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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 desk. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Ivan Horn, who is Pastor of the United Church of Christ in Hecker, Illinois. Pastor Horn is the guest of Representative Costello. Members and guests are asked to please refrain from starting their laptops, turn off electronic equipment and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Ivan Horn."

Pastor Horn: "Join with me in a spirit and attitude of prayer. On this day, when our State of Illinois Legislative Body has set aside a time for prayer, prayer to their business, may we acknowledge, uphold and defend always our right to worship and walk our faith journeys according to how we are led by our God or a supreme higher being. As people of many faith heritages, a Legislative Body and citizens of the State of Illinois, may we pause for moments of silence and meditation after each one of the following: for the discernment You have given us to lay hold of things unseen; for the strong sense we have that this world is not our home but is Your gift to us; for our restless hearts which nothing finite can satisfy; for all those in our nation and world where tragedy, devastation, loss and death has been experienced such as through tornadoes, floods, violence or war; for all Your created human beings at home and abroad who are marginalized because of who they are, their social status or station in life. Oh God of us all, whose nature is to be gracious, amazingly gracious, help us in our self-congratulation for our presence here this afternoon, for

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the progress we have made in our spiritual journeys, for our resistance of temptation to think that we are doing everything on our own. Help us to always remember that we are here by Your grace. You have called us, forgiven us and enabled us to be Your followers, yet so easily we confuse Your graciousness with our virtues. We too quickly remember the sins of others and judge others on the basis of our beliefs and forget our own weaknesses. We take pride in the achievements overlooking our failures, magnifying the shortcomings of others. Forgive us for our betrayals of Your guidance and grace. Give us some measure of Your expansive inclusive love so that in some way we might see others as You see them and see ourselves as You see us. May this House of Representatives, elected by the citizens of Illinois, be led and guided to plow through the issues of finance and human resources so all in our state as well as our world may benefit because of legislation and actions taken here by this Body. As we pray and make decisions that affect others, may we always acknowledge how marvelous and amazing Your grace is as we lift all these thoughts in Your powerful name, Amen."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dave Winters, would you please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

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

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

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the excused absences of Representatives Beiser, Ford and Turner."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Leader. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There's 112 Members responding to the Roll Call, we have a quorum present. We're prepared to do the work of the people of the State of Illinois. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 14, 2012: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 4278, Senate Bill 1900 and Senate Bill 2450; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 409, Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 3258, Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 3314 and Floor Amendment #1 for Senate Bill 3718."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Scott."

Penny: "I would like to report the passing of a member of our local government in Madison County, Mr. Matt Melucci. Thank you. I received word Friday that Matt Melucci who had been a fixture in Madison County government operations had passed away unexpectedly. He had been stricken recently

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with cancer and had suffered through that quite privately and passed with very little public warning. He had been the Madison County Clerk since 1992. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was our first director of administration for Madison County government. He served as the Chief of Staff for our Congressman Jerry Costello from 1988 to 1991, that's when I first met him. He was very active in his parish and in his community. At a personal level, he supported me and signed my enabling documents for me to come here as a Representative. He was a gentleman and he was a personal friend and may he rest in peace. A moment of silence, please. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1044, offered by Representative Farnham. House Resolution 1045, offered by Speaker Madigan. House Resolution 1046, offered by Representative Reboletti. House Resolution 1047, offered by Representative Walsh. And House Resolution 1048, offered by Representative Sente."

Speaker Lyons: "Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Representative Sente, on page 4 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Third Reading, Carol, you have Sen... House Bill 3859. Do you wish to call the Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3859, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of..."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Sente."

Sente: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3859 mandates that municipalities or counties that have tax revenue sharing agreements file a report with the Department of Revenue. The reports will include information such as the manner in which the retailers' occupation tax is shared, the location of the business within the municipality or county and the name of the retail business that receives the refund. This Bill is a good policy for the State of Illinois for the following four reasons: 1) information on specific businesses that receive rebates cannot currently be available through FOIA, 2) the Department of Revenue will have more information to ensure compliance with State Law, 3) we will now be centralizing the information with the Department of Revenue and 4) the FOIA redaction allowed under this Bill balances the need to protect sensitive business information with the need for transparency."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, what's the genesis of this Bill?"

Sente: "The genesis of this Bill would be some of the confusion and inability to access tax rebate agreements that exist right now. You can get the first part of the agreement

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between the village and the business tax consultant, but you cannot access the second part."

Reboletti: "Does this involve any litigation that's been occurring in the collar counties?"

Sente: "It would."

Reboletti: "Would that involve... would that involve the RTA and certain businesses that would locate outside the collar counties but yet still do business in the collar counties for purposes of avoiding RTA taxes?"

Sente: "This wouldn't obviate any of the current litigation, but this is... was loosely tied to this, of course."

Reboletti: "Would this re... would the municipalities be forced then to turn this over as part of FOIA? Is that really what we're doing here?"

Sente: "The idea with this Bill is that the municipalities... well, that the agreements within 30 days all open agreements would go to the Department of Revenue where that is mostly where in this one central location someone would look for this as well as the Department of Revenue would be able to view this piece of information. We worked closely with the businesses including IRMA so... and the different municipalities that were involved... that are currently involved in these pieces of litigation to make sure that we redacted sensitive pieces of information. And if someone does go to the village, they're able to have that same information redacted."

Reboletti: "You mentioned IRMA. Are they proponents or are they neutral on the legislation?"

Sente: "They are neutral."

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Reboletti: "What about the manufacturers?"

Sente: "My understanding is they were working on behalf of both groups simultaneously. They were in all the meetings with us."

Reboletti: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "Lady from Grundy, Representative Roth."

Roth: "Will the speaker yield, please?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Roth: "Sponsor yield, sorry. Representative Sente, do this... does this legislation grandfather in existing contracts?"

Sente: "This legislation is for all current open contracts."

Roth: "So, the contracts that are under... so the contracts that are currently in place will be required to be... would be open to FOIA? Is that correct?"

Sente: "They would be open to this legislation. Again, the primary requirement is they would be sending these agreements to the Department of Revenue."

Roth: "Right. And so, if I wanted to have a list of these contracts, would I contact Department of Revenue or the cities involved?"

Sente: "You wouldn't contact either. You would go on the Department of Revenue's website and you would look those up. If you wanted an individual agreement, then you would contact the Department of Revenue."

Roth: "The current contracts are... the current contracts are confidential, correct?"

Sente: "I'm sorry. Could you repeat the question?"

Roth: "The current contracts are confidential?"

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Sente: "The contracts themselves are confidential. What you can receive from this information... give me one minute... you can re... you can receive the name of the county or municipality and the business... the businesses who are parties to it. You can receive the location of the businesses within the county and you can get a yes or no statement as to whether or not the company maintains additional places of business within the state."

Roth: "That's under current law or the proposed?"

Sente: "That's proposed."

Roth: "So, I guess my question is, if these contracts are currently considered proprietary information and they are confidential, then are you opening up these municipalities for lawsuits by these companies because now they become public record?"

Sente: "The contract itself is not public record."

Roth: "But the names of the companies are?"

Sente: "Yes."

Roth: "Okay. And again, this... okay. That's fine. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Sente to close."

Sente: "This is a piece of legislation that is about open and transparent government. We worked very closely for many months with various groups. This is a Bill that is agreed with the RTA, the City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, the Taxpayers Federation of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Revenue. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Sente moves for the passage of House Bill 3859. All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have

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all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Brauer, Dunkin, Leitch, back row, GOP. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 84 Members voting 'yes', 26 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Karen May, point of personal privilege."

May: "Yes. Thank you, Speaker. I don't always introduce our Pages for today, but in case you're getting confused and you think that you're asking the same Page many times to do something, we have twins, 11-year-old twins, Rachel and Hannah Wander from Highland Park. Rachel is in the dress; Hannah is in the little ruffly sweater and their mother, Ruth Freedman is up here. She's the President of Chicago Hadassah. And I was very active in the League of Women Voters with their grandmother Ruth Wander and their grandfather Herb Wander is very active in the Jewish Federation. So, we think that their experience here is going to lead them to run for public office. Welcome, to the twins."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to your Capitol, ladies. We're proud to have you on the floor. Mom, thanks for coming down. Members, I'm going to be moving some of the Second Reading Senate Bills to Third Reading. I'm going to start on page 9, not necessarily every one of them but a lot of them. So, if you have a pa... Bill on page 9 of the Calendar, heads-up. Representative Feigenholtz, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, on page 9 of the Calendar, you have Senate

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Bill 278, Sara. Representative Feigenholtz, 278. You want to move it to Third? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 278, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Esther Golar, you have Senate Bill 680, on the Order of Second Reading, Esther. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 680, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Leader Lang, you have Senate Bill 758, Lou. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 758, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Leader Acevedo, you have Senate Bill 1064, Ed. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1064, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Pat Verschoore, you have Senate Bill 1286. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1286, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time on a previous

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day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 6 and 7 are approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Verschoore, do you want to do a Floor Amendment #6 and then #7?"

Verschoore: "Yes."

Speaker Lyons: "What's your pleasure here, Sir?"

Verschoore: "I want to do Senate Bill.. or Amendment #7. That becomes the Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "So, you wish to withdraw Floor Amendment #6?"

Verschoore: "Yes."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, withdraw Floor Amendment #6. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #7, offered by Representative Verschoore, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Verschoore on Floor Amendment #7."

Clerk Hollman: "What Floor Amendment #7 is specifically allows animated productions to be included in the current film tax credit, but makes only minor changes to the provisions of the underlying program which will allow an animated production to benefit from the credit over multiple tax years as animated productions typically take years to complete, not like a normal film. Only animated productions that commence after July 1st of 2010 would get credit for this or would be allowed to get taxpayer credit and a claim against the tax year in 2012 liability for eligibility spending that's done in a prior tax year. The taxpayers may not amend past years' returns to utilize this credit before 2012. I would ask for adoption of Amendment 7."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Sullivan on Floor Amendment 7."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Sullivan: "Representative, you lost me there for a second. You, on the one hand say that we're going to allow this to be eligible or productions that have been in place from 2010?"

Verschoore: "Right."

Sullivan: "And so, specifically, there is a... there is a movie that's being made and we're going to allow them to use this credit, but then, the second part you said we will not allow them to amend their income tax filings? Is that correct what you said?"

Verschoore: "What was that, Ed? I missed that last part."

Sullivan: "So, the second part of what you were debating or speaking in regard to this Amendment, was that while we allow them to go back to 2010 to use this, we do not allow them to amend their tax returns, is that what you said?"

Verschoore: "No. The taxpayer could claim a credit against tax year 2012 for liability for eligible spending done in a prior tax year. The taxpayer may not amend past years' returns to utilize the credit."

Sullivan: "Okay. So... so, the credit that accrued in 2010 they can amend on... or they can put on their 2012 tax return?"

Verschoore: "Right."

Sullivan: "That's in essence what you're saying..."

Verschoore: "Right."

Sullivan: "...or you're talking about? Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #7 signify by

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saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #7 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Ann Williams, on the Order of Second Readings, Ann, you have Senate Bill 2524. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2524, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Williams, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Ann Williams on Floor Amendment #1."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is the results of an agreement among all parties that would address the issue we covered last year in terms of minimum insurance requirements for vehicles which transport children. In order to ensure compliance, we've reevaluated the limits that we put into place. This Bill will revert to the original limits to give time for smaller daycares and smaller institutions to comply. And after the Bill is in effect, we'll use a combined single limit policy to make it easier and more possible for smaller organizations such as daycares, church camps, et cetera, to transport children."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the

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'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Continue with Senate Bills-Second Readings, on page 10 of the Calendar, Members, Representative Soto, Cynthia, you have Senate Bill 2569. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2569, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Dave Winters, you have Senate Bill 2867. Out of the record. Representative Will Davis, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Will, you have Senate Bill 2934. What the status on that Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2934, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Out of the record. Leader Karen Yarbrough, you have Senate Bill 2935, on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2935, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mike Tryon, Senate Bill 2937 on Second. Want to move the Bill? You have

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a Floor Amendment ready, Mike, I believe. Mr. Clerk, what's the status on that Bill?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2937, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Tryon, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mike Tryon on Floor Amendment #1."

Tryon: "Floor Amendment #... this actually allows McHenry County to create its own Transportation Development District. The Amendment strictly makes the entire process a front-door referendum. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Representative Will Davis on Floor Amendment #1."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Representative, does this Amendment or... and this Bill in any way eliminate the RTA?"

Tryon: "It does not."

Davis, W.: "It does not?"

Tryon: "Yeah."

Davis, W.: "That's too bad. Thank you very much, Representative."

Speaker Lyons: "Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And 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 Mike Connelly, Senate Bill 2945. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2945, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions..."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Hernandez. Representative Hernandez on the floor? Representative Chapin Rose, you have Senate Bill 2999. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2999, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Leader Osmond, good to see you back there. Status, Mr. Clerk, on Senate Bill 3170?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3170, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. On page 11 of the Calendar, Representative Kelly Cassidy, you have Senate Bill 3261. Out of the record. Representative du Buclet, you have Senate Bill 3349. Out of the record. Leader Lang, Senate Bill 3399, Lou. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3399, a Bill for an Act concerning beer wholesalers. Sec... this Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Will Davis, Senate Bill 3415, Will. Out of the record. Representative Cassidy on Senate Bill 3433. Out of the record. Page 12 of the Calendar, Members, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Representative Mike Tryon. Representative Tryon, you have Senate Bill 3442, 3442. Out of the record. Representative Rita Mayfield, you have Senate Bill 3453. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3453, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Toni Berrios, you have on Second Readings, Senate Bill 3591. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3591, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Hernandez, Senate Bill 3601, Lisa. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3601, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Leader Acevedo, 30... Senate Bill 3621, Ed. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3621, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Hernandez on Senate Bill 3677. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3677, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Hernandez, you also had Senate Bill 2946 on the Order of Second Reading, Lisa. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk, page 10 of the Calendar."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2946, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Camille Lilly, on page 10 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 2643, Camille. What's the status on that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2643, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, in the gallery, the former Speaker of the House, Lee Daniels. Lee, welcome home. Members, we'll be doing some Senate Bills- Third Readings. I'll be starting on page 4 of the Calendar, moving over to page 5. So, if you have a Bill in order and play on the Third Readings, we'll be going through the Calendar. Representative Reboletti, Senate Bill 180,

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Dennis. Out of the record. Representative Jack Franks on Senate Bill 408. Out of the record. Representative Sente on Senate Bill 967. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 967, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Lake, Representative Carol Sente."

Sente: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 967 amends the Vehicle Code and provides that the Secretary of State shall require an individual applying for restricted driving permit to take a driver remedial education course. This initiative changes the statute from 'may' to 'shall'. And the Bill is designed to do... improve driver habits and increase roadway safety through the completion of these four-hour courses when driving privileges have been suspended or revoked under 11 various conditions. It's an initiative of the National Safety Council and we've been working closely with the Secretary of State. They are neutral on the Bill."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Bost: "Representative, basically the change... the primary change is from 'may' to 'shall'. So, what was the reason originally in the language that was put in that it was just a 'may'? Was that... was that by court order or who would

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make the decision, the Secretary of State or the court that they would have to have this remedial?"

Sente: "Can you repeat the question, please?"

Bost: "All right. You're saying that prior... your legislation will make it a 'shall', that they 'shall' have this remedial education course. Prior to this it was 'may' and that 'may' who made the call on requiring them to? Was it the Secretary of State? Was it the prosecuting... or was it the courts? Who was it that made the decision on those things?"

Sente: "The court made the decision, but the Secretary of State was involved in that decision as well."

Bost: "Okay. So, basically, we're taking away from the abil... the ability of the court in certain cases where the extenuating circumstances would say, okay, yeah, there's no real need for this. Who pays the cost on this?"

Sente: "The individual going through the class."

Bost: "Okay. So... so, do you know what the class cost is?"

Sente: "I don't have that information."

Bost: "Okay. But I mean, that could be, you know, that could be very significant. If we're talking \$50 course and... and the offense... the judge would have said, you know what, I've looked your offense over, you've not had a prior record, there's not a lot of things that you've done, I see that... and we feel you're guilty of this, so we're going to revoke your license for this length of time, but... but that's what we're going to do and then it's going to come back into your hands. Instead what we're saying is is we're going to give you a... we're going to force you now to take this

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course, where a judge might not have, and then after forcing you, we don't know what the cost of that course is going to be so we don't know... it might be somebody needing to get back to work or... and being in the kind of financial straits because they... and we know it's a... and I... you don't have to tell me this. I know that it is a privilege, not a right, but that privilege, quite often, can determine how we can provide for our families. So, my question is, what are we looking at cost-wise to this per... to these people?"

Sente: "Right. But what we are looking here is a specific number of well outlined incidences where the Secretary of State does believe that that should be overridden and someone should be going to this type of class and the individual is paying it, there is not a cost to the state. I do appreciate that there is a cost to the individual, but we do want drivers..."

Bost: "All right. Let me... let me give you an example where this might... I'm looking down the list of where this is: leaving the scene of a traffic accident involving the deaths or personal injury. Okay. Let me give you an example and see what you think. Now, we had a situation that occurred in my district. An individual was in a very violent neighborhood, an accident occurred. This guy was not intoxicated. He saw the scene getting violent, he left the scene and drove to the police station. According to law, what he did was wrong. A judge could look at that and go, yes, what you did was wrong. We automatically are going to... we're going to suspend your license, but there's never been a violation or a problem with your driving before and actually what

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occurred was probably had you stayed at the scene it wouldn't have even been a charge. It would have been a tragic accident, but I tell you what, I don't think you need to take this course. This person, all of a sudden, now has to pay whatever it is to go to this school and it might be that this person is in financial situation and if we... we are automatically forcing this, it doesn't give them the opportunity to get their license back without a great cost. You understand?"

Sente: "Absolutely."

Bost: "So, what you're doing in this language is you're taking away the power of the judge and once again, we're going to override, right? We're going to override them and we're going to say, hey, no, we're going to go ahead, from the Legislature, we don't even know the incident. We don't know the surrounding evidence. We don't know the situation, but we are going to force and tie the hands of a judge once again, and give him no lenience one way or another where a judge could look this over, and all of a sudden have to put a fee that you can't even tell me what the fee is that it's going to cost for this course."

Sente: "But, I also can't tell you what the fee is for the state to try each of these cases, so I feel comfortable that in these incidences..."

Bost: "This doesn't..."

Sente: "...that the cost to the state will be less by having fees..."

Bost: "No."

Sente: "...be mandated and have to..."

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Bost: "Representative... Representative, it doesn't stop the state's ability to try these cases. If someone's charged with one of these, you're going to be tried anyway. The court is still going to go through the procedure. Now, the individual may choose to plea that and just take the... the ticket or whatever, but even... even if they... that doesn't... those expenses are still going to be there. That doesn't save us in that area. Okay. Representative... Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, I understand what the Lady is trying to do; I understand that, but we cannot take away the power of a judge in this case to say, no, we don't need this extra cost placed and burdening someone who might be in a situation where they need the original removal of the license but not necessarily the course. I'd have to stand in opposition."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mike Zalewski."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Zalewski: "Representative, we... I know we spoke about this Bill. Can you explain why the Secretary of State has no position as opposed to being in favor of the Bill?"

Sente: "Because originally there were no exclusions for the Bill and so, then, now we entered these 11 specific reasons and with that change they went neutral."

Zalewski: "Can you elaborate on that a little? When you say there were no exclusions in the Bill, what do you mean?"

Sente: "The items that are listed in the Bill as the specific reasons, the specific 11 reasons under which... that are

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added into Amendment 1. That Amendment was done at the Secretary of State's request."

Zalewski: "So, if the... if the actual instances in which the class would be required weren't articulated, the Secretary of State may have been opposed to the Bill?"

Sente: "If it was just going to generally go to 'shall' with no exclusions, correct, then they would be opposed."

Zalewski: "Is there any specific reason why they... they don't endorse the Bill and to why they don't think it's good policy to require the class?"

Sente: "Well, more because it's an initiative of the National Safety Council. They are not necessarily in this business or occupation, but they do... are concerned that they're... we're driving safely out there. And so, these are the instances where they felt the situation was most egregious."

Zalewski: "I don't know if the previous speaker asked you and forgive me if I... if I'm being repetitive, but did... did he ask you if there was... if you knew the cost associated with the class?"

Sente: "He did and I do not know that cost."

Zalewski: "Is it possible that it varies from county to county based on what jurisdiction we're in?"

Sente: "I would not think that there would be any difference in cost county to county, but I cannot for sure say that. I did ask and I know the classes generally are four hour in length. Another class that they do run by the National Safety Council is \$50."

Zalewski: "Okay. Thank... thank you, Representative."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative... Leader Jim Durkin."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Durkin: "Representative, has the Secretary of State ever been in favor of this Bill since it was introduced?"

Sente: "They are not a proponent; they are neutral."

Durkin: "Have they ever been in favor of the Bill, yes or no?"

Sente: "I believe I answered the question..."

Durkin: "No, you didn't. Neutral is..."

Sente: "...as I understood it."

Durkin: "Yes or no? Have they ever been in favor of the Bill? It's easy..."

Sente: "They are not a proponent then."

Durkin: "And so, they are not in favor of the Bill, yes or no?"

Sente: "It's not their initiative."

Durkin: "In all of the years that I have been in Springfield where there have been restrictions placed on drivers, the Secretary of State's Office usually takes a fairly strong position and this is one Bill which I would think that if it was such a good Bill for drivers that they would have done more than neutral. Let me ask you this question. The remedial classes that these individuals are required to take..."

Sente: "Wait."

Durkin: " will they be done at the Secretary of State's Office or is it going to be... will the people be contracted out to hold these types of classes?"

Sente: "Contracted out by the National Safety Council."

Durkin: "They're the ones who will be..."

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Sente: "Yes."

Durkin: "...certifying the... the vendors?"

Sente: "They are the vendor that will provide the service."

Durkin: "And is that a for-profit or nonprofit organization?"

Sente: "I would guess it's a for-profit. I'm not certain."

Durkin: "I'm sorry. Could you repeat that?"

Sente: "I would imagine it's a for-profit, but I am not certain."

Durkin: "Is there any type of exemption or exception for an individual who, for a variety of reasons, whether it's work or some type of family circumstance where they would not be able to participate under this law where they would be able to get a reinstatement?"

Sente: "Do you mean that they would be able to reinstate the driving privileges?"

Durkin: "Are they able to reinstate... there is a laundry list of different vehicle... motor vote... motor vehicle violations which would trigger these remedial classes prior to reinstatement. Is there any exception in the law which would allow for an individual who has been... I can't say it. It'll be my next line of questioning, but someone who would be triggered would be re... would fall under this category? Is there any exception for them to be able to reinstate their license as opposed to going to these remedial classes?"

Sente: "No, I don't believe so. They need to take the class."

Durkin: "Now, don't you think that's a little harsh?"

Sente: "Not under these 11 circumstances, no, I don't."

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Durkin: "Okay. One of them I see is that three offenses against traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles committed within a 12-month period. So, the... one of them could be that I blew a stop sign; the other one is that I went five miles over the speed limit and various minor offenses like that. So, in that case, would my license would be suspended, correct? Those are three moving violations."

Sente: "Correct."

Durkin: "So, we're saying that someone who has those types of minor offenses they're going to have to... they're going to be required to participate in a remedial... some type of remedial education program in which we have no idea what the costs are and we're saying that for those three offenses before you're going to get your license reinstated you're going to have to go to a private vendor, go through classes. How long are those classes going to take?"

Sente: "The class is a four-hour class."

Durkin: "For how long?"

Sente: "It's a onetime four-hour class."

Durkin: "Is that written in the legislation?"

Sente: "No."

Durkin: "How do you know it's a one-hour class?"

Sente: "Because I checked."

Durkin: "Where did you check?"

Sente: "With the Secretary of State."

Durkin: "All right. Well, to the Bill. As well-intentioned as the Sponsor is, I think it's very alarming that the Secretary of State is neutral. They are not in support of

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this Bill, but we also have a very limited circumstances of traffic offenses which some are serious, some are not serious. Let's be very... let's be careful about how we're going to address these types of matters. People should be allowed the ability to, if there are circumstances in which are it's impossible for them to participate in these classes and there's a lot of different scenarios whether it's employment or they have a family situation, I think it's... I think we're going too far here. I don't think we've been able to get the appropriate responses to questions. And second of all, we're providing another... a significant amount of money to a for-profit organization to provide these types of classes. I would vote 'no'."

Speaker Lyons: "We have two speakers left: Reboletti and Franks and then Sente to close. Representative Reboletti."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, how did this Bill end up in the State Government Committee when we have a Judiciary II Committee that deals with criminal law issues all the time? And I served on a Traffic Motor Vehicle Safety Committee that meets regularly. How come this didn't end up in either one of those committees? What does it have to do with State Government?"

Sente: "Actually, I would agree with you. I have no idea why it went there and I thought it should be in Transportation, but that's not my decision."

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Reboletti: "You know, I'm looking at this laundry list of offenses. How come DUI isn't on here? Is the Transportation Safety Board not concerned about DUIs?"

Sente: "When I spoke about that matter with the Secretary of State, they said that... that that whole issue is handled in a separate way and they didn't want it to be part of this Bill."

Reboletti: "Well, I understand that, but why wouldn't we want those people who get a DUI to have to take a driver's safety class?"

Sente: "They take a different type of class was my understanding from the Secretary of State."

Reboletti: "I'm... I'm not sure about that. When you take a... any type of driver's improvement course throughout the state, is it all run by the same for-profit corporation or do each... does each 102 counties deal with it differently?"

Sente: "The Secretary of State, my understanding is, has some of these classes themselves. The National Safety Council runs some classes for the Secretary of State. They do now, but it doesn't preclude a different vendor from running a class for the Secretary of State."

Reboletti: "Are you concerned that the judiciary in their discretion is not exercising it enough that we need to mandate this and mandate the people at the Secretary of State's Office to do the same thing? They review the cases. They look at the driver's history, the driver's abstracts and they make a discretionary judgment call. Do you not believe that we have qualified professionals in both of those capacities to make those determinations?"

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Sente: "I absolutely believe we have qualified professionals in those areas, but I also think for a set series of vehicle offenses that is acceptable to free up the decision-making and say under these circumstances a class would be of benefit to the individual and the community at large."

Reboletti: "I'm looking at some of these. If somebody gets three charges of reckless driving in a 12-month period, I think jail would be more of a benefit for the community than a driver's school. I mean, at some point we have to trust the officials that we put in the courts, in the Secretary of State's Office, to mete out whatever punishment or rehabilitation that they feel is appropriate. I think this is very far-reaching and I would urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Jack Franks."

Franks: "To the Bill. I wasn't going to speak 'til I heard the last few and I... I'm not sure they're reading the same Bill that I am. These are for people who have had three reckless driving convictions within a period of 12 months and you're saying it's... it's too onerous to require them to go to one four-hour class. Are you kidding me? Do you want these people on the street? I mean, they could harm you or your children, God forbid, and we're saying, yeah, you have to go to a class for four hours for remedial training because you probably forgot how to drive right. This is not onerous. These objections are specious. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Sente to close."

Sente: "I would encourage an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lyons: "We've had a thorough discussion. All those in favor of the passage of Senate Bill 967 vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Harris, Jackson, Ramey. Mr. Clerk, take the record. 47 'yeas', 64 'noes', Representative Sente."

Sente: "I'd like to ask for a postponement of this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, put that Bill on the Order of Postponed Consideration. Leader Acevedo, you have Senate Bill 1617, Ed, on Third Reading. Out of the record. Members, I'll start on the top of page 5, Senate Bills- Third Reading. Leader Dan Burke on Senate Bill 2526. Dan Burke. Dan, Senate Bill 2526. Out of the record. Representative Chuck Krezwick on Senate Bill 2568. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2568, a Bill for Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Chuck Krezwick."

Krezwick: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, all this Bill does is allow the... a universal license plate for military to have the decal. It's similar to the current universal plates for veterans, but this just extends it to the retired military. Any questions?"

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the passage of Senate Bill 2568 signify by voting 'yes';

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those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Cole, Jefferson, Saviano. Cole, Saviano. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Greg Harris, Senate Bill 2824. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2824, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Greg Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill is an initiative of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka. It puts into statute what has been practiced and what is required by Federal Law regarding the child support funds saying that debts owed to the state cannot be deducted from the child support funds; however, interest on those funds can be used for debts owed to the state. I'd be happy to take any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the passage of Senate Bill 2824 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, Pam Roth, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed."

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Representative Robyn Gabel on Senate Bill 2839. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2839, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Robyn Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is an initiative of the Department of Natural Resources. It amends the Boat Registration and Safety Act. It corrects a typo. Previously it said that... that this... these flotation devices shall not apply to sailboards and they meant to say sailboats. So, it just changes the word from 'sailboard' to 'sailboat'. So, I'd 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 Senate Bill 2839 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? Feigenholtz, Kay Hatcher, Hernandez, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Pam Roth, Senate Bill 2882. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2882, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Roth."

Roth: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2882 requires the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to

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establish and maintain an Adopt a Park Program with individuals and group volunteers. Any questions?"

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation on 20... Senate Bill 2882. Is there discussion? Seeing none... Representative Moffitt."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Moffitt: "Representative, in view of reduced days open or hours or some temporary closures, is there any chance this could help keep parks open? Is there any possibility that would be a... would help you?"

Roth: "Absolutely. They will be... volunteers would be able to pick up litter and help in the volunteer centers and that kind of things freeing up the state employees to go out and do other things."

Moffitt: "Sure. Where some had actually had cut back on the number of employees and can't get everything done and with the camping season, the use of parks coming up, it would be helpful if we could. So, you see this as helping that?"

Roth: "I see this as a large... a very big help to the parks to help keep them open and keep them clean."

Moffitt: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the passage of Senate Bill 2882 signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Biss, Will Davis, Sara Feigenholtz, Deb Mell, Elaine Nekritz. We're missing a row on the Democratic side. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this

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Bill, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sid Mathias. We won't even put it in the record then in that case. Thank you, Representative. Representative Farnham, you have Senate Bill 2929. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2929, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Keith Farnham."

Farnham: "Yes. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, 2929 provides explicitly in the Public Community College Act that the Procurement of Domestic Products Act applies to the public community colleges to the extent practicable. Right now, it applies to universities but not to the community colleges. Therefore, this would make it apply to the community colleges 'where practicable'."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Leader Jim Durkin."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Durkin: "Representative, could you explain to me what does 'where practical'... what... give me some guidance on what that means?"

Farnham: "It's been applying... it's... this is applied to universities for some time, so I think there's pretty good guidelines in place. Practicable..."

Durkin: "Well, explain to me what those guidelines are before I vote on this."

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Farnham: "'Practicable' means where it makes sense to buy locally. Locally produced, United States produced, where we can buy from our own country."

Durkin: "If there's a product which is significantly less expensive than a similar product which is manufactured in the United States, are you saying that we have to purchase the product that's manufactured in the United States?"

Farnham: "No."

Durkin: "Okay. Again, I'd like to, you know, someone at the community college levels, I don't care what's going on at the universities. That doesn't make a difference with me for this moment. Give me some guidance and some... some type of legislative intent so these community colleges can determine what is meant by 'where practical' belongs in the application of this Bill. And I'm going to give you the floor."

Farnham: "I think it's pretty clear. As I said, if they're..."

Durkin: "Clear as mud. Come on."

Farnham: "Now, let me speak. I think that it's pretty clear that 'practicable' means that we're not to go out and spend way more money for something just because it's produced here in the United States. And the community colleges, I have one in my district, we're not tying their hands and there's no opposition to this from any of the community colleges."

Durkin: "I beg to differ. You are tying their hands because we've not given them guidance of what exactly 'where practical' means. While you just stated the definition of

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'practical', I don't believe it's memorialized in this Bill. Is that correct?"

Farnham: "All this does is include the community colleges into the Procurement Bill."

Durkin: "What is the enforcement mechanism under this Bill against a community college if there is a determination that they did not act in a practical manner?"

Farnham: "I have no idea. I'm sorry."

Durkin: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Farnham to close."

Farnham: "It's a very simple Bill. It just includes the community colleges into the same procurement policy that the universities have. And it does not tie their hands in any way. There is no opposition. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Farnham moves for the passage of Senate Bill 2929. 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, Evans, Hammond, Sommer. Mr. Clerk... Representative Evans, like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 76 Members voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sid Mathias, how about Senate Bill 2949. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2949, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

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Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2949 amends the University Religious Observance Act. It just provides that a student can get an excused absence if you're in a institution of higher learning and if you're unable to attend class or participate due to a... you know... religious holiday or due to your religious beliefs. You do have to make up the work or the test as long as you notify the faculty member or instructor so they have sufficient time to make other arrangements and tell them of your anticipated absence. Again, there was no opposition to this once Committee Amendment 1 was added. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any other... is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 2949 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Chapa LaVia, Monique Davis, Riley, Saviano. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Farnham, you're on a roll. You have, on Senate Bills-Third Reading, on page 5 of the Calendar, Senate Bill 2993. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2993, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Farnham."

Farnham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 2993. Amends the Fox Waterway Agency Act to change the

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qualifications necessary to be appointed to serve as the agency's executive director. With the changes suggested in 2993, the executive director will only need to be a person of recognized ability in business or waterway management. Fox Waterway Agency's governed by a board of directors comprised of one person... one chairperson and six directors. This is a Bill that Senator Althoff brought from the Senate and I am bringing it to the House."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of Senate Bill 2993. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of 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? Gordon. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 99 Members voting 'yes', 14 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Randy Ramey, on page 5 of the Calendar, Randy, you have Senate Bill 3184. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3184, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Randy Ramey."

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill was brought to me by the Carroll Stream Park District; it's in my district. They went out to referendum a couple years ago for a \$37 million bond. With the lowering of property values, they were not able to bond out the entire amount. So, with this Bill, this would allow them to complete all their projects that

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they put before the people which was passed on that referendum. So, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Ramey: "No, I don't."

Franks: "That's a fetching outfit you're wearing today, Representative."

Ramey: "You like it?"

Franks: "Yeah, I do. I do."

Ramey: "It is Tuesday, Representative."

Franks: "So, I want to make sure I understand this. This is a Bill to increase taxes?"

Ramey: "No."

Franks: "It's a Bill to spend \$15 million more, right?"

Ramey: "No."

Franks: "What is it because it seems to me like these big numbers? I'm not sure I get it."

Ramey: "Well, we're not expanding government, either, Representative. The idea here is that they put out to referendum \$37 million two years ago and when they went to go borrow the money, with the lower property values, they were not able to borrow the entire amount. So, what we've done in the past with school districts have done the same thing is to allow them to extend the payment on the... on this borrowed money but does not raise taxes."

Franks: "But it allows them to borrow more money?"

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Ramey: "Allows them to borrow the amount that the taxpayers approved."

Franks: "But they can't do it now, why?"

Ramey: "Because it'll lower property values in the area. The EAV fell."

Franks: "I get it. So, would that make it... they would have to extend the levy to be able to pay for these bonds? There'll be additional bonds."

Ramey: "They don't have to borrow more money, they just have to extend the time that they will be paying them."

Franks: "Right. So, they have to pay for more time that way they'd be paying more money?"

Ramey: "Overall, yeah, that would be a correct statement."

Franks: "Okay. That's..., I was just trying to make sure that we understand we're on the same page."

Ramey: "Absolutely."

Franks: "So, this would actually cost the taxpayers more money over time, not whether it was previously approved, but the fact that you would be extending the payment means they'd be paying for longer and more?"

Ramey: "They're not paying for more, they're just paying a longer time on the amount that was approved."

Franks: "But wouldn't there be more money because they'd be paying longer, there'd be more interest?"

Ramey: "No. Well, the rates is whatever they're borrowing at. Obviously, those rates are low right now, but if the voters approved \$37 million..."

Franks: "But... but they..."

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Ramey: "...what they could borrow now is 20... up to about 22. With the Speaker's Amendment on here, it allows for the other 15. So, the total amount is 37 which was approved. So, it's not more that they're borrowing, it's just that this allows them to borrow what was approved."

Franks: "It just seems like it's \$15 million more to me no matter how you try to explain it. Because right now it's only 22, right?"

Ramey: "Which would be allowed because of the property value rates, correct."

Franks: "Right. Is this your last Bill?"

Ramey: "Presumably, yes."

Franks: "Is this how you want to go out? I want to know."

Ramey: "I'm wearing the red jacket."

Franks: "Okay."

Ramey: "I go out helping my district, Representative, just as you do."

Franks: "I think it's..."

Ramey: "So, if I could go out on this note, why not. I voted for that referendum, so I'm going to help them get all that they requested."

Franks: "Blaze of glory."

Ramey: "That's what I'm saying."

Franks: "I'm going to miss you. I really am."

Ramey: "You, too, my friend."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mike Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Bill. I want to commend the Sponsor for helping out, pushing this Bill forward. This is just the case of the park district being caught up

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in the change, the unexpected drop in assessed valuation. They got the approval to borrow the money, but due to the way we structure our State Law, capping on a certain assessed valuation, they got caught when it dropped. Certainly had they known about the drop, I'm sure they would have folded it in, in a way that would have also passed. They had a comfortable margin when this referendum passed. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Ramey to close."

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As was mentioned, unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, this may be my last Bill. So, I think many have worn the red jacket with their first Bill, I look forward to a 'yes' vote on this and wearing it on my last. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should Senate Bill 3184 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? Will Davis, Al Riley. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 80 Members voting 'yes', 33 Members voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Emily McAsey, on the Order of Senate Bills-Third Readings, on page 5 of the Calendar, Senate Bill 3204. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3204, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Emily McAsey."

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McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. The Senate Bill before us is an agreed Bill between the Department of Aging, the AARP as well as various financial institutions. Essentially this is correcting an unintended consequence of the Power of Attorney rewrite and some unintended consequences with regard to specific contracts for financial institutions may be acting as an agent. I know of no opposition and would ask for the support of the Body."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the passage of Senate Bill 3204 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 Evans. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 2 Members voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Michelle Mussman, you have Senate Bill 3243. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3243, a Bill for an Act concerning microlending. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Michelle Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Senate Bill 3243 creates the Business Microloan and Investment Fund in the State Treasury to be administered by the DCEO, subject to appropriation. The DCEO will make grants and training available in the microloan lending

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practice available to nonprofit intermediaries who will provide loans to small businesses. Access to capital is a well-known problem for our small businesses; banks have been reluctant to loan money out especially in small quantities. A report will be made back to the General Assembly to evaluate the effectiveness of the program, document its usage and make recommendations for future improvement. I am happy to take any questions."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Sullivan: "Representative, we're looking at some of the opposition from the Senate and I would ask you, was there any opposition to this in committee or could you expand on why there's opposition in the Senate?"

McAsey: "I'm not actually familiar with opposition in the Senate. The votes were very strong there. There were only a handful of, I guess, concerns. I think any of the concerns come back to starting a new program subject to appropriation. That that's the pushback that I've heard."

Sullivan: "Looking at our analysis, this says that 300 non-for-profits will be awarded these grants. Is there anything in the Bill that says they need to be statewide? Can they just be subject to Chicago or any nuances like that or is it just up to DCEO how they would want to do it?"

McAsey: "It's up to the DCEO how they choose to distribute the funds. There's not a mandatory 300. There's not already

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preset names. Actually, the City of Chicago already has a program like this begun by Mayor Emanuel, so this will be a statewide program."

Sullivan: "I guess my... my bigger concern is generally in the State of Illinois most of these grant programs flow towards Chicago and my concern would be to make sure that they flow away from Chicago or at least have some folks in southern Illinois or my area that would be eligible for this. And especially, with you bringing up the fact that Chicago already has a program like this... so, that's my main concern. So, there's nothing in the legislation that would say, hey, we have to have at least some outside of the City of Chicago?"

Mussman: "There's... there's not a quantity divided that suggests how many have to be urban or rural, but rural is definitely written into the language of the Bill. It is really meant to help women-owned, minorities, rural... rural programs, anything that really needs a little extra boost right now."

Sullivan: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Mike Bost."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Bost: "Representative, I'm... I'm just trying to figure out... so, this is a loan or grant and the total amount... well, you said subject to appropriation, correct?"

Mussman: "The total amount to initiate the program is subject to appropriation. What will happen is the DCEO can give grants to intermediaries. The intermediary will then loan to a business in its community and the interest and the

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payback of the loan will continue to fund the intermediary to continue to share out. So, the grant is seed money going to the intermediaries."

Bost: "So... so, basically... when you say the intermediary, who would that be? What... what group could that be or what person would that be?"

Mussman: "Well, it's going to be a nonprofit within the community that's been vetted by the DCEO. If you read the logistics of the Bill, it explains how they would develop the criteria for which they're approved by the DCEO. The DCEO would provide training to bring more intermediaries on."

Bost: "Would... would this be your local economic development group? What are we talking about as far as who would be the... the person doing the distributing of these funds?"

Mussman: "Well, I... again, I think it could be anybody within the community who the DCEO feels makes sense to be the host for these loan moneys. Once they're trained and vetted, then they will become the host. They don't... we don't have a preset list of who these organizations will be, that's obviously going to change community to community."

Bost: "Well, what criteria are they going to use then to decide who they are? That's what I'm trying to figure out."

Mussman: "Right. So, that is written in the le... in the Bill. The intermediary means a private nonprofit entity, private nonprofit community development organization. They have to turn in an application in order to be approved. So, that's all written up."

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Bost: "Okay. So, could it be... but it must be a private... So, in other words, for instance, in... we have a lot of our smaller communities that for years have had what's known as the business revolving loan funds. Okay? And that this is similar to what I think you're talking about and that is that basically, a municipality, the local businesses in that municipality have a new started business that might need just a section that needs 5 or 10 thousand dollars or... of storefront repair or whatever. And so, they give them that at a low interest and then it comes back in so then it can be given out again."

Mussman: "Yes."

Bost: "Can the municipalities then be the ones that would be doing this?"

Mussman: "Well, they haven't been specifically excluded as long as the DCEO vets them and determines that they're a good resource for this, I would assume that they could."

Bost: "Okay. So... but I'm trying to think, at this time, when are we going to and where are we going to come up with the money to... I know this is subject to appropriation... how long... see, I did a Bill a couple years ago that I thought we should go through and find everything that has been passed subject to appropriation and if it doesn't get appropriated in four years, it drops off the books and our statutes get about three volumes smaller. So, what is your long-term plan with this? I mean, right now our budget doesn't look very good. Are we going to keep it on the books for 10, 12, 14 years and..."

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Mussman: "Well, I certainly would hope that it wouldn't take that long to see it appropriated. And I am very, very sensitive considering the Appropriations Committees that I sit on to the dire situation of our budget. But at the same time we also know that small business is going to be an economic engine in our state and in our communities. This is seed money that they need to get themselves moving. This is support that they are not currently receiving from our banks. Despite the federal bailout of the banks, they're not doing enough to help the businesses in our communities. Here is an opportunity where the state could start looking forward, as we're recovering from our... from our financial situation and I think that this is a good investment in our businesses that is going to come back to us. You'll see that there are other states that are also making this a priority."

Bost: "Represent... Representative, just so you know, I'm not disagreeing with your Bill and this is not directed at you. But maybe... maybe, just maybe, what small business wants is government to get out of their lives and allow them to operate their business and stay away from them and don't try to choke them to the point that they're either got to go to another state or shut down and get rid of their employees. That's not directed at you. It is... I understand what you're trying here, but maybe what we ought to realize is, is that the best way for government to help business is stay away from them."

Mussman: "Well, Sir, I certainly appreciate that concern. I think one of the things that we're seeing is that

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government is a way to draw in private funds which could also be used to support these other businesses and we see right now that independent private banks are not providing a support that we could certainly be providing. We've... we've bent over backwards to be supporting the much larger businesses in our state and here is an opportunity for government to be an ally to those businesses and hopefully alleviate some of the pressures that they're feeling despite our reputation for being business unfriendly."

Bost: "Well, quite a few... quite a bit of what might needs to be brought up as well is, is maybe the reason why some of those banks are not providing the loans is there's so much regulation there that they're scared to give those loans and we kind of take that power away from them too. But on a lighter note, in the Marine Corps I was enlisted and so just Representative is fine but don't... the Sir thing, I actually work for a living."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Durkin. Leader Jim Durkin."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Durkin: "What do you estimate the collective dollar amount to be on an annual basis if this is appropriated... if money is appropriated for this program?"

Mussman: "Do you mean money that's appropriated for the program through the appropriation?"

Durkin: "Well, you said it's subject to appropriation in the last line of questioning."

Mussman: "Correct."

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Durkin: "What do you estimate would be the annual dollar value of this program?"

Mussman: "I think again that would be subject to appropriation..."

Durkin: "Okay."

Mussman: "...to the committee that it's going to be vetted to, how much we feel we can... we can use to get started. Once the program's been evaluated, we see how it's working, we see how the returns are, I think at that point we would use that information to decide what's a good investment going forward the next year."

Durkin: "Is there a sunset on this Bill?"

Mussman: "Not a specific sunset, no. When we come back... it should be evaluated a year after its implementation. In that time..."

Durkin: "It should. Is that written..."

Mussman: "...they will decide..."

Durkin: "...is that written in the Bill?"

Mussman: "Well, the Bill is currently set for the evaluation to be performed on November 1st of 2014."

Durkin: "What is the value..."

Mussman: "So, on that date they will state whether or not they feel the program is worth continuing and if so, if they have any recommendations for improvement going forward. But yes, at the November date, the evaluation would state whether or not they feel it's important for the program to continue."

Durkin: "So, if there are 300 recipients of these grants... Well, let me back up. Is this a grant or is it a loan? Is it a..."

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Mussman: "From the DCEO perspective, it's a grant. Once the intermediary has the money, it's a loan."

Durkin: "Well, and explain to me if the grant then that means generally it doesn't get repaid. Now, how does it turn into a loan which then must be repaid?"

Mussman: "The loan will be repaid to the intermediary and the intermediary will use that to continue funding businesses in the community that it represents."

Durkin: "Does the intermediary get paid for their services?"

Mussman: "Not that I'm aware of. I think that would have to be negotiated somewhere else."

Durkin: "All right. Now, I've... intermediary is kind of a generic term and I've seen over the years problems when intermediaries are involved with any type of state dollars. Are the intermediaries or the vendors subject to the Illinois Procurement Code or the Ethics Act?"

Mussman: "That I wouldn't know."

Durkin: "Could you ask your staffer whether or not that is true?"

Mussman: "We could find that out. I don't have a person available."

Durkin: "I'd like to know that. Is there a prohibition on any Member of the Legislature to lobby on behalf of a vendor?"

Mussman: "That's not specifically drafted in the language of the Bill."

Durkin: "Do you think that that would be a good idea to have that type of prohibition in the Bill?"

Mussman: "Well, that's certainly something that we could discuss. I don't know that I..."

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Durkin: "That's a good answer. You've been around here long enough to be able to respond in a nonresponsive way. Congratulations. All right. Well, it seems to me that we don't have a dollar figure, it's subject to appropriation. But with these types of programs, as with a number of our types of capital grants and other types of state moneys involved, we've experienced problems in the past. I think this is a Senate Bill. I would behoove you and I think would highly recommend that we have in place a Procurement Code and Ethic... Ethics Act that would apply to these types of transactions. Do you agree?"

Mussman: "I think that's something that should be examined, yes."

Durkin: "Examined? I don't think we need to examine it. I think history speaks volumes in this chamber of how these problems have occurred in the past. Don't you think it should just be inserted in the Bill? It's very simple. Take the Bill out of the record, place the Amendment in and then you've got a wonderful Bill to present to the... to the people of the State of Illinois and also your district."

Mussman: "I appreciate the concerns, but I think that any of those could be addressed in the trailer Bill for the appropriations when we choose to move the Bill forward. But I think that we're going to continue to call the Bill in its present condition."

Durkin: "Ah, I think you're making a big mistake."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reboletti."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

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Reboletti: "Representative, I'm looking at the language of the Bill and it talks about participation at the amount of \$3.5 million in later years. Does that number ring a bell to you?"

Mussman: "Not specifically, no."

Reboletti: "I'm... I'm trying to figure out exactly what an intermediary is? In my mind an intermediary is a bank and the bank puts loans out. Who... what would an intermediary look like? What would their name be, in a hypothetical, in your district? Who would... who would apply for this grant? Who would be the intermediary in Schaumburg and then who would then get the grant and then pay the money back to the intermediary?"

Mussman: "Well, I th... I think the intermediary could be any number of groups. Again, it's a nonprofit organization that would be designed for this purpose. I believe in Chicago the group is called Accent or Accion. Perhaps the Small Business Association could also be a vehicle through this. I don't have a title already existing for my neighborhood."

Reboletti: "Where is this 3.5 million or... those 300 grants and I'm not sure what the amount would be. Where's that money going to come from?"

Mussman: "Any of the money, remember, is subject to appropriation, the money would come from us."

Reboletti: "I understand that. We are going to cut about \$2.7 million from Medicaid and we haven't finished that task. We have billions of dollars in unfunded liabilities. We haven't addressed that yet. We haven't passed a balanced budget in years and now we may try to find a few million

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dollars for not-for-profits for a loan that we're going to give to an intermediary that they may pay back with some interest?"

Mussman: "Again, this is not meant to be taking effect within this current budget year. Yes, obviously, in deference to the extreme budget crisis that we are in, but I think it's important that we have this in the record and we put it out there to examine going forward. Again, part of the problem with the budget in the state is we need to make sure our businesses large and small are functioning as effectively as they can. I think this is a good opportunity for the state to step in and become a resource for those businesses where the banks are not supporting them at this moment in time."

Reboletti: "I get..."

Mussman: "So, when the... when the time is appropriate, we will examine what's an appropriate amount of money to put into this fund."

Reboletti: "Representative, that's where I think you and I have a fundamental disagreement on the state's role in involving themselves with business. Every year not-for-profits across this state give the State of Illinois lines of credit because we don't pay our bills. We haven't paid for childcare yet. We have people closing childcare facilities down. I have providers in my district that are within a payment or two of shutting down themselves, as we all do and now we're looking at potentially appropriating millions of dollars down the road to help stimulate the economy. What would help stimulate the economy is to stop taxing it

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to death, to stop regulating it to death and mandating it to death and then maybe some of these not-for-profits could spend the money that we do give them in an effective and efficient way and actually get paid when they're supposed to the amount they're supposed to. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Our two final speakers will be Representative Kay and Representative Will Davis. Representative Kay."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Kay: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, you and I have had a conversation or two about this and I'm not going to go back over any old ground here. I'm going to begin where maybe we left off the last time. But based on the conversation we've had today, the first question I'd have of this particular Bill is, if a grant becomes a loan and we're loaning money out just like a bank would, would the State of Illinois then be subject to any sort of lawsuits?"

Mussman: "No, not that I'm aware of, no. The sp..."

Kay: "Why not?"

Mussman: "The State of Illinois, again, is going to give the money directly to the intermediary. The intermediary is responsible for the loan being repaid. It is repaid to the intermediary. It's meant for the intermediary to then become self-sufficient at loaning this money out."

Kay: "Okay. Well, tell me... we had this conversation the other day about the funding of the banks and I know you've said it's subject to appropriation. Tell me again, as we look at the... we look at the finances of the state itself, where do

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you... where do you deem it possible for us to draw down money to put into a function like this?"

Mussman: "I think that we need to find a place... again, I think this is a very reasonable concern and we know that as soon as the state puts the money into the... into play, we draw down private funds from outside. And I think that's important. I think that that need to show that the state is going to back it up, that the state has a little bit of skin in the game and they're going to be willing to participate. We see this over and over with a number of programs. We're just getting the ball started and we're showing the small businesses that we think they're an important investment and we're willing to back them up. Again, Illinois has a terrible reputation for its business friendliness. We know that we, again, bent over backwards last year for our biggest players and how many of the small and intermediary size businesses said, well, what are you ever going to do for me, if I'm not big enough to play in this game. Here's an opportunity for the state to make them a priority."

Kay: "Well, let me... let me ask this question. Wouldn't it be more appropriate... I'm not sure I know what an intermediary is, but if this is a great idea and it might be, I'm not sure, why not just give grants to banks and have them disperse the money where there's regulators involved and you have people that are credible in the field? They don't have issues, so to speak, with state finances and paying the bill. Why wouldn't we just hand it over and make banks an intermediary, just give the grants to them?"

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Mussman: "I think that the intermediaries have a lot more flexibility than the banks and I think that we've seen that the banks traditionally do not want to involve themselves in loans this small. It's not a priority for them. It's not... it's not cost-effective for them to have staff managing these smaller loans. They have historically not done it. And I don't know that the State of Illinois giving them grants would change that factor."

Kay: "Representative, what is a small loan to you?"

Mussman: "These loans have to max out at no more than \$35 thousand. Most of the loans are probably considerably less, more like 5 thousand."

Kay: "And you're saying we need this Bill because we can't find banks who will give loans of \$35 thousand out?"

Mussman: "Correct. Most of the banks right now that I'm hearing from my small businesses are very reluctant to go below \$100 thousand and a lot of the smaller businesses just don't need money of that magnitude. They just need something smaller, which is why it's called a microloan to begin with."

Kay: "Okay. Well, that's curious. I have not heard that down my way, but maybe it's different in northern Illinois. Tell me about the risk factor here. Since we are going to be establishing ourself as a banking entity, so to speak, who's going to assume the risk for a failed loan?"

Mussman: "The intermediaries will assume the risk. And it's not meant to go to risky or credit-poor businesses. They have to prove that they didn't... they were not able to get a regular loan through traditional means but it's not meant

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to be an investment in a poor... in a poorly performing business. Now, again, that's going to have to be being vetted the intermediary and the intermediary is the one losing out on the loan when it's not repaid. But we know historically 90 percent of these loans are repaid accurately, when you're seeing them perform in other places."

Kay: "Well, my question is about risk. So, again, if there's bad loans made and that happens occasionally, just doesn't work out, we're going to appropriate more money then to cover the losses that... to cover the bad loans that are incurred? Is that the way it works?"

Mussman: "I think that would be up to us to make that decision. When we go through the review process, we see how many loans were given out and who they were going to go to and what is the repaid... rate of repayment and we determine how the program is functioning, if there are ways that we can improve it going forward to make sure that they were not taking on bad loans or again, if we see that we're taking on bad loans, we see this is not a good investment, we may choose to shut that program down."

Kay: "Okay. Are you in favor of a state bank?"

Mussman: "No, I am not or not at this time. This has nothing to do with that at all. This is an independent project. I know that was a concern for you, but this is... this is not in any way meant to be any part of a future state bank. This is an independent program."

Kay: "Okay. Representative, I guess I'm taking... I know you've worked hard on this. And I... I suspect in your case you see

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some merit because you've had a problem or two in your area. But I have to tell you that being familiar with the banking business, I don't know of any bank that would not make a \$35 thousand loan to people who have good credit or even questionable credit. Banks are in the... I would say the business of making loans and it seems to me like what we're doing is competing with the very people that are trying to provide loans and we're doing it through a grant process to an intermediary who has no accountability and then somehow we're going to have to go back at some point in time and refund those bad debts, so to speak. I'm not sure I got that quite right, but I guess I'll just end on this. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. It seems to me like we're creating something here that we... we can't regulate, we don't have guidelines, there's no specific criteria and albeit, I think the Sponsor's worked very hard on this Bill. I think we're really creating something that exists and we're creating it under the auspices of a state program. And our track record with regard to state programs is really not too great. One last... one last comment, Mr. Speaker. The State of Illinois, I think, is not lacking in giving loans. I don't think we have a bad reputation for that. I think we have... we have certainly though deserved a bad reputation for the way we've treated business with respect to how we handle workers' compensation, taxability and regulation. That's what I hear is our problem in the State of Illinois. But all due respect, I appreciate your hard work, but I'm going to be voting 'no'."

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Speaker Lyons: "I clearly announced that Representative Kay and Representative Davis would be the last speakers. So, Representative Will Davis and then Representative Mussman to close."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much. So, if I understood what I've heard so far, so DCEO will give a... a loan or a grant to an intermediary. Is that a non-for-profit or a small business?"

Mussman: "The intermediary is a not-for-prof... not-for-profit organization within a community that's looking for opportunities to support the small businesses in that community."

Davis, W.: "Okay. Is there anything in this Bill that speaks to the fact that loans will have to be ma... or the intermediaries will have... Oh, let me take a step back. So, the intermediaries will be selected by a RFP?"

Mussman: "They'll be selected by the DCEO when they... they'll submit applications and they'll be vetted by the director of the DCEO for this program."

Davis, W.: "So, it's not an RFP. It'll be solely subject to DCEO?"

Mussman: "Correct."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, is there any language that speaks to that you have to have intermediaries in various communities or does it... does it not speak to that?"

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Mussman: "It does say that the funds will be given to intermediaries..."

Davis, W.: "No."

Mussman: "...in those communities."

Davis, W.: "Well, no, in specific communities. Like, for instance..."

Mussman: "No, it does not designate..."

Davis, W.: "...will there be in any of the area of the South Suburbs? Will there be one on the south side of Chicago, the west side of Chicago?"

Mussman: "It does not designate by..."

Davis, W.: "It does not?"

Mussman: "...by county, no. It's..."

Davis, W.: "So... so, to me that's strike two. First of all, you're giving DCEO complete authority to pick where the intermediaries are going to be. And then secondly, they're not designated for any particular area, particularly in maybe some of those areas where businesses and not-for-profit are having a little trouble with the capital that they need to be able to move forward."

Mussman: "The Bill itself targets urban and rural areas and small businesses, minority-owned businesses in those areas."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, what's the definition of 'urban' or 'rural' for that matter?"

Mussman: "As defined in the area 'rural area' means any political subdivision of unincorporated area in a nonmetropolitan county as defined by the Secretary of Agriculture or its equivalent. A metropolitan county or its

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equivalent has a resident population of less than 20 thousand, if the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has determined such a political subdivision or area to be 'rural'."

Davis, W.: "That's interesting because you know the Illinois Tollway Authority defines the south suburban area as rural.. as 'urban'. Did you know that?"

Mussman: "I did not know that."

Davis, W.: "They... Okay. So, what's the 'urban' definition?"

Mussman: "It does not specifically define 'urban' that I am seeing."

Davis, W.: "Doesn't define what 'urban' is necessarily? I guess anything that's not 'rural' right?"

Mussman: "Well, I'm going to guess that it's going to have more than 20 thousand residents."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, because based on what the previous speaker said that your interest in this is maybe where banks are falling short, so one thing that banks have to do is their community reinvestment requirements, that banks have to do. I don't think that they're doing what they're supposed to do and there are probably a number of other people. So, does this Bill put any of these types of... those types of requirements on the intermediaries to make sure that they're... 'Cause what I... what I see is we have in the State of Illinois a number of large very profitable non-for-profit entities. And my fear is that they will be the grantors and then they will have the decision of making to see who the grantees are. They will receive those dollars and then they will make those decisions and just like we've

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seen in some respects the flow of dollars traditionally from large organizations that are supposed to give to community-based organizations that they won't do it. So, unless your language speaks to it and requires and says that they have to do things like that, then I'm just trying to understand why would I... why would I give that... that kind of autonomy to a not-for-profit organization?"

Mussman: "So, as part of the application process, each intermediary needs to submit a description to the director of the type of businesses it wants to assist, the size and range of the loans to be made, the geographic area to be served, the economic poverty, the unemployment characteristics, the status of the small business in question. So, all of this will need to be happening in order to be considered for the loan."

Davis, W.: "You're saying the intermediary tells them who they want to help. What guides them in reference to who they want to help? What guidance is provided that they have to do certain things, they have to look for these kinds of communities, have to do these kinds of... in these kinds of areas? What guides them?"

Mussman: "Okay. I don't think those in particular have been called out, maybe the detail in satisfaction that you were looking for."

Davis, W.: "Well, it's not a matter of satisfaction I'm looking for. Now, I haven't been here very long and certainly not that much longer than you, but hopefully you've seen with certain pieces of legislation that there are just certain things that happen and unless we specifically ask for

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certain things, there's no expectation that they will happen. And what I... what I..."

Mussman: "And I certainly think..."

Davis, W.: "...don't see, at least what I haven't heard, is... in this piece of legislation... is what guides... first of all how the intermediaries are selected, first of all. And then secondly, secondly, what will guide that intermediary to make sure that they're doing the right thing in terms of providing loans, providing the resources that community-based organizations have. Now, I don't know if they come to your office, but I get no shortage of community-based organizations coming to my office looking for resources to try to do... they're willing to compete for them. They're willing to apply for them, but unfortunately, they just don't exist. And if you give that authority to a larger non-for-profit organization, I have no assurance that that organization will do the right thing to make sure that tomorrow... you mentioned grants as low as \$5 thousand. That's perfect for some. So, how do I know that they'll do that? How do... how do... what guarantee do I have that they would do that if it's not already set out in the requirements? I'm not just going to leave it subjective to someone. It has to be in the requirements, has to. So, unless you can convince me that that's there, then I just can't support this kind of legislation."

Mussman: "And I think that certainly would be part of the training program that would be performed by the DCEO before it makes a loan out to the intermediaries. They have to go through a training process in how to... in the details of the

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microlending process. And again, I think any other details would be worked out as part of the appropriation negotiation that would have to follow once an appropriation was made."

Davis, W.: "Well, I'm no... I'm no... I'm no legislative scholar in that respect, but I would just beg to differ that unless it's outlined in some way specifically in the legislation when you walk in the door that you can't necessarily guarantee that someone's going to have a good conscience to make sure those kinds of things happen. So, just, as far as myself is concerned, I'm going to have to respectfully vote 'no' on the legislation. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mussman to close."

Mussman: "I appreciate the very spirited dialogue that we've had over this concern. I do think, again, I think this is an opportunity for us to put our investment and our backing behind our small businesses in our state. I think we have the opportunity to make a thoughtful appropriation. In future years when the money becomes available, I think it's an investment that will pay us back. And I'd appreciate your consideration on an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Lady moves for the passage of Senate Bill 3243. 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? Dugan, Golar, Penny. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 51 Members voting 'yes', 63 Members voting 'no'. Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, take the record. 51-63, 'ayes' to 'noes', the Motion fails... Bill fails."

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Representative Emily McAsey, on the bottom of page 5, you have Senate Bill 3250. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3250, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Emily McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This Bill would assist property taxpayers. It's an initiative of the County Treasurers. Essentially, what it does is ensure that property taxpayers have the entire statutory period to make their first or really any of their payments to make sure that they're not accruing interest or penalized for delays on the part of a county treasurer. It's a codification of the treasurers' existing practices. It passed the Senate unanimously. I know of no opposition and ask for the Body's support."

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

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, does this also apply to Cook County 'cause I know their Tax Code is a little bit different than the other 101 counties across the state?"

McAsey: "No, this does not. So..."

Reboletti: "Why not?"

McAsey: "It is specific to the Tax Code that the majority of counties where the first tax bill is made... mailed out May 1 and then June... June 1. So, it's specific to that calendar. Right now, there have been instances where county

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treasurers are mailing the first bill, for example, May the 4th. They... in the Code right now, it says that the first payment's due June the 1st, but in fact, really what we're saying is that those taxpayers shouldn't be accruing any interest until the... June the 4th to make sure that... you know this is... good for the taxpayer."

Reboletti: "No, I appreciate that. I just got my tax bill as well. What about the taxpayers in Cook County? What will happen to them?"

McAsey: "I can't speak to that. I can speak to what this specific Bill does to help property taxpayers around the state. If that's a conversation you'd like to have at another time, I'm... I'm happy to have that conversation, but would like to stick to the language of this particular legislation."

Reboletti: "Well, I just always wondered why Cook County has had their property taxes different than every other county across the state, but that's a discussion for another day. Thank you."

McAsey: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative McAsey to close."

McAsey: "I would ask for the support of the Body to assist property taxpayers, make sure that they are not unnecessarily paying interest for no fault of their own. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative McAsey moves for the passage of Senate Bill 3250. 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

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who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Brauer moves for a suspension of a posting Motion. Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ask for a suspension of posting requirement on Senate Bill 2494."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman makes a Motion to suspend the posting requirements. Seeing no objection, all those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the posting Motion carries. Representative Esther Golar, personal privilege, Esther?"

Golar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like the record to reflect that on Senate Bill 3243 I would like to be listed as a 'no'."

Speaker Lyons: "The Journal will reflect your wishes."

Golar: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status, on page 3 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Second Reading, with House Bill 4277."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4277, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Daniel Burke, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Burke on Floor Amendment #1. Mr. Clerk, take the Bill out of the record. Representative Acevedo, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

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Acevedo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Senate Bill 3243, my button was pressed as a 'yes'. I'd like to be recorded as a 'no'."

Speaker Lyons: "The Journal will reflect your request. Representative Pihos, on page 14 of the Calendar, under Concurrences, you have House Bill 3474. Read the Bill.. Representative Pihos on House Bill 3474."

Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3474 allows participation in MI.. IMRF by noncertified employees of the Philip J. Rock Center. They have... they are a nontaxable body and they have been participating in IMRF since their inception through a school district. But now that IMRF has recalculated the assets and the liability, they need to have the technical correction of having their own number so that they can pay the liabilities directly. And I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation on Senate Amendment #1. Is there any discussion? The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1?' This is final action. 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, Sandy Pihos. Would you like to vote for your own Bill, Sandy? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 75 Members voting 'yes', 38 Members voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3474. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is

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hereby declared passed. Representative Chapin Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Rose: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Chapin."

Rose: "Mr. Speaker, on the last Bill, House Bill 3474, my fingers are too fat and I meant to hit the 'no' and instead hit the 'present' button."

Speaker Lyons: "Really? Wow. The Journal will reflect your request, Representative. Mr. Clerk, on the Order of Resolutions, on page 15 of the Calendar, Representative Lisa Dugan has House Joint Resolution 79. Representative Dugan, House Joint Resolution 79."

Dugan: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. House Joint Resolution 79 addresses to set up a task force for vocational and career centers. What we'd like to do is this is a part of education that we believe is very important, vocational training. And so... but what we want to look at it throughout the state. So, this is to set up a task force to hold hearings throughout the state to look at what we have available but to also look at what we can do to make sure that vocational ed is something and the skills training is something we keep as a priority in this state. So, I would certainly appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation on House Joint Resolution 79. Chair recognizes Representative Jack Franks."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

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Franks: "My assistant wanted to know how many other task force where the Lieutenant Governor actually gets to appoint a member?"

Dugan: "Where... as many as she would like we will have her be part of a task force."

Franks: "But I just... has there ever been a time when a Lieutenant Governor has appointed anybody on a... on a task force?"

Dugan: "Well, I don't know, but this Lieutenant Governor we have is very, very involved and yes... yes, it is."

Franks: "I'm just..."

Dugan: "Yeah."

Franks: "I'm just wondering what the Lieutenant Governor's duties are statutorily. Does the Lieutenant Governor have the ability to appoint a task member? I'm not sure, under the Constitution, that we can give this power to the Lieutenant Governor."

Dugan: "Yeah... yes. Yes, we can, Representative Franks. Precedence has been set. I think we did it with the EMS task force that I set up."

Franks: "'Cause my legal counsel here says I'm right."

Dugan: "Yes, I see your helper there."

Franks: "She agrees with me."

Dugan: "She's probably correct. I would take her word, Representative Franks."

Franks: "Okay. I'm just checking. I hope we can have staff check that. Thank you."

Dugan: "Yes. You're welcome."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dugan moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 79. All those in favor of its adoption 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, there's 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And House Joint Resolution 79 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, on page 15 of the Calendar, under Resolutions, Representative Dan Biss has House Joint Resolution 81. Representative Biss on House Joint Resolution 81."

Biss: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I raise today to make Illinois history. I believe this is the first day that we'll have the opportunity to adopt two different Joint Resolutions, each enabling the creation of a task force upon which the Lieutenant Governor will have an appointee. This task force deals with the MAP program. It's a program that, as we know, it's a large and very successful program, but in recent years we have felt some significant budgetary pressure on the program. And the goal of this task force is to examine the efficacy of the program and see if there are ways to structure it based upon screening of individuals or institutions for eligibility that might allow us to steer those hundreds of millions of dollars in an even more effective manner. The task force would report by January of 2013 and we would then consider taking its recommendations when putting together the fiscal year '15 budget. Happy to take any questions and I'd appreciate your support."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Biss, according to what's written in the Calendar, the last line says with the goal of improving the outcomes for students who receive these awards. So, are you speaking of outcomes, graduation rates. What outcomes are you speaking of?"

Biss: "Well, to be clear, that line in the Calendar is not copied from the Resolution. But I think the important outcome here is progress toward graduation, that's correct. And the question is, are there ways to structure the MAP program so as to steer those dollars in a way as to maximize the number of low-income students who are then able to make progress toward graduation."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, in a sense... in a situation that I'm kind of going around and around with Illinois State, where they seem to not be interested in certain types of students probably that may also be classified as low-income, but students that may show promise otherwise is there anyway to address that kind of situation with regard to the Resolution?"

Biss: "So, the Resolution will create a task force which would basically study the question of... of look, unfortunately, we don't have enough resources in Illinois to give as many need-based grants for young, promising people in our state to go to our institutions of higher education. How do we steer those dollars in a way to make sure they help as many

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people as possible make progress toward their degree. So, you have a situation with Illinois State University where you're concerned that they're not as concerned as we might be about that goal in helping low-income students make progress towards a degree. This task force is going to be all about helping achieve that goal."

Davis, W.: "Well, actually, Illinois State isn't even admitted it... in... even interested in admitting the student. So, regardless of helping them get to the end, they don't even want to admit the students, but nevertheless, I digress. But again, when you talk about outcomes, I just wanted to make sure that I... that I understood that and make sure, you know, that I understood what you meant by that. Thank you very much."

Biss: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Biss moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 81. 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? Leader Currie. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this, there's 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House adopts House Joint Resolution 81. Representative Sid Mathias, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Mathias: "Yes. Also, on House Bill 3474, would the record reflect that I had intended to vote 'yes' on that Bill?"

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

Mathias: "Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Jim Watson, on page 15 of the Calendar, you have House Joint Resolution 83. Leader Jim Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This simply makes the month of May Motorcycle Awareness Month. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the adoption of House Joint Resolution 83 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Joint Resolution 83 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, let's go to page 16 of the Calendar. Representative Brown, you have House Resolution 680. Representative Brown. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, on page 15 of the Calendar, on the bottom, Representative Saviano has House Resolution 596. Representative Skip Saviano on House Resolution 596."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This Resolution is a result of meetings I've had with some of my veterans' groups in my district. There's a Teachers Resource Guide which teaches kids about the purpose of Veterans' Day, the accomplishments and sacrifices that veterans have made. This... this Resolution simply urges teachers across the state to access this Teachers Resource Guide and use it in the classroom. And I would ask for its approval."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Saviano moves for the adoption of House Resolution 596. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted."

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Representative David Harris, on page 16 of the Calendar, David, you have House Resolution 824. Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Speaker, I believe there is a Floor Amendment that needs to be adopted on that Reso..."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative David Harris, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Harris, Floor Amendment #2 on House Resolution 824."

Harris, D.: "Floor Amendment #2, Mr. Speaker, is an Amendment that was suggested by a Member of the committee. It's a noncontroversial Amendment. And I would ask the House to adopt the Amendment."

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

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Harris on House Resolution 824, as amended."

Harris, D.: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to leave this Bill on the Calendar for the time being."

Speaker Lyons: "We'll take the Resolution out of the record. Representative Mike Zalewski, you have House Resolution 830, Mike. Out of the record. Representative Greg Harris, on the Order of Resolutions, on page 16 of the Calendar, Greg, you have House Resolution 861. Representative Harris, House Resolution 861."

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Harris, G.: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. And this urges Congress to be sure to keep in mind the five or six food depositories in the State of Illinois that we consider the Farm... Farm Bill. This is a initiative of the Central, Eastern, Northern, Peoria, River Bend, St. Louis, Tri-City (sic-Tri-State) and Greater Chicago food depositories."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 861 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 861 is adopted. Representative Sandy Pihos, on page 16 of the Calendar, you have House Resolution 878. Representative Pihos, House Resolution 878."

Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This proclaims March 27, 2012, a date we passed already, as the Annual Alzheimer Association Advocacy Day in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's Motion. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 878 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 878 is adopted. Representative Skip Saviano. Skip, you've got another Resolution, on page 16 of the Calendar, House Resolution 886. Representative Skip Saviano, House Resolution 886."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're two months late, but this'll do. This simply makes the month of March Athletic

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Training Month. And I would ask for its passage. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Your best of intentions are so noted, Skip. All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 886 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 886 is adopted. On page 17 of the Calendar, on the Order of Resolutions, Representative Michelle Mussman, you have House Resolution 906. Representative Michelle Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 906 celebrates September 9, 2012, as the first ever Green Apple Day of Service. This is an initiative of the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council. And our Illinois Green Schools Caucus is very happy to support these efforts and we encourage all General Assembly Members to join their schools in their home district on this day of action. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's Motion. Representative Reboletti, a question?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, where is this Green Apple organization from?"

Mussman: "Well, it's an initiative of the U.S. Green Building Council. So, it's a nationwide movement."

Reboletti: "Where are they based?"

Mussman: "In Washington, D.C."

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Reboletti: "Is there any particular reason that we're celebrating them?"

Mussman: "Well, again, it's a nationwide movement toward sustainability and this is something the State of Illinois is actually very forward-thinking on. And we do have a Green Schools Caucus Initiative and we think this is an important thing to be supporting."

Reboletti: "Well, I understand that, but when we have deficits and my school district is laying people off, I don't know if a green initiative is the first thing that they're thinking of. So, thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "David Reis."

Reis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I simply ask for a Roll Call vote."

Speaker Lyons: "So noted. Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Well, I certainly appreciate concerns. Again, this is at no cost to anyone. And actually, Green Schools Initiatives is not... we're not looking for new spending of money. We know that retrofitting and other considerations actually were saving our schools a ton of money and that's something we would like to be advocating for in the upcoming year. So, again, just like Earth Day, this is an opportunity for our schools to be celebrating the work that they're doing in our communities. We know many schools are working with school gardens, school beautification projects, a lot of outdoor educational opportunities. This is an opportunity to support those efforts and I appreciate your consideration."

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Speaker Lyons: "All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 906 vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Hammond, Hays, Kosel, Evans. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Motion, there's 96 Members voting 'yes', 15 Members voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. House Resolution 906 is adopted. Representative Monique Davis. Monique on the floor? Monique, you have House Resolution 926. On page 17 of the Calendar, Representative Monique Davis on House Resolution 926."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a Resolution to name the bridge at 99th and King... 99th and King Drive to 100th and King Drive the MLK... Martin Luther King Bridge. And this is requested by Mr. John Paul Jo..."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, look at House Resolution 926. Monique, you may have the wrong Resolution."

Davis, M.: "Oh."

Speaker Lyons: "House Resolution 926."

Davis, M.: "We did that last week, Sir. We did that last week."

Speaker Lyons: "We'll check. Mr. Clerk."

Davis, M.: "We did it..."

Speaker Lyons: "You read... we acknowledged that, but we never adopted it."

Davis, M.: "We read this..."

Speaker Lyons: "Just want to make the Motion for the adoption?"

Davis, M.: "Well, we'll make a Motion to adopt this Resolution."

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Speaker Lyons: "All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 926 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 926 is adopted. Representative John Brady, House Resolution 930. Representative Brady. He's not here today. Leader Frank Mautino, on page 17 of the Calendar, you have House Resolution 936. Frank Mautino. Would somebody like to grab Representative Mautino and tell him he's got a Resolution? It's all yours, Frank, 936, House Resolution."

Mautino: "Thank you. Appreciate your support for Resolution 936. And this renames a section of road just outside of Streator for John Crozier. John Crozier was a laborer. He was holding the... a sign holder and he was struck and killed by a drunk driver. And every year, on Workers' Memorial Day in LaSalle County, they recount some of the... the people who have... and pay respects to people who have either given their lives in protecting others. John was a great young man. He left behind a young son and family and they were all present when we did the dedication. This renames a small section of that road. And I appre... I appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "All those in favor of House Resolution 936 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? Biss, Will Davis, Chuck Jefferson, like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this, there's 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the

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Constitutional Major... this Resolution is hereby adopted. Representative du Buclet, on page 17 of the Calendar, House Resolution 954."

du Buclet: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 94... 954 would make the month of November COPD Awareness Month. As many of you may or may not know, COPD is an umbrella term used to describe air flow obstruction that's often associated with emphysema and chronic bronchi... chronic bronchitis. My mother passed away from this about a year ago, so this is very near and dear to me. And I ask for your support. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's Motion. All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 954 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. House Resolution 954 is adopted. Representative Linda Chapa LaVia, you have Resolution Hou... HR960. Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. You're looking mighty fine today. Just wanted to say that."

Speaker Lyons: "Sorry, Representative?"

Chapa LaVia: "Joe not oh. It's Joe. Joe, thank you so much, Speaker Joe."

Speaker Lyons: "Anything for you, Linda."

Chapa LaVia: "It's a little late, but April 22-28 was... was being recognized by the General Assembly of the Week of the Young Child in the State of Illinois and urges all citizens to advocate on behalf of the young children. I ask for its adoption. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Lyons: "Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 960. All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'... say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 960 is adopted. Thank you, Representative Chapa LaVia. I finally heard what you have said. Representative Ann Williams, on the bottom of page 17, you have House Resolution 991. Representative Ann Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We discussed this before, this simply designates the second Saturday in April as Cambodian Day of Remembrance."

Speaker Lyons: "Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 991. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. House Resolution 991 is adopted. On page 18 of the Calendar... Representative Acevedo, what purpose do you seek recognition Rep... Ed?"

Acevedo: "Mr. Speaker, on rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Leader."

Acevedo: "I don't know if anybody noticed, but there's some gentlemen from the Armed Forces here today. And I just noticed them up there. I just wanted to welcome them to Springfield."

Speaker Lyons: "God bless you, gentlemen. Proud to have you in the Capitol today. Enjoy your day. Representative Dwight Kay, on page 18 of the Calendar, Dwight, you have Senate Joint Resolution 40. Page 18 of the Calendar, Senate Joint Resolution 40. Representative Kay."

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Kay: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we all remember the death of the Uhl twins back in November of 2007. This basically is a remembrance by designating Highway 164 (sic I-64) and a couple of exits in their remembrance."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Kay... Representative Kay moves for the passage of Senate Joint Resolution 40. 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 Kay, would you like to be recorded? Will Davis. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 113 Members... 100... there's 100 Members... 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And House Resolution 40 is... Senate Joint Resolution 40 is hereby adopted. Leader Frank Mautino, on page 18 of the Calendar, Frank, you have Senate Joint Resolution 51. Out of the record. Representative Monique Davis, this is the Resolution you were addressing earlier, Monique, Senate Joint Resolution 54."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Joint Resolution 54 is a Resolution being sought by the Developing Communities Project and also other organizations, the Rosemoor Community. And they're asking that the bridge at 99th and 100th Street be named the Dr. Martin Luther King Drive Bridge. It's located in Rosemoor and Roseland Heights. So, we ask for your support."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's Motion. All those in favor of the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 54 signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Resolution, there's 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. House... Senate Joint Resolution 54 is adopted. Representative Sid Mathias, on page 18 of the Calendar, Sid, you have Senate Joint Resolution 56."

Mathias: "Thank you..."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mathias."

Mathias: "...thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you for a timely Resolu... for calling this as a timely Resolution. SJR56 designates the third Thursday in May, which is this coming Thursday, as Volunteer Emergency Responder Appreciation Day in the State of Illinois. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The timing is perfect, Sid. All those in favor of the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 56 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Senate Joint Resolution 56 is adopted. Representatives... Will Davis, on page 18 of the Calendar, you have Senate Joint Resolution 3. Representative Will Davis on Senate Joint Resolution 3."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Senate Joint Resolution 3 lends itself to helping with the creation of the Illinois Great Migration Centennial Commission to work toward the commemoration and celebration of what is called 'the great migration centennial' that will take place in two years. So, this group will be compiled to help put together what will be the centennial in 2016."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Davis moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 3. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Kane, Representative Chapa LaVia."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Chapa LaVia: "Does this have anything to do with getting rid of
Metra?"

Davis, W.: "Unfortun... well, it's RTA actually."

Chapa LaVia: "Oh, RTA."

Davis, W.: "Yeah. Unfortunately, it does not..."

Chapa LaVia: "Okay."

Davis, W.: "...because this is someone else's initiative."

Chapa LaVia: "Okay."

Davis, W.: "But had it been my own, it'd be in there."

Chapa LaVia: "Okay."

Davis, W.: "Thank you."

Chapa LaVia: "I think it's a good piece of a House Joint
Resolution. I think it's on my desk."

Speaker Lyons: "All those in favor of the adoption of Senate
Joint Resolution 3 signify by... signify by voting 'yes';
those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted
who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Zalewski, Mike. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this, there
are 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And Senate
Joint Resolution 3 is adopted. Representative Lang, Leader
Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Speaker. I just want you to know that we felt
adrift and rudderless in your absence. And we did note that
on your way by Mr. Sacia's desk you did fortify yourself
with an orange slice. So, welcome back."

Speaker Lyons: "You don't miss a thing do you, Lou? We're
getting close, Ladies and Gentlemen. So, I took the liberty

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on the advice and consent of my navigator here to... we got a minute or two left to go, so we're getting close. And on that agenda I believe, Mr. Clerk, there is some committee cancellations. So, we'll check the... your committee assignments. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees this afternoon have been canceled: the Business and Occupational Licenses Committee, Cities & Villages and the Disability Services Committee. Also, tomorrow morning, the Tollway Oversight Committee has been canceled."

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

Reboletti: "Well, I'm disappointed the Tollway Oversight Committee has been canceled, so I'll talk to the chairman. Under what Rule, Mr. Speaker, did you leave the Chair? I was trying to figure... and I want to know if that was a debatable Motion and if I could object to it?"

Speaker Lyons: "What did you guys have for lunch in caucus today? Wow, you ain't fooling around."

Reboletti: "Didn't you... just concerned about the process."

Speaker Lyons: "Did you ask a question, Dennis, I'm sorry?"

Reboletti: "I'm just... just concerned about the process. You have your learned counsel with you. They advised you, you could leave and I was wondering under what Rule that was?"

Speaker Lyons: "Under the Rule of Mother Nature."

Reboletti: "Oh."

Speaker Lyons: "Any follow-up questions, Representative?"

Reboletti: "I understand when nature calls, Representative... I'm sorry, Speaker."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mike Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Mr. Speaker, two points of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Two points, heads up."

Zalewski: "First, Representative Acevedo made reference to it, but I think the Body would like to know who those gentlemen up in the gallery are. They're Polish military officers here for NATO. They're accompanied by and if I... forgive me if I mispronounce his name... but Lieutenant Johnson from the United States military: Colonel Zdorjewski, Captain Krozowski, Colonel Gradyz, Colonel Zyaybd and Lieutenant Mikolajczyk. They're here for NATO. And if we could just welcome them to the Body and thank them for their service, they've been part of the peacekeep... in Dobry."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Zalewski, if somebody like you can't pronounce those Polish names..."

Zalewski: "I know."

Speaker Lyons: "...Archer Avenue, who can?"

Zalewski: "I did my very best. I'm raise..."

Speaker Lyons: "All right."

Zalewski: "It's a product of my chicken scratch."

Speaker Lyons: "You did a fine job. Your second announcement, Representative."

Zalewski: "A reminder that the White Sox Caucus will be meeting tomorrow night at 9:30 to warm up for that scrimmage this weekend against the JV team from the north side. We'll be preparing and we'll be enjoying at D.H. Brown's with special guest Billy Pierce. We welcome everybody to the event and look forward to seeing everybody at the White Sox Caucus."

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Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Will Representative... Representative Zalewski yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman yields. Representative Zalewski, you're being addressed."

Reboletti: "Representative, I was wondering what team you were referring to on the north side?"

Zalewski: "I think their name is the Chicago Cubs, Representative."

Reboletti: "I see. How many people attended the White Sox games last year and even in the year 2005 that the Governor indicated was a banner year, you guys couldn't even sell out when the... before the Series. Is that fair to say?"

Zalewski: "Representative, you can keep the attendance records. We'll keep the World Series Championship on the north... south side of Chicago."

Reboletti: "Oh, I see. Well, we'll let the tax dollars then go back to the Cub fans that are helping to generate the third largest tourism facility in the state. So, we'll... we'll keep the state working, Representative, while tax dollars go to the south. So, don't worry about that."

Zalewski: "Representative, you yield... will you yield for a question?"

Reboletti: "I will yield."

Zalewski: "We... is that a suggestion that you will support the taxpayer funded subsidy that the Cubs maybe are asking for down the line?"

Reboletti: "That is not a taxpayer funded subsidy, but I'll be more than glad to debate that on Third Reading."

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Zalewski: "All right. Never mind, Mr. Speaker. White Sox Caucus tomorrow night."

Speaker Lyons: "And now, all White Sox fans, all Cub fans, all Cardinal fans and Leader Barbara Flynn Currie move that the House adjourn 'til the hour of 12 noon on Wednesday, May 16th. All those in favor of adjournment signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House stands adjourned 'til the hour of 12 noon tomorrow, Wednesday, May 16. Have a great evening, everyone."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2012: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is Senate Bill 1531. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6171, offered by Representative Barickman, a Bill for an Act concern... concerning appropriations, is referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 62, offered by Representative Saviano, is also referred to the Rules Committee. House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Feigenholtz, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2012: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2450. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6170, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for

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an Act concerning government. This is referred to the Rules Committee. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 3210, offered by Representative Gordon, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This is also referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."