I don't think it makes it anymore difficult for the seller whatsoever. As a matter of fact, you know, they can still get... they can still complete the transaction in the first

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phase. It's just that if it's over \$100 instead of them receiving it by cash, they will receive it by check."

Pritchard: "Well, it just seems like we're adding extra paperwork and... and cost for that local business who deals with maybe scavengers that have something in that 100 to 300 dollar range. And we're adding a lot of business to that."

Unes: "I understand your point, Representative, but this is a problem that is so serious and occurring so... in so much detail that it's a serious enough problem that it... it requires a serious resolution such as this. And this is a very comprehensive approach to this problem and... and in fact, on the other side of it, the criminal side of it, I think, when you combine the two, makes this a Bill that is going to solve this... this problem that has been occurring not only in this state but all across the nation."

Pritchard: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Beiser."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Beiser: "Representative Unes, you and I have worked on this situation from two different perspectives, you in your area and myself in my area where it borders the State of Missouri. And I know we've talked about this limit that the previous speaker talked to you about and I have questions about whether it was... whether we could actually lower it even more because of the... the instances in my area where they are actually coming in with levels or loads that would... say, it'd be in 50 to 75 dollar range. And I

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understand your... you had quite a bit of discussion with the industry and \$100 is pretty... pretty severe when it comes to other states and what they do. Is that accurate?"

Unes: "That's correct."

Beiser: "And I will say that whereas Representative Unes's was different than mine, subsequent to a Bill that I had in committee and then in addition to what Representative Unes has here in Rep... in House Bill 3825, once both those Bills made it out of committee and subsequent to that, my community in the City of Alton passed an ordinance that did... went even further the \$100 limits. It simply states that anybody bringing scrap metal tin to one of these places of business shall not be paid in cash it has to be by check. So, there are areas in this state that have gone even further and more restrictive in... in this situation. So, I think the \$100 limit where it's... if you look at it in... as a nationwide situation, this is very, very strict limit and I would just simply point again out that my Home Rule community simply eliminated a limit and there is only a check transaction for this because of the instances where the City of St. Louis in particular had similar language in theirs and they had to do it to compete and keep the scrap metal people out that were doing it for illegal purposes. In fact, just last week we had two... three arrests for people bringing scrap metal across the river from Missouri into Illinois and this limit that the City of Alton put on that basically is stricter than... with this Bill or my Bill is going to put into play and would be even stricter than this. So, I commend Representative Unes for working on

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this. I know how much I worked with my people in my area and it's a... I think it's a very doable and it's a very strict addressing of a serious situation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Deputy Majority Leader Lou Lang in the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "The warmth was overwhelming. Chair recognizes Mr. Hays."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I also rise in support of this Bill. Representative Unes, thank you for your work. And to the point of the previous speaker, some of the people in the Farm Bureau of my area and some of the people in the industry think this is the first step and we really may, in fact, need to go further. So, Representative, I appreciate the work that you've done on this and I particularly appreciate you reaching out to those in my district, meeting with them personally and gleaning their perspective. It's a good Bill and I will support it. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Cole."

Cole: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Cole: "Representative Unes, I wasn't aware of this issue until I had a... someone call me from my district office to tell me that you were on the Jay Leno Show. Were you, in fact, on the Jay Leno Show with this issue?"

Unes: "That is true."

Cole: "That is true. And on Jay Leno you were talking about some piece of the statue being removed from the front of the Capitol. Could you tell us that story a little bit?"

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Unes: "The Ja... the Jay Leno Show took a parody of a press conference that I did and it was a quite amusing parody, Representative. But whatever it takes to draw attention to a very serious problem that we can solve, I think, is a... an approach that... you know, not something that I sought out, so."

Cole: "Thank you, Representative. I'd just like to invite all the other Representatives here to look up Representative Unes and put in there Jay Leno on YouTube. It's very entertaining. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "I would think Mr. Unes would provide a CD of this or a DVD of this to all of us. Mr. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "The TV star yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, would you take this Bill out of the record so we could all watch the video first and then vote on... vote on your Bill? I know it's a very serious matter, but I think everybody has... deserves the opportunity to take a look at that."

Unes: "I'm sure you will have plenty of time to watch it after this, so, no."

Reboletti: "Thank you for your hard work on this."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Representative, first off let me tell you that I think it's important for us to realize how... how this does affect all of us. You... are you familiar that for 18 years, I and many Senators and a few former House Members have lived at house about four blocks from here? Are you familiar with that? Are you familiar with what... come... when we came to

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Springfield about a year ago... matter of fact, Senator Matt Murphy, who will deeply appreciate this Bill, came to the house in the middle of the summer and called and said... the house was formerly owned by Senator Steve Rauschenberger... former Senator Steve Rauschenberger... and he asked me, he says, Representative, do you think that Steve turned the water off over the summer and I said, no, I don't think so but go down and turn the valve on. At which time he m... proceeded to go into the basement and discovered that every bit of copper had been cut out of the house. I want to thank you from the Members that live in that house for... for bringing this Bill forward. I... unfortunately, you should have been here and brought it beforehand and we may have actually had water left in the house. But thank you for this."

Unes: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Unes to close on what apparently was his first Bill. Go ahead, Sir."

Unes: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Since this was first heard in committee on February 8, there's been many more reports all over the state, including the one just a couple weeks ago where there was a report of copper theft at Whiter... White Oaks Mall that led to \$100 thousand worth of damage for just a few hundred dollars worth of copper. Not only that, but in my hometown of East Peoria, there's been more reports of cemetery plaques being stolen off the graves of veterans. So, those men and women that fought for our freedom, their gravesites haven't even been safe. Imagine the... the family members that have to live through

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seeing their loved ones graves affected by this very serious problem. I want to thank all the com... all the Members that had comments on this Bill. There are over 50 cosponsors on this Bill and nearly two dozen state associations and businesses that are proponents of this Bill underlining the important aspect of why we need to get this passed sooner rather than later. So, I thank the floor and I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill shall vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Dunkin, Representative May. Representative May. Please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5289, Mr. Turner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5289, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner."

Turner: "Was there a Floor Amendment that had to be adopted?"

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman asks that his Bill be re... moved to the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered Representative Turner, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 2 would address some of the concerns that the Bill had... that Members of the General Assembly had when the Bill was first presented last

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week. And it basically would only... would make House Bill 5289 only apply to the Retailers Occupation Tax Act."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Continuing on the list of Member priorities, House Bill 4990, Representative Bellock. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4990, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4990 is regarding what we all know is such a explosion and a problem with autism not only in the State of Illinois but across the United States. We know that now it's 1 out of 110 children will have autism. And now the problem gets to, which I know a lot of you realize, is that when children get to the age of 22 they can no longer go to school. So, they have what we call... they drop off the cliff. And what the Bill would do would be to institute a pilot program that was only subject to appropriation to deal with that issue of children who become adult age and we will have 23 thousand children with autism in the next 15 years that will drop off this cliff and have nothing to help them out with. So, I'm asking you today to support the children with autism in Illinois looking forward to what's going to happen in the next 10 years."

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Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. The
Chair recognizes Representative Chapa LaVia."

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

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Chapa LaVia: "Representative Bellock, I just want to, from the
bottom of my heart, honor you for all your years of service
and work in the arena of autism and the spectrums
throughout the state. You first got me involved with Giants
Steps out in Lisle and I... they've been a phenomenal
component out in our area as far as autism. But this is
definitely an arena that we've never dove into and I really
want to just acknowledge you for us going past the 18 or 22
limit and following that through and making sure that we do
supply and give resources to... to the very vulnerable
population. But not just the population with autism, the
parents in the State of Illinois that deserve those
services. So, I just want to applaud you and I would
respectfully hope that everybody votes 'yes' on this and
into the fact that I've actually asked you all to be
Sponsors of this, as well. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Feigenholtz."

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

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Feigenholtz: "Representative Bellock, I... I know that this has
been your life's work and I applaud you for that. However,
just out of curiosity you did say that this was subject to
appropriation."

Bellock: "Absolutely, Representative."

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Feigenholtz: "And is... and I know that you spend a... day and night on appropriations committee meeting..."

Bellock: "Right."

Feigenholtz: "...and trying to figure out how to cut the budget and here we have a Bill that would probably add significantly. What is your vision for funding this?"

Bellock: "Now, I don't think that... DHS thinks that they may have a way of funding this within the programs that are in existence right now, but if they don't it's just to get it in motion to look towards this explosion that's going to happen in the next 10 years so that when it does happen we're not behind the eight ball. So, we're not asking for the new funding right now, we're working with DHS to see if they think that there is anything now. But the bottom line is, we would just like to have them looking at this issue right now."

Feigenholtz: "I... I... So, I'm surprised because I... I believe that there was kind of a blanket understanding that we weren't going to fund any expansions this year."

Bellock: "Right."

Feigenholtz: "Of... given the problems that we have. So, these are lines that are likely going to be cut. Is that correct?"

Bellock: "They could be, yes. And so..."

Feigenholtz: "So..."

Bellock: "...that's why I'm saying this Bill is just totally subject to appropriation only."

Feigenholtz: "...so, we're... we're probably not going to end up funding it in '13. Would you agree with that?"

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Bellock: "Probably not."

Feigenholtz: "Because this... adding these ages..."

Bellock: "Right."

Feigenholtz: "...as much as we want to do this, would be a significant expansion. Just out of curiosity, do you know what the cost of this would be, if this Bill was not subject to appropriation?"

Bellock: "It would probably be around \$500 thousand. But the bottom line is, is that a lot of these groups, especially the one that is always down here, have created models already that they have not charged anything for. The Bill we did three years ago created the model to train every policeman in the State of Illinois on a volunteer basis. They also did a Bill to train DCFS on autism on a volunteer basis without charge... without charging them a dime. So, this is a group, and there are other groups in the State of Illinois, they've done it with the fire department. They have allowed every fireman in Illinois to be trained on autism. This is a very, very dedicated segment of our population and now they want to address the issue on adult children. And again, I'm saying 23 thousand of those children will be falling off the cliff within 10 to 15 years, so."

Feigenholtz: "And you say that that only cost a half mil... a half a million dollars?"

Bellock: "Yeah."

Feigenholtz: "Twenty-three thousand people."

Bellock: "No, I'm just... those are figures I'm just predicting in the future. Right. I'm not talking about... I mean there's

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probably four or five thousand right now and a thousand that are getting out of school right now. I'm... I just was summarizing the problem that we're looking forward to in the next 10 to 15 years."

Feigenholtz: "Right. Well, obviously, you and I are hopefully going to be able work together..."

Bellock: "Right."

Feigenholtz: "...and clearly we're going to need more resources..."

Bellock: "Right."

Feigenholtz: "...if we want to fund programs like this. Thank you for your..."

Bellock: "Absolutely."

Feigenholtz: "...answers."

Bellock: "Thank you. And thank you for your support and for Representative Chapa LaVia and all of you who have been such staunch supporters of autism in the State of Illinois. I really appreciate that."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brady."

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

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Brady: "Representative, I just, too, want to congratulate you on all your hard work and that of your associates. As a parent with a son who's autistic who will be one of those 23 thousand as he becomes older, this is forethought into the future. Obviously, the question is there of the dollars; this place is not very sharp on setting priorities. I have plenty of suggestions where we can make cuts to help with funding for this type of a program down

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the road and that's what it's going to take is those type of decisions. But it's about priorities and it's about our... our children and the numbers are just staggering of autistic spectrum children across this state and across this country. But I applaud you for what you've done, I look forward to working with you and know that there are very many difficult decisions that are going to have be made when we talk about funding. And whether it's this year or not, it's the forethought of looking into the future of how we address some of these programs and some of the problems. So, thank you again for your efforts."

Bellock: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill shall vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Record yourselves, please, Members. Have all voted who wish? Feigenholtz, Jackson, Lyons. Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lyons. Please take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5656, De... Majority Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5656, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker and Members of the House. This is an initiative of the Capital Development Board. They occasionally get small doses of federal funds. They would like to put those dollars to work in a kind of a

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rolling proposition so they can continue to build buildings. Today the money goes into the retirement fund, but it is so insignificant that the Governor's Office of Management and Budget doesn't even trace it. So, I would describe this as cleanup legislation from CDB and I'd be happy to have your support."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? David Harris, Mr. Morthland. Please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4074, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4074, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1562, Mr. Fortner. Please read the Bill. 5362, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5362, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4031, Representative Yarbrough. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, please read House Bill 4031."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4031, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4514. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4514, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5441. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5441, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5547. Mr. Zalewski. Mr. Zalewski in the chamber. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5547 is on the Order of Postponed Consideration."

Speaker Lang: "We're waiting patiently for you, Sir. Please don't run. Mr. Zalewski, out of breath. Please proceed."

Zalewski: "I ask for an 'aye' vote. We had a robust discussion. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Record yourselves, Members. Have all voted who wish? Bellock, Biss, Burke, Jakobsson, May, Moffit, Rita, please record yourselves. Representative May. Please take the record. On this question, there are 62 voting 'yes', 51 voting 'no', 1

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voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4510, Mr. Acevado. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4510, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Acevado."

Acevado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 4510 amends the Department of Central Management Services Law to provide the department shall each year prepare an Asian Employment Plan and the report to the General Assembly each agencies' activities in implementing that plan. Each state agency is to implement strategies and programs in accordance with the State Asian Employment Plan to increase the number of state employees. The law is the exact requirements as House Bill 4510 but instead only applies to Hispanics. So, it's just... it's just an addition, we're asking for the Asian Employment Plan. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Connelly, Mr. Krezwick. Mr. Krezwick. Please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Members, before we adjourn, just a reminder that there are committees this afternoon. So, please go to your respective committees. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 889, offered by Representative Howard. House Resolution 890, offered by Representative Brady. House Resolution 891, offered by Representative Mayfield. House Resolution 892, offered by Representative Monique Davis. And House Resolution 893, offered by Representative Hammond."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for Clerk, Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Wednesday, March 28 at the hour of 11 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted and the House is adjourned 'til tomorrow at 11 a.m."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2850, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 3435, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6144, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of this House Bill. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 174, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 404, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 411, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill

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1210, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning state employment. House Bill 1245, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1474, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2886, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 3116, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 3637, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3638, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3644, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3645, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3698, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3699, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3712, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3713, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3724, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3725, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3796, offered by Representative Brown, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 3812, offered by Represent... Representative Dan Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 3816, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government.

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House Bill 3843, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning census information. House Bill 3845, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 384... correction House Bill 3854, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 3880, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 3890, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 3892, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 3893, offered by Representative Golar, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 3940, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 3976, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 4006, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 4028, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4056, offered by Represen... Representative Jerry Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4070, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4073, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4083, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 4085, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 4108, offered by Representative Dan

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Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4109, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 4134, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4136, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4177, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4211, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4242, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4275, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4312, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4313, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4333, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 4393, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4402, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 4488, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4496, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4531, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4538, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4541, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4566, offered by

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Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 4582, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4583, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4593, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 4642, offered by Representative Senger, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4662, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4663, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4665, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning residential construction. House Bill 4666, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4673, offered by Representative Carli, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 4695, offered by Representative Jackson, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4701, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 4724, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4749, offered by Representative Gaffney, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4758, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4787, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4807, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4809, offered by Rep...

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Representative... Representative Cavaletto, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4819, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 4838, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4850, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4851, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4862, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4863, offered by Representative Hammond, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4867, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4911, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4937, offered by Representative Kosel, a Bill for a... for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4941, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4984, offered... offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 4985, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning guardians. House Bill 4986, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4996, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5001, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5008, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning

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regulation. House Bill 5025, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 5028, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5033, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5050, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 5051, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 5073, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning the Secretary of State. House Bill 5111, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5146, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5179, offered by Representative Mell, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5182, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5189, offered by Representative Coladipietro, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5190, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5196, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5198, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5214, offered by Representative Ramey, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5228, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5232, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning

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public employee benefits. House Bill 5262, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5280, offered by Representative Cunningham, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5290, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5322, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5330, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning sexually violent persons. House Bill 5341, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5350, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5384, offered by Representative Morthland, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5390, offered by Representative Dan Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5434, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5435, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5439, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5451, offered by Representative Mell, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5453, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 5454, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5470, offered by Representative Greg Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill

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5473, offered by Representative Penny, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5479, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5482, offered by Representative Morthland, a Bill for an Act concerning human trafficking. House Bill 5492, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 5495, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5503, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning energy efficiency. House Bill 5522, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5525, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5544, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5555, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5579, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5586, offered by Representative du Buclet, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5608, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act concerning the Secretary of State. House Bill 5612, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 5616, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5624, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5629, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5631, offered by

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Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5633, offered by Representative Gaffney, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5641, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5646, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5659, offered by Representative Gordon, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5662, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5665, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning foreclosure. House Bill 5672, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5673, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5723, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5745, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 5747, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5774, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5775, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5785, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5790, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5826, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5827, offered by Representative Chapa

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LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5831, offered by Representative Will Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5844, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 5863, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5866, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5877, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning the judiciary, which may be referred to as the Michael Lefkow and Donna Humphrey Judicial Privacy Improvement Act of 2012. House Bill 5880, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5909, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5920, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5921, offered by Representative Cunningham, a Bill for an Act concerning sex offenders. And House Bill 5927, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of these House Bills. They be held on the Order of the Second Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on March 2... March 27, 2012: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 5480; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5189, House Joint Resolution 73, House Resolution 198, House Resolution 749, House Resolution 809, House Resolution 825.

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Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action on March 27, 2012: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 830. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on March 27, 2012: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4081; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5201. Representative Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action on March 27, 2012: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4602. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on International Trade & Commerce reports the following committee action on March 27, 2012: recommends be adopted is House Res... Resolution 821. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action on March 27, 2012: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #4 to House Bill 5290, House Joint Resolution 71, and House Resolution 843. Representative Dugan, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conversation reports the following committee action take... taken on March 27, 2012: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5612. Representative Greg Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on March 27, 2012: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3893 and Floor Amendment #5 to House Bill 4541. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4191,

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offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4314, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4324, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 4753, offered by Representative Hays, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4761, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4858, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4902, offered by Representative Cavaletto, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4943, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4951, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4081, offered by Representative Gordon, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4602, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5480, offered by Representative Roth, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of these House Bills that will remain on the Order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."