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Speaker Turner: "All Members shall be in their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Doug Ward, who is with the Mundelein Church of Nazarene in Mundelein, Illinois. Pastor Ward is the guest of Representative Sente. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Ward: "Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank You for the gift of liberty and the privilege of representing the people of Illinois. May we never forget that You are the author of life and creator of liberty. Grant these Representatives wisdom in their deliberations, humility for their task, and a deep connection to the people they serve. And we ask for Your blessing upon this great state and the blessed future for all its citizens. The issues that this Body faces are important, and the pressures of representing the people of Illinois in this House and then going home to be mom, dad, spouse or friend can become great. Maybe the best thing we can pray today is that You will bless each Representative here. When the hours are long, grant them unusual strength. When they return to their homes filled with loved ones, give them an extraordinary measure of Your patience and love for the task. And on those days when a ballgame or school play might be missed, I ask that Your grace will fill in the gap in all of those hard moments of life. I pray that You will bless the routine moments of life of these Representatives as they strive to make the regular, unseen moments of life better for the citizens of this state. So, on this ordinary

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Friday, grant to us unusual strength, wisdom and grace. And may we seek the wisdom that You alone can give us as we do the important business of Illinois and as we go home to live the routine moments of life. And we ask all of this of the God who grants life and sustains us, Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be let.. we shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Willis."

Willis - 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 Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the excused absences of Representatives Bradley, Jones, Soto and Zalewski."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Durkin, Schmitz and Sosnowski are excused on our side of the aisle."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please take the roll. On a vote of 111... not a vote. On 111 present, we have a quorum today. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Feigenholtz, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption Reform reports the following committee action taken on March 14, 2013: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2809. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action

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taken on March 14, 2013: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1375, House Bill 2600, House Bill 2656, House Bill 2789 and House Bill 3411; do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 1042 and House Bill 1533. Representative Golar, Chairperson from the Committee on Housing reports the following committee action taken on March 14, 2013: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2527 and House Bill 2830. Representative Mayfield, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Safety: Police & Fire reports the following committee action taken on March 14, 2013: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2776 and House Bill 2893. Representative Ford, Chairperson from the Committee on Restorative Justice reports the following committee action taken on March 14, 2013: do pass Standard Debate for House Bill 1150; do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2879 and House Bill 3061. Representative Hernandez, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action on March 14, 2013: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2934 and House Bill 3052. Representative McAsey, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment reports the following committee action taken on March 14, 2013: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1391, House Bill 2753 and House Bill 3081; do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2780. Representative Berrios, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions reports the following committee action taken on March 14, 2013: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 1335, House Bill 1572, and House Bill 2406. Representative Flowers, Chairperson from the Committee on

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Health Care Availability and Access reports the following committee action taken on March 14, 2013: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 641. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on March 14, 2013: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1555 and House Bill 1557; do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 983, House Bill 2488, House Bill 2530, and House Bill 3006; recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1192. Representative Sente, Chairperson from the Committee on Business Growth & Incentives reports the following committee action taken on March 15, 2013: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2958. Representative Ford, Chairperson from the Committee on Restorative Justice reports the following committee action taken on March 15, 2013: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2945, House Bill 2960, and House Bill 2961. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 162, offered by Representative DeLuca, House Resolution 163, offered by Representative Christian Mitchell, and House Joint Resolution 29, offered by Representative Golar."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Harris."

Harris, G.: "Rise for point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point."

Harris, G.: "And there were remarks reported the other day about folks wanting to weasel their way into acceptability. So, I just wanted to inform the Body today of some facts about the North American weasel. Weasels come in two types,

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the long-tailed and the short-tailed. The weasel eats half of its body weight each day in food. They are fearless hunters, small in stature, but powerful for their size, and often confront animals bigger than themselves. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Members, we're going to start on page 16 of the Calendar, Bills on Third Reading. First is House Bill 1462, Representative Sente. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1462, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sente."

Sente: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. House Bill 1462 requires that the Capital Development Board update the Illinois Accessibility Code no later than January 1, 2016, utilizing the 2012 updated federal ADA guidelines as a model, and determine where Illinois will choose to mirror the ADA, and where we wish to be more stringent. The goal of the Bill is to create a more unified accessibility guidelines for new construction and alterations of public facilities and multistory housing units. I have spoken with the CDB and the AG's Office. They are in agreement with the Bill. And I'm not aware of any opposition."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could we have some order in the chamber? I... I know it's Friday and I know... nobody wants to get out of here faster than I do. But let me tell you that right now is when some Bills will... can actually move. We've got Third Reading going, Ladies and

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Gentlemen. Representative, I couldn't hear a word. So, can... can you... and I know that was pretty long. But can you repeat exactly what the Bill does?"

Sente: "Did you want me to repeat what I said or just..."

Bost: "Yes. Yes. Thank you."

Sente: "Okay."

Bost: "That'd be great."

Sente: "Well, so this is a Bill that asks the Capital Development Board to update Illinois's accessibility standards which have not been updated since 1997. The federal guidelines have been updated. The process originally stated in 2004 was made... published in 2010, took a long time, and now was adopted in 2012. What we do in Illinois is we want to remain... we want to look at the federal standards but have the option to either adopt each Section of the Code or maybe have some part that is more stringent in Illinois Code. So, my Bill asks the Capital Development Board to get on that process and... and it gives them an end date."

Bost: "Okay. Thank you."

Sente: "You're welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further... Representative Sente to close."

Sente: "I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1462 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Arroyo. Representative Golar. Clerk, please take the record. On a

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vote of 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1462, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1462... Excuse me. House Bill 1522, Representative Fortner. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1522, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 1522 follows on the heels of a Bill that was passed out of this chamber two years ago, 3372, that would create an option for counties that have a tax that is already levied for stormwater to instead go to a user fee-based system. At that time, we agreed to continue negotiations. We were able to work out the details with the stakeholders that we work with at that time and are running this as a pilot for just DuPage and Peoria counties to see how this idea of a user fee-based system for stormwater assessment would go. It is capped at the same level that the property tax would be otherwise levied would be there, so... so there's no windfall involved. It simply creates more flexibility, more incentives for good stormwater managed practice. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Senger."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor yields."

Senger: "Just a quick question. I'm on the Bill, and it was my understanding that the specifics on how one would allocate the stormwater fees, and I'm using an example where there's

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multiple layers of government out there hasn't... has yet to be determined, so I'm in favor of the fee in entirety, but I just wanted to concur that the details still need to be worked out."

Fortner: "That... that's right, Representative. The... the idea, since this is a question of local control, there is a two-year phase in period where the county would work on the details of the fee table. The county board would have to vote to approve it. They can enter into intergovernmental agreements to specifically deal with those kind of overlapping districts that I know you have some concerns about. And I... I certainly understand that those kinds of details will be worked out as part of this process."

Senger: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Fortner to close."

Fortner: "Thank you. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1522 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative D'Amico. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 79 voting 'yes', 31 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1522, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1538, Representative Golar. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1538, a Bill for..."

Speaker Turner: "Out of the record. House Bill 1548, Representative Bost. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1548, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1548 actually allows an opportunity if a person actually has committed a Class III or Class IV Felony that does not include a sex offense or involve violent... a violent act with a gun, or any violent act, if they are accepted into the military, and they serve one term or one tour of duty in the military and receive an honorable discharge, they can get... then go before the Prison Review Board for expungement. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ford."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor yields."

Ford: "Representative, could you tell me why you think this Bill is important for Illinois?"

Bost: "Sure... sure, I can. The... we all know the concerns that people have when they have a... a felony convictions, and there used to be a process that was actually allowed by... before truth in sentencing and different things like that, where... and then the... also the military services would allow it, a judge could say when someone had made a mistake and... and whatever that mistake would be even if it was a slight... if it was a nonviolent felony charge, they could say that the conviction depended on the fact, you can either go into the military or serve time. And there was n... there's not even... there's not really a way for them to do that now. So, what this allows for, and... and why I think it

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would be good, is if they served in the military, the military approved for them to come in, and they received an honorable discharge, they show that they've really turned their life around, and it's a true litmus test of that they can have this expunged."

Ford: "And so, you think that it's good to give people a second chance?"

Bost: "I think if a person is willing to go to the point that they're put... willing to put their life on the line for my country and yours, yeah."

Ford: "And only people that have been to the service should be afforded the opportunity of a second chance?"

Bost: "No. That's not what I said."

Ford: "All right."

Bost: "What I believe is, if a person can truly show that they have changed their ways..."

Ford: "All right."

Bost: "...okay. And I think that if you were going... if you're willing to put your life on the line for the coun... for a country, and you then receive an honorable discharge because I'm going to tell you there's people that... that still mess up there, and if that's the case, they won't receive this. But it gives the opportunity to have that expungement occur. And I know that you're working on similar legislation to deal with other issues. I don't necessarily agree with each one of those, but I think there should be a litmus test of some sort to show why they have truly changed their ways before they come before the board."

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Ford: "And do you think that people could serve this country even if they're not a part of a military? That they make contributions..."

Bost: "There... there are..."

Ford: "...to our country?"

Bost: "...sure... sure, there's ways."

Ford: "And so that we should really look at affording the opportunity for people to bring their lives to full..."

Bost: "Yep. Maybe... maybe one Bill should be if they go into the Peace Corps for a long period of time."

Ford: "All right. And so, I'm happy that you are a part of the restorative justice process. And I look forward to you continuing your efforts to bring people to wholeness in society so that we can restore justice in Illinois. I'm very happy to be a Chief cosponsor of your Bill. And I look forward to the return opportunities to work with you on other legislation so that we could afford opportunities to more people in Illinois so that we can reduce the amount of money that we spend on incarceration in the State of Illinois and divert that money into education and making Illinois a better state for all of us whether we're in the north or whether we're in the south. Can we get a commitment to work together?"

Bost: "We had that commitment that we'll work together before, but I'll make that commitment that we'll work together."

Ford: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of this measure. And I really respect Representative Bost for bringing this measure forward and being willing to allow

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more people an opportunity to restore their life to full restorative justice on terms. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Will Davis."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor yields."

Davis, W.: "So, after hearing your explanation, Representative, I guess this is my first question. Is the military the only way to show that you have turned your life around?"

Bost: "And I answered wit... the former speaker, I believe there are other ways, but we'll have to look to see what they are. This is a very, very clear way that is a true litmus test, I believe. I don't believe it's the only way that you can say a person's turned their life around, but it is a definite sign that someone has if they're willing to do this. And I'm going to tell you because I'm glad you asked this, you know, I served with several guys while I was in the Marine Corp. And it was really wild because, let me tell you, I was kind of in a unique field in the Marine Corp. It was in a case where I was an electronic specialist, repaired radars that dealt with tactical air control units. And two of the guys that worked there with me were there because a judge said, son, you got two choices and neither one's in my county. One of them had made the choice to try to out run the police on a motorcycle, and he had a bigger motorcycle for many years, and he got away with that. And then when he borrowed a friend's motorcycle, which wasn't quite as fast, he got himself in trouble and got that. Got another one and his explanation, and he had a south... he had a southern drawl

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worse than mine and probably even worse than Mr. Phelps's, and he was from south Florida. And I asked him, his nickname was Hawk, Hawk, what are you doing in and why are you in for six years? He said, oh, Mike, he said I got a great taste for alligator tail. He said, I was out in the swamps and I was poaching alligators, and I got caught one night and they drug... got drug into county jail... or county and the judge said, son, you got two choices and neither one's in my county. And so Hawk ended up spending six years in, and actually he spent a lot more than that. Last I heard he was a top sergeant. So, yeah, it is a good litmus test. Is it the only way? No. I don't know."

Davis, W.: "Okay."

Bost: "And that's why I'm willing to work with Representative Ford..."

Davis, W.: "So..."

Bost: "...and others to see what might be the opportunity out there."

Davis, W.: "So, when there have been expungement Bills that have come through here before, Representative Howard. Do you remember how you might have voted on those... some of those?"

Bost: "Yeah. I didn't vote for them because I didn't believe..."

Davis, W.: "You voted for all of them."

Bost: "Oh, I... I don't know on each one... no, no, no. I said I did not..."

Davis, W.: "You did not vote for them?"

Bost: "...vote for them as far as I know, yes. Yes."

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Davis, W.: "Okay. So, what do you think was wrong with those Bills, why all of a sudden..."

Bost: "I didn't..."

Davis, W.: "...we should support this one?"

Bost: "I didn't necessarily agree with the litmus test. I'm... I'm from the military. I know what's involved with being trained in the military. I know what you've got to do. As of... as far as I know, any of the others didn't ask you to go out and put yourself in harm's way to be able to... to justify..."

Davis, W.: "Exactly, exactly."

Bost: "Okay."

Davis, W.: "So, again, if an individual said, you know what, I want to turn my life around, I want to go get a job, I want to work, I want to support my family, is that... you know what, can't do that because they have a record and they can't get a job. So, there have been efforts to try to make that possible for individuals to turn their life around by expunging records..."

Bost: "Right."

Davis, W.: "...so they can go get a job."

Bost: "And... and we're not debating..."

Davis, W.: "But... but you want to... but you... but..."

Bost: "...those Bills right now."

Davis, W.: "...but it's okay to send them into the military. And I have great respect for military personnel; there are a number of them in this chamber. I personally have not been to the military; it wasn't a choice that I wanted to make. So, I went to college and did some other things. Not that

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I'm disagreeing with you, Representative, but I mean, we... we have these debates about... about being fair. And there have been efforts to try to give opportunities for individuals to turn their lives around, and you didn't vote for them."

Bost: "Correct."

Davis, W.: "Because..."

Bost: "And I'm going to tell... I... I can remember one..."

Davis, W.: "...you said that... because you said the litmus test wasn't there."

Bost: "...I can remember one in particular."

Davis, W.: "Because..."

Bost: "Because... because what that one Bill did, and I told the Sponsor I'm willing to work, but one Bill did, is if you hide the record of someone who may have had a white collar crime and a bank can't, all of a sudden, check to find out what that is, there's some jobs that they shouldn't go into."

Davis, W.: "And there... and there might... and there might have been. Hell, we can't even pass out a Bill to offer a tax credit for somebody who wants to employ someone. We can't even do that. So, I... I guess I'm having trouble, not that I'm a... necessarily opposed to what you want to do, but there have been efforts in this chamber, generally by this side of the aisle, to come up with ways to give individuals the live... opportunity to turn their lives around. And they haven't been supported by people like you."

Bost: "Representative, I explained to the former speaker that I would be willing to work."

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Davis, W.: "So... so, to that end, so if this Bill passes and it goes over to the Senate..."

Bost: "Correct."

Davis, W.: "...then can we offer some Amendments to this Bill in the Senate?"

Bost: "I would prefer that this Bill stayed clean to tell you the truth."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So... so, you're not willing to amend this Bill..."

Bost: "Not this Bill."

Davis, W.: "...to include what it..."

Bost: "No."

Davis, W.: "...and... and..."

Bost: "Because... because..."

Davis, W.: "...we'll give you the opportunity..."

Bost: "...why would I... why would..."

Davis, W.: "...to agree."

Bost: "...I endanger the opportunity for a military veteran..."

Davis, W.: "Endanger?"

Bost: "...to... to have... have this opportunity when there might be some language on there that would endanger the Bill..."

Davis, W.: "Well, we're not..."

Bost: "...from passing in the future."

Davis, W.: "...obviously, we're not going to..."

Bost: "And this one is clean."

Davis, W.: "...obviously, we're not going to..."

Bost: "And this one is by itself and that's where I want to leave it."

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Davis: "...do anything that you disagree with. We're not going to do anything that you disagree with, but why not add more to this, make it better?"

Bost: "I like this Bill the way it is."

Davis, W.: "So, that's the only way is that we have to run another Bill..."

Bost: "Yeah. That's... that's pretty common how we do this around here."

Davis, W.: "...so you can say no the litmus test isn't high enough. It isn't good enough..."

Bost: "I didn't... I didn't say..."

Davis, W.: "...for someone else."

Bost: "...I said I wanted to look at those. But right now, this Bill is here. It's on Third Reading. We're ready to send it to the Senate. Now, what the Senate Sponsor does with it I'll have to... you know, they'll have to make that choice. But I would prefer the Bill was remain clean, and then we would work on other Bills. And I would be willing to work with you."

Davis, W.: "Well, Representative, again, I don't know if you've made that offer to work on other Bills in the past, all I know is that you voted 'no' on it."

Bost: "Okay."

Davis, W.: "That... that's all I know is that you voted 'no' on them. Because again, we don't know what your litmus test is. Well, I guess we have an idea now. So, if we consider military service to be the highest level of service, then I guess anything that fall..."

Bost: "Just so you know, I consider..."

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Davis, W.: "...then I guess anything that..."

Bost: "...this military one of..."

Davis, W.: "...falls below this..."

Bost: "Let me tell you this, Representative. I consider the military one the highest services."

Davis, W.: "Absolutely. So, I guess, if that's the highest, and that's your litmus test, anything that falls below that, I guess you won't support that either then."

Bost: "I didn't say that I wouldn't support it. I said that I'm willing to work. I don't know how else I can explain that to you. It's been said now four times on the record. You want to hear it again? I'm willing to work."

Davis, W.: "Well, you were talking about the other... the other speaker. I'm just trying to understand from my perspective..."

Bost: "Well, I... I'm pretty sure..."

Davis, W.: "...you know that..."

Bost: "...I spoke pretty clear."

Davis, W.: "...you voted 'no' against these Bills in the past. Now, again, if this is your litmus test, and we understand that military service to be the highest service possible, then I can't imagine what else can meet your litmus test that you will support. Again, and I'm just... unless you tell me otherwise, you voted against these types of Bills in the past. So..."

Bost: "Yes. Yes..."

Davis, W.: "...all of a sudden you've had a change of heart."

Bost: "...I... I voted against these type Bills before."

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Davis, W.: "So... so, you've had a change of heart and are willing to work to..."

Bost: "But... but not... but not when it... not when it included the military."

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

Bost: "No, thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Kay."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor yields."

Kay: "Thank you. Representative, a number of questions here about previous Bills that have been filed of a similar nature. And my question is, is there any hold-harmless clause in here with respect to hiring?"

Bost: "No."

Kay: "So, if a record is sealed for some reason and a company... business, large or small, would hire somebody and there is an accident of..."

Bost: "It... it..."

Kay: "...critical nature, whether it's a death, whether it's a burglary, whatever the case may be, that company then could be held negligent for hiring that person."

Bost: "No. It's a total inspun... this is a total expungement."

Kay: "Well, I understand that. But if you can't get to the record, then how does a company protect themselves from..."

Bost: "The company would not be held responsible for that."

Kay: "Well, then there should be a hold-harmless in this Bill."

Bost: "You... They're held harmless because they..."

Kay: "Okay. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Reboletti."

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Reboletti: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Bill. To one of the previous speakers, I voted for some of Connie's Bills and others I did not support. And I've been working with Representative Ford on some of these issues, special probation, and sealing an expungement for a long time. As a matter of fact, Representative Ford and I had a Bill a couple of years back that expanded first-time probation. And unfortunately, it went to the Senate where it was killed by a Legislator for... I have no idea why it was. And these aren't easy issues. And I respect the previous speaker's point about what the right litmus test is. I think this is a good start with respect to saying, if you served honorably in the military and you are willing to sacrifice your life for the country, I think that's a good indicator that you deserve a second chance. And to Representative Davis's point, getting a college degree probably might be another one of those things we should go back and take a look at that you've shown that you have restored yourself. You've shown that you have improved yourself, and now that you deserve that opportunity so you can go get a professional license. So, I understand what Representative Bost is trying to do. I'm going to continue to work with Representative Ford and Representative Davis and others to try to expand opportunities for those who have made mistakes in the past. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Flowers."

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates that he will."

Flowers: "Representative, what is a Class III and a Class IV?"

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Bost: "Well, there are many Class III and Class IVs, but these... just so you know, the Bill limits it... it cannot be a nonviolent crime. It can't be a sex offense. It can't be anything involving a gun. So, probably theft, would be breaking and entering, those types things. Could be a..."

Flowers: "So..."

Bost: "...and understand this, the other thing that's important to realize, this would've been vetted by the military, first off, because when a person joins the military, if they have a record of any type, now there are times that they are allowed into the military because the military checks their background and looks at what the crime was, check with the local authorities and makes the decision whether to let someone in."

Flowers: "And... and so, I... I think you... that was going to be my next question because I didn't think if you had any type of felon..."

Bost: "Mmm mmm."

Flowers: "...can you go to college, can you be able to go into the Army, you know, I didn't think you could do any of those things..."

Bost: "No. You can."

Flowers: "...as a... as a felon."

Bost: "No, you can. The military actually has a way that there's a waiver that you can request."

Flowers: "So, the military has a waiver..."

Bost: "Mmm mmm."

Flowers: "...for people for with Class III and Class IV felons."

Bost: "Correct."

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Flowers: "Now, let me ask you another question. It... could a Class III or a Class IV felon be someone with a speeding ticket as well?"

Bost: "A... ask the question. I'm sorry."

Flowers: "Can someone with a Class III or Class IV felon be someone with a speeding ticket?"

Bost: "You... you... that's not a Class III or Class IV felony with a speeding ticket, is it?"

Flowers: "Well, I would beg the difference. I... what... what classifies a speeding ticket because there are some felons... some speeding tickets that you can be charged as a felon."

Bost: "A reckless homicide or... or... Strictly a speeding ticket, it would never be a felony, I don't think, unless you can show me that where that would come up. I... now, reckless endanger... you know, I... I'm trying to think of anything that would be... A regular speeding ticket would not be any... anything but a misdemeanor."

Flowers: "Well, my point is, I agree with the previous speakers. You know, everyone... and as everyone should have the opportunity to be made whole. We all have made mistakes. And so, I think what we're doing now, we're seeing the errors of our ways and how we've destroyed so many people's lives. For instance, like with these felons that we're talking about today, some people cannot go to college, some people cannot live at home with their wives, their sons and daughters because they're an ex-felon. We need to review all of these things. Some people cannot get TANF in order to pay their child support. Some people cannot get TANF in order to get moneys to go back and forth

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to go to their jobs or either to look for a job because they are a felon. And all they want to do is restore their lives as well. And.. and so, my point to you, you're saying that the Army, in your opinion, because that's your experience, is the... is the height of showing that you have restored yourself because you made a commitment to your country. Well, there's other people who have made a commitment to be better to their country as well as their... themselves and as a result they, too, would like to have a second chance. So, I would appreciate, moving forward, that we could take into consideration that there's other people out there that want to do the same thing who happened not to have been able to go to the Army for health reasons or other personal reasons, but they, too, would like to have their lives restored. And I would like to join with you, Sir, in supporting... and I ask everyone to support House Bill 1548 because I am for restorative justice for everybody. And thank you very much..."

Bost: "Thank you."

Flowers: "...for bringing this great Bill forward. Thank you."

Bost: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Members, can we please bring the noise level down in the chamber? It's very hard for others to hear during the debate. Thank you. Representative Jefferson."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor yields."

Jefferson: "I just want to commend you on your Bill. I think this is a great start. As a veteran we... we certainly need opportunities. We are fighting, risking our lives, making

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sure that our country is safe that we're safe here in Illinois. But it needs to go further than that. This is a good start. We've got people out here every day commit crimes that they otherwise wouldn't commit that we would give them an opportunity to become productive citizens. We need to get a Bill, and I'm asking you, would you be willing to support a Bill in the future that gave those individuals a break also? Something like this. You know, it's... I... I would go out the limb... go out on the limb to say, there's not a one in this Legislative Body that hasn't committed a crime, a mistake... a mistake, not necessarily a crime that has not committed a mistake and got a second chance. And that's what we need to start doing with these convicted felons, the people that have committed smaller crimes, we need to give them a chance to come back into the system so that they can become second class citizens. Would you be willing to support a Bill such as that, Representative?"

Bost: "Is it... the question?"

Jefferson: "Would you be willing to support a Bill that gives ex-felons an opportunity to become productive citizens?"

Bost: "I... I explained to the former speaker, as a matter of fact, two former speakers now that I'm willing to work. But to say broadly that I will support any Bill, I can't say that nor can you, I'm sure, because I'll have to read the language. But if there's some sort of sensible litmus test that truly shows, I believe, this in this case, the military does that."

Jefferson: "Absolutely."

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Bost: "But yes, I'm willing to work..."

Jefferson: "Yeah."

Bost: "...to try to achieve those goals."

Jefferson: "But we've got people out here today that are remorseful. People that want to get back into the system, want to become productive citizens, but we've got that strangulation hold on them that won't allow them to do that. So, as a result, they go back to the only thing that they know how to do is breaking and entering and all the other things that get them back into the same situation. Our recidivism rates are through the ceiling. We need to do something to address that. So, hopefully when we pass this Bill, if we could look at a bigger picture, a bigger Bill, that's going to incorporate a lot of those individuals, I'd be happy to work with you on that. Thank you."

Bost: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bost to close."

Bost: "I think we've had a long debate that hopefully everybody can see we're willing to work on other issues, but this issue by itself is very clear. If you... if the military has checked your record and if you have one of these felonies that are... meet the criteria of nonviolent, nonsexual assault, not with a gun, and the military has given the waiver to allow you to serve and then you serve for a full stint in the military, and you receive that honorable discharge. This allows you to go before the board. I'd appreciate your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1548 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting

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is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Arroyo, Burke, Dunkin. Representative Flowers. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 67 voting 'yes', 41 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present', House Bill 1548, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mitchell. Representative Bill Mitchell."

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

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

Mitchell, B.: "Yeah. Yesterday, the unemployment statistics were announced for the State of Illinois. It was a sad day in Macon County because Macon County now has 14 percent unemployment. Ladies and Gentlemen of this House, would you listen? Fourteen percent unemployment in my hometown... in my home communities and yet, this Body... this Body that's been controlled by the Chicago Democrats for 10 years, you've got the Governor's Office, you've got the House, you've got the Senate, and we're losing hundreds of jobs in just my relatively small county. Representative Dwight Kay has a jobs package, you're not calling it. Very bad. The State of Illinois, we've wasted our time on this floor for the last two months instead of talking about real people who are hurting. They can't find a job. And if they find a job, it's not full-time. We have high debt, we have high deficit, and we have regulations galore. My community has the highest unemployment, 14 percent. This Body needs to start... stop wasting time and address the real problems, the real problems facing working families. Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 1709?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1709 is on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Please return that Bill to the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 2232, Representative Tryon. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2232, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Tryon."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2232 is an initiative by the Illinois Park District Association that amends the Park District Code, provides that every park district may enter into a contract to purchase energy from a utility or an alternative retail electric supplier for a term exceeding one year but not to exceed three years to allow park districts to get a lower rate by being able to negotiate a three-year contract with an alternative retail electric supplier. This will bring them and give them the same statutory authority that we have given cities and counties to be able to competitively enter into a lower price for electric... electricity. I would answer any questions. If there are no questions, I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2232 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Smith. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 111 voting 'yes', 0

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voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2232, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2239, Representative Mitchell. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2239, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Christian Mitchell."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a pretty simple Bill. It's an equity issue. Currently, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County is not able to acquire land through easement but can only require through fee simple, which is the simple acquisition... Indeed, this is my first Bill... it can only acquire through fee simple. This allows the forest preserve district to do so through easement. I welcome any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "And the fun begins. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "He indicates that he will."

Mitchell, C.: "Yield."

Lang: "Representative, you indicated... lovely. You indicated... you do know that your face is on the Internet all over the world, Sir, right?"

Mitchell, C.: "I am aware of that, Sir."

Lang: "You want to hold that on? Thank you. So, you indicated this was a simple Bill."

Mitchell, C.: "Yes, Sir, I said that."

Lang: "Is that... is that to say that that's the only kind of Bill you can handle?"

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Mitchell, C.: "Excuse me, Sir?"

Lang: "Is that to say that you took this Bill 'cause it was simple?"

Mitchell, C.: "No, Sir. I took this Bill because it's an equity issue. I want the Forest Preserve of Cook County to have the same rights as the other forest preserves in the state."

Lang: "Well, I noticed that... this involves fee simple. Is that where you got the term simple? It's kind of confusing to those nonlawyers. You say it's a simple Bill, and you talk about fee simple. Can you tell us what fee simple is?"

Mitchell, C.: "Absolutely. It just means that the forest preserve district has to have unqualified ownership of the property through transferring of a... through giving of a fee as opposed to easement which allows a mutually beneficial agreement with the property owner. So, indeed, I did get simple from that term. It was a poorly chosen pun I'm beginning to realize."

Lang: "So, we do the jokes around here, Sir, not you."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Sir."

Lang: "So..."

Mitchell, C.: "I beg the forgiveness of the Body."

Lang: "So... yeah, don't... don't try that joke thing; it doesn't work. So, I noticed that when I asked you what a fee simple was you read it off your computer. Can't you just tell us in English 'cause... Are you a lawyer?"

Mitchell, C.: "No, Sir. I'm not."

Lang: "Well, good. So, maybe you can explain to us in language that we can understand what a fee simple is."

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Mitchell, C.: "It's..."

Lang: "No. Don't... don't read it again, Sir."

Mitchell, C.: "I... I got it. It's a payment. Literally, the forest preserve makes a payment to a private property owner to acquire the land."

Lang: "Well, now I'm more confused than I was before. What's an easement?"

Mitchell, C.: "So, an easement, it... you can think of it a little bit like a lease, effectively, it's a mutually beneficial agreement with a private property owner for use of the land. There's a conservation easement, which does it for purposes of conservation, water quality, or a simple easement which is just use."

Lang: "Again, simple. A simple easement. So, now, I've used simple three times in this very simple Bill. Can you give us an example of an easement?"

Mitchell, C.: "So, for example, there's a private property owner near the forest preserve district who has... they own a parking lot and the property value of the parking lot's high. They don't want to sell it outright, but they can get an income tax credit in exchange for letting the forest preserve district use it, you know, a couple days a year or year-round, whatever it is. They enter into an easement agreement that's beneficial for both sides."

Lang: "And what will the Cook County Forest Preserve District do if you are successful in passing this Bill?"

Mitchell, C.: "You would have to ask them what specific uses they have. It's my understanding they have several owners lined up to do easements with right now. I'm not aware of

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the nature of those agreements, but it would allow them to acquire more land up to their statutory limit of 75 thousand acres."

Lang: "So, let me get this straight. You come to the House Floor on your first Bill, you say it's simple. But I ask you what the Cook County Forest Preserve District's going to do if you pass this very simple Bill, and you don't know. Do you, Sir?"

Mitchell, C.: "I... I don't know in terms of exact agreements with property owners. I do know the goal is to create more open space for the people of Cook County."

Lang: "So, is... do I understand that downstate forest preserve districts already have what you're trying to do for Cook County?"

Mitchell, C.: "That's correct, Leader Lang."

Lang: "So, are you trying to create warfare between Cook County and the rest of the state here, today?"

Mitchell, C.: "No, Sir. I'm trying to create equity with Cook County and the rest of the state."

Lang: "So, I noticed you do have some downstate folks, non-Cook County folks who are Sponsors of the Bill. Do they understand that you're trying to create warfare between Cook County and their counties?"

Mitchell, C.: "I'm not sure they call it warfare. I think... I think we're trying to create peace and harmony here, Sir."

Lang: "This is a peace and harmony Bill?"

Mitchell, C.: "I... I would say it has the affect of creating more peace and harmony, yes, Sir, through an easement."

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Lang: "So, you would call this a simple peace and harmony Bill?"

Mitchell, C.: "I'm beginning to think that that... that might be... a good characterization, but I defer to the Leader on that."

Lang: "Well, I think you handled these questions well, but my guess is there are other questions coming that'll be not quite so simple. Thank you, Sir."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Leader."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Representative... Mitchell. How are you?"

Mitchell, C.: "I'm... I'm doing well, Mr. Chairman. How are you?"

Dunkin: "You know, you like a particular cartoon character with that hat on."

Mitchell, C.: "Okay."

Dunkin: "Back when I was a little kid, a thousand years ago, he hung out in the forest too. I'm going to be nice. Can you repeat... I was talking to other folk, can you give me sort of a glimpse of this legislation and how it is that Cook County is going to be impacted by it as way to this fee simple?"

Mitchell, C.: "Absolutely. So, at the moment, the Cook County Forest Preserve District can only acquire land through fee simple. This would allow them to acquire land by easement. This is important because we are a landlock district that is surrounded by private property. So, in order to enter into mutually beneficial agreements with property owners, they need the ability to do easements. This would allow them to do that and create more open space in Cook County."

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Dunkin: "In Cook County. So, why not Pike County or Sangamon County or Winnebago County. Why can't we include them in this legislation?"

Mitchell, C.: "So, all other forest preserve districts in the State of Illinois, currently, have the ability to do this, Mr. Chairman."

Dunkin: "Really? Is there a way that you could put the red jacket back on? I mean really extenuates your... your color and compliments the hat. I like... I support... I tend to support fashion forward Legislators. So, do you mind?"

Mitchell, C.: "I appreciate it, Sir. I would defer to Dean of Pledges, Linda Chapa LaVia, on that matter. I will let her make the decision."

Dunkin: "Where's the Dean of... Where's our Chapa LaVia? Is she working today? Oh, there she is. All right. Chapa, can you grace him with his cape? Just one more time, Dean. Okay. So, I noticed you have a number of Sponsors here."

Mitchell, C.: "Yes, Sir."

Dunkin: "And what I don't see are non-Cook County Legislators. What gives? You don't like other colleagues here? We love you."

Mitchell, C.: "Are you not from Cook County, Sir? I... I'm not understanding."

Dunkin: "Well, am I even on here? I'm not on here. I'm trying to figure out why some of my other colleagues from... from again, Pike County..."

Mitchell, C.: "Aren't you on here?"

Dunkin: "...and Jasper County and Effingham, why aren't they on the Bill, Representative?"

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Mitchell, C.: "Well, I am... I would love to have additional Sponsors. I tried to get as many folks as I could."

Dunkin: "Well, did you... did you ask Reboletti over here? What about Mike Bost or Carol Sente?"

Mitchell, C.: "I did speak to some of my friends on the other side of the aisle. They said they were going to review the Bill. So, I look forward to having their support, here, on the floor."

Dunkin: "So, you discriminated against non-Cook County Legislators, but yet, you expect this Bill to pass? Really?"

Mitchell, C.: "I wouldn't call it discrimination. I did go over and speak to Mr. Bost and Mr. Reboletti. As I said, I hope to have their support for this Bill on the floor, as well as, the support of the Body."

Dunkin: "But they didn't... they didn't give you an affirm... an affirmation of... of this legislation being supported, right?"

Mitchell, C.: "I... Repeat your question, Mr. Chairman, I didn't hear you."

Dunkin: "They didn't... they didn't affirm support for this Bill, correct?"

Mitchell, C.: "That's... that's correct."

Dunkin: "So, you know this Bill is expected to die, right?"

Mitchell, C.: "I... I'm an optimist, an eternal optimist, Sir, so I... that was not my perspective."

Dunkin: "Well, I don't think so. If you have no other folk on this Bill except Cook County folk, I mean, how do you expect to get things done down here?"

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Mitchell, C.: "I'm not sure that's... I don't have the cosponsors in front of me. I'm not sure that's an accurate portrayal of my cosponsors."

Dunkin: "I think so. I've been down here a couple years. I'm telling you... Now, wait a minute, you're a smart guy. What school did you go to?"

Mitchell, C.: "Excuse me."

Dunkin: "What school did you attend?"

Mitchell, C.: "I believe we share an alma mater. I believe I went to the University of Chicago; I believe you did as well, Sir."

Dunkin: "I was there, yes. I was there a couple of years ago. So, you're a smart man, right?"

Mitchell, C.: "That's..."

Dunkin: "You consider yourself intelligent, smart guy."

Mitchell, C.: "I have been told so."

Dunkin: "I think you are. So, I want to see Brandon Phelps on that Bill. I want to see Chuck Jefferson, Jack Franks, Representative Wheeler. Can you promise me that you'll work with them to make sure we get this done?"

Mitchell, C.: "I... I look forward to having their support, Sir."

Dunkin: "And put the red jacket back on. If you want my support, you got to put the red jacket back on."

Mitchell, C.: "I'm pretty sure, Representative Dunkin, some of the folks you listed are already cosponsoring this Bill. And so, I'm grateful for their support and would love to add the support of anyone else who's interested."

Dunkin: "All right. Okay. Members, if you're name is not on the cosponsorship, please vote 'no'. Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Reboletti."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor yiel..."

Reboletti: "Oh, I'm sorry. Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "State your inquiry, please."

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker, I thought that the only freshman allowed to present Bills was Representative Welch. So, I would ask that this be returned to the Order of Second Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Not going to happen, Representative."

Reboletti: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, this will allow the forest preserve to ease into taking over properties?"

Mitchell, C.: "No, Sir. It allows them to enter into an easement, a mutually beneficial agreement between the district and a private property owner."

Reboletti: "See, because in DuPage County we're concerned about Cook County easing their way and taking our property 'cause that happened in O'Hare field, so now we share an easement. It's called O'Hare Airport with new runways. So, this wouldn't expand any runways coming to DuPage County, would it?"

Mitchell, C.: "That's not my... no, Sir."

Reboletti: "Okay. That's... that is a concern. Now, you're not trying to ease your way into Eddie Sullivan's district are you because up in Lake County I don't think they want any part of the forest preserve from Cook. He was concerned about that."

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Mitchell, C.: "I'm having a little trouble hearing you, Mr. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Speaker, could we have some order, please?"

Speaker Turner: "Members, can we keep the noise level down, so that Representative Mitchell can handle his first Bill. Thank you."

Reboletti: "I said, Representative Sullivan had some concerns that the... you were trying to ease your way up into the Lake County Forest Preserve system. That's not the case, right?"

Mitchell, C.: "No, Sir. That is not the goal."

Reboletti: "The other thing is that I'm very concerned about, I listened to the Governor's address a week or so ago, does this close any mobster loopholes?"

Mitchell, C.: "While I share the Governor's concern on that issue, this Bill does not address that, Sir."

Reboletti: "Well, we do have some concerns about that and... Does this ban the RTA by any chance? I know Representative Davis has some concerns on that."

Mitchell, C.: "It... it does not address Representative Davis's issue on the RTA."

Reboletti: "Is there a reason that there are no Republican cosponsors of your legislation?"

Mitchell, C.: "Repeat the question, Sir."

Reboletti: "Oh, I'm sorry. Oh, Representative Moffitt's a Republican? Oh, thank you. I didn't realize he was on the... on the Bill. How come you only have one Republican cosponsor..."

Mitchell, C.: "I believe, Representative..."

Reboletti: "...Representative, you don't like us over here?"

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Mitchell, C.: "...I believe Representative Demmer is a cosponsor as well."

Reboletti: "He is now?"

Mitchell, C.: "Indeed."

Reboletti: "You have two."

Mitchell, C.: "We young people try to stick together so there's..."

Reboletti: "Young people. Are you referring to me as old, then, Representative?"

Mitchell, C.: "No... I would say..."

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker."

Mitchell, C.: "I would say seasoned, Sir. I would say seasoned veterans."

Reboletti: "For those of you over the age of 35, I guess, I would suggest that you vote 'no'. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is there any chance this freshman, first Bill-Sponsor, would yield?"

Speaker Turner: "He yields."

Moffitt: "Representative..."

Mitchell, C.: "Yes, Sir."

Moffitt: "...we had a little discussion in committee. We talked about wearing the red coat."

Mitchell, C.: "We did, Sir. I think I might have mentioned this though, if I had it in time, although I'm more than willing to redon the red coat, if you so wish."

Moffitt: "Well, I believe we talked about this and I don't... we haven't had any subsequent discussions. Why aren't you wearing it?"

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Mitchell, C.: "I was... I was made to believe that the hat, in honor of Lincoln, would be appropriate and acceptable as an alternative."

Moffitt: "Well, perhaps, maybe that would be okay then since you have approached it that way."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Sir."

Moffitt: "On this legislation, during some of that discussion, was the comment made there are no Sponsors other than from Cook County?"

Mitchell, C.: "I believe that comment was made, but I believe that comment is also inaccurate."

Moffitt: "But that comment was made, was it?"

Mitchell, C.: "Yes, it was."

Moffitt: "Do you're... you didn't make it though, did you?"

Mitchell, C.: "I'm sorry. Repeat the question, Sir."

Moffitt: "That... that wasn't your comment, was it?"

Mitchell, C.: "No. No, no, no, that was Representative Dunkin."

Moffitt: "Representative Dunkin said there were only Cook County Sponsors on this Bill?"

Mitchell, C.: "That was said and I believe, refuted."

Moffitt: "Did... he took Geography when he was in school, didn't he?"

Mitchell, C.: "You would... I would defer to the Representative on his education."

Moffitt: "We mentioned his education there during his comments. I... I want to invite anyone that said there were only Cook County Sponsors on there to come to the 74th District to come to my home county of Knox County. I'd... I'd like to invite you. You will need to allow more than a few minutes

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drive though. It's in beautiful western Illinois. And I would welcome you coming there to visit. The... this legislation, Representative, you as a freshman, I understand, have indicated it is your hopes that this will put Cook County Forest Preserve on a par or parity with downstate forest districts."

Mitchell, C.: "Yes, Sir. Vis-à-vis their ability to acquire land by easement."

Moffitt: "Would you repeat that, please?"

Mitchell, C.: "I said, yes, Sir, that is what I said and I qualified it by saying that I meant that vis-à-vis their ability to acquire land by..."

Moffitt: "Yeah."

Mitchell, C.: "...easement, which other forest preserve districts can do."

Moffitt: "But put them on an even par with each other."

Mitchell, C.: "In that regard, yes, Sir."

Moffitt: "Would you support legislation that would put us on an even par with Cook County on other areas that maybe we could create this... look at this parity issue?"

Mitchell, C.: "I... I would imagine I would... I'd be very interested in looking at such Bills with you, Sir. I imagine those would have far-reaching impact, but I'd certainly be interested in looking to work with you on those."

Moffitt: "And potentially, could have your support for such good government Bills that would give downstate a parity with a larger county, maybe in the northeast corner."

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Mitchell, C.: "I would... I would certainly be willing to take a look."

Moffitt: "Well, Representative, I'm... I'm looking forward to working with you in the... in the future. I don't know, I think you're still hanging in the balance, here, on whether or not this will get enough votes. But the fact that you at least wore the hat, knew that you would have the coat, but you have an excellent alternative is a good step. Your willingness to work with downstate, and perhaps you would want to come out and view beautiful western Illinois."

Mitchell, C.: "I would... I would gratefully accept your invitation, Sir."

Moffitt: "And Galesburg is the home of a Lincoln-Douglas debate site, the only standing site, the birth place of Carl Sandberg, the great... the great author. So, there are lots of things we'd like to have you come and see in western Illinois. And I was pleased to join with you in making this more than just a Cook County sponsorship. Thank you."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor yields."

Jefferson: "Congratulations on your first Bill, I think. This expands the forest preserve in Cook County. Is that correct?"

Mitchell, C.: "It allows them to do so, Sir."

Jefferson: "So, using eminent domain sometimes you can go in and take land that you need to expand on these forest preserve districts?"

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Mitchell, C.: "There are specific... there's specific language in here preventing the use of eminent domain or condemnation. So, no, Sir, not by those mechanisms."

Jefferson: "So, when you create these additional forest preserves, do they have wild animals in them?"

Mitchell, C.: "I'm not sure of the specific nature of individual parcels. I would imagine that's probably not an objective, but you'd have to ask the forest preserve district."

Jefferson: "Well, I know in Rockford, when we've got too many deer that's infested in the forest preserves, we'll allow people to go in and hunt, and clean... and sort of clear them out a little bit. Are you going to be able to do that with your forest preserve districts?"

Mitchell, C.: "You'd have to... you'd have to consult the... the Code to figure out exactly what the rules are for hunting in individual parcels. I'm not familiar with them. But I'd imagine insofar as it's legal in the district now it would be legal there as well, pending agreement with the property owner."

Jefferson: "So, if... if I'm visiting this forest preserve and I happen to have my FOID card, Representative Phelps, and happen to be carrying my shotgun, and I see a wild boar in the forest preserve, am I allowed to hunt that wild boar?"

Mitchell, C.: "I... I imagine you would have to comply with all existing regulations in the forest preserve district of Cook County, which I'm not familiar with."

Jefferson: "Well, you know, if you see a wild boar and you envision ham hocks and chitlins and all the other things

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that come with that wild boar, you're tempted to shoot him.
Is there any consequences after the fact?"

Mitchell, C.: "I'm not... I'm not familiar with that regulation
at this time. This Bill only deals with the acquisition of
land by easement."

Jefferson: "So, if I went in there and did that, there's
probably going to be consequences?"

Mitchell, C.: "I... I would imagine so, Sir, but I'm only using
my imagination not reference to the Cook County Forest
Preserve Code."

Jefferson: "Well, you know, if I can't go in there and hunt,
you know, times are getting pretty difficult right now,
jobs are short, food's short, money short, and I got a
chance to... to get me a wild boar that's going to probably
get me meat for the next two weeks, next month, and you say
I can't do that, I don't know. I'm not going to support
this Bill. Thank you, Representative."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Previous question."

Speaker Turner: "There's a Motion to move the previous
question. All those in favor say 'yes'; all those opposed
say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it.
And the question is put. Representative Mitchell to close."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Members of
the House. I urge an 'aye' vote. This just brings parity to
the Forest Preserve District to acquire land. And thank you
for the experience."

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Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2239 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Representative DeLuca. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 109 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2239, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker, I don't know if Representative DeLuca wanted to be a 'no'. I don't... Should I file a Motion to reconsider, so I can give him a chance to change his vote?"

Speaker Turner: "I think Representative DeLuca's all right with it."

Reboletti: "And I have one other question for you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday was a pretty slow count... or was it yesterday or two days ago, Speaker Lang was in the Chair and.. and was have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? And there was about a five minute pause. Is... where in the rules does it say how long it should take to take the record?"

Speaker Turner: "It might have been a technical malfunction on this end. But he said.."

Reboletti: "On behalf of the electronics or did... did Leader Lang have a technical malfunction?"

Speaker Turner: "The.. the electronics, the electronics."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Mr. Speaker, I was in a meeting at the rear of the chamber. I heard my name used in debate. Did something take place here on the floor?"

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Speaker Turner: "Ask your seatmate about that one."

DeLuca: "There seemed to be a malfunction with my switch. That's what I'm being told. So on... what was the Bill number?"

Speaker Turner: "2239, Representative."

DeLuca: "Okay. I would like to be recorded as a 'yes'. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The record shall reflect your request. Thank you. House Bill 2245, Representative Chapa LaVia. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2245, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. This Bill was a cleanup Bill from last Session. We passed a piece of legislation for Representative Jerry Mitchell, who's no longer here, but it was agreed upon. The Bill... the number... Amendment #1 becomes the underlying language and it remains the same. And what it does is it provides... requires training with a one year of employment instead of upon employment. It adds effective date of July 1, 2004. But what it does there's free training that's involved, but each teacher is trained how to look for abuse and neglect in reporting... in the Child Reporting Act. What we found in its initiative, the IFT... what we had found is that a large percentage of children nowadays, in the State of Illinois, go through some type of child abuse, but it's not... it's not detected by the teachers because the

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training isn't... is far and few between. So, it's agreed upon Bill. There's no opposition. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to report a malfunction with my button because on Representative Bost's Bill that he has made me Chief Sponsor of, one of the Co-chief Sponsors, I would like to be recorded as voting 'yes' on House Bill 1548. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "The record will reflect your request, Representative. Seeing no debate on House Bill 2245, Representative Chapa LaVia to close."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. If I could just have a 'yes' vote on this. Also, I stand corrected. School Management Alliance is still unopposed to it, but they understand why we are doing it. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2245 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 110 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2245, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed."

Speaker Turner: "House Bill 2327, Representative Riley. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of this Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2327 is on the Order of House Bills- Third Reading, but a Floor Amendment is pending."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Riley."

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Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment #1 just essentially adds some cleanup language to the underlying Bill. And... and what it does is it clarifies that the defendants won't be charged... they won't be charged excessive fees. This Amendment puts caps on the fees that can be charged. That's what House Amendment #1 does. And I'd like for it to be adopted."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please return this Bill to the Order of Second Reading. The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of the Amendment. All those in favor will say 'yes'; all those opposed will say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Representative Riley."

Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2327... House Bill 2327..."

Speaker Turner: "Excuse me, Representative. I'm sorry."

Riley: "Am I... am I... May I proceed, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Turner: "No, Sir. Representative Sacia."

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

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

Sacia: "All due respect to Representative Riley, I... I think his Bill has been... It's not moving at the moment. Is that correct?"

Speaker Turner: "Yes, Sir."

Sacia: "Okay. If I might have a point of personal privilege. Up behind me in the gallery, Ladies and Gentlemen, are 47 young students from Jo Daviess County, Illinois, Stockton in particular, under the tutelage of Mr. Brad Fox. And these 47 young people represent a high school that has, in

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the ISAT test, three consecutive years in the upper 90 percentile. They are an amazing group of young people. And I wish you would help me welcome them to their State Capitol."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to your Capitol. Representative Franks. Representative Jack Franks."

Franks: "Thank you. Are we on the Bill? I'm not sure. We're not on the Bill. I wanted to debate the Bill. I'll sit down now. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "No, Sir. House Bill 2353, Representative Cloonen. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2353, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Cloonen."

Cloonen: "Yes, Speaker, thank you and thank you Members of the chamber. This Bill is a Bill that gives in-state tuition for veterans. It allows them to have in-state tuition after they've come back even if they've served somewhere else. And so, all of the 9 universities and the 49 community colleges are behind it, the Military Veterans' Affairs, and the Department of Veterans' Affairs are in support of this Bill. So, I have 35 already cosponsors and I would urge the other 25 to help sponsor this Bill and pass it."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bost."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor yields."

Bost: "Explain one more time. I'm very familiar with the Veterans' Grant. Now, is this a Veterans' Grant?"

Cloonen: "No, it is not. It's simply in-state tuition."

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Bost: "It is the in-state tuition waiver for... for military personnel, correct?"

Cloonen: "It is so that the veterans can get in-state tuition instead of out-of-state tuition even though they've been serving out of state."

Bost: "Okay. I am... I am familiar with this Bill. But this is your first Bill, right?"

Cloonen: "It is."

Bost: "You know, 'cause if you hadn't... if you didn't have the hat on, I'd had never known it. Is... are you familiar with the in-state waivers for veterans that are already exist?"

Cloonen: "I understand there are some in-state waivers. This allows for all veterans. All veterans of the post-9/11."

Bost: "All veterans that are post-9/11."

Cloonen: "Who are already using that... who are already using a 9... post-9/11 education assistance to go to school."

Bost: "Did you... what... what was the position of the universities on this?"

Cloonen: "They are proponents. Almost all of them are proponents."

Bost: "Okay."

Cloonen: "The community colleges are no position, but there are no opponents."

Bost: "Representative, I'm trying to figure out. So... so, if a veteran from any state wants to come to the State of Illinois, they would get in-state tuition. Is that correct?"

Cloonen: "That is correct."

Bost: "Okay."

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Cloonen: "You would have to understand that they would live here. They would probably work here. And they would give their taxes to the State of Illinois."

Bost: "Do you... do you know of any other... is there reciprocity with other states or do we know that?"

Cloonen: "There are none."

Bost: "There are no other states that do this?"

Cloonen: "We don't have a reciprocity with any of the other states in this legislation."

Bost: "No. No, that... Okay. I understand that. But do any other states have this in their state? For instance, I'm a veteran..."

Cloonen: "I understand that..."

Bost: "...I... I happen to be from Illinois, and all of a sudden I wanted to go to, and I wouldn't, but go to another state to go to... go to school. But I wanted to go to, let's say, SLU in Missouri."

Cloonen: "Yes. I have not asked the other 49 states if they have this in theirs. But what this does, by allowing the in-state tuition, if someone from out-of-state is attending, they are using up those benefits at a vast rate, and this allows them in-state tuition."

Bost: "Okay. Representative, you're... you're very somber about this. You're not being relaxed. Are you a little nervous doing this?"

Cloonen: "I'm not nervous. I'm ready for your questions."

Bost: "Well, I've got some."

Cloonen: "Good."

Bost: "Representative, what did you do before you came here?"

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Cloonen: "I have been a farmer. I've been a teacher. And I'm a business owner."

Bost: "What did you teach?"

Cloonen: "I taught music."

Bost: "Oh. Oh. have you met Brandon Phelps?"

Cloonen: "Pardon me?"

Bost: "Have you met Brandon Phelps?"

Cloonen: "I have met Brandon. I'm a cosponsor on his Bill."

Bost: "Do you sing?"

Cloonen: "I do sing."

Bost: "Would you... have you ever met Brandon Phelps's uncle, or his dad?"

Cloonen: "I'm sorry. I couldn't understand the question."

Bost: "Have you ever met Brandon Phelps's father or his uncle?"

Cloonen: "No. I have not."

Bost: "Well, I'm going to tell you that they can sing."

Cloonen: "That's good."

Bost: "That's called... they are... they are the... the world renowned Phelps Brothers."

Cloonen: "Wonderful."

Bost: "And his uncle, when he served here, would sing for us on a regular basis. Can we get you to sing today?"

Cloonen: "Are you asking me to sing?"

Bost: "Yeah. I'd love for you to sing."

Cloonen: "What would you like to hear, Sir?"

Bost: "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Cloonen: "Would you like to all rise and sing the National Anthem?"

Bost: "That would be great. Yes."

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Cloonen: "Let's do it."

Bost: "All right."

Cloonen: "Please remove your hat."

Bost: "And she did."

Cloonen: "Please join with me."

Cloonen & Bost: Sing The Star-Spangled Banner.

Bost: "Thank you, Rep... thank you, Representative. I think that's a first on the floor of the first Bill. And we... Dave Phelps will be happy that we finally have a replacement for him on this floor to sing. Now, next... at next week with another Bill maybe we'll ask for some Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young or something, but thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Pritchard."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "Representative, you have a very interesting Bill here. Where did you come up with the idea for this Bill?"

Cloonen: "This came from a constituent."

Pritchard: "From..."

Cloonen: "I... when I was walking door to door."

Pritchard: "So, it wasn't Mr. Brown or perhaps, myself who've introduced Bills very similar to this?"

Cloonen: "I understand that there are Bills very similar to this. Mine is tighter and cleaner in the fact that it is..."

Pritchard: "What?"

Cloonen: "...only post-9/11."

Pritchard: "What? A freshman with a tighter and cleaner Bill? Representative..."

Cloonen: "Sir, I understand I did..."

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Pritchard: "...how can you insult the integrity of this Body by saying you have the best idea?"

Cloonen: "I do believe I have the best idea."

Pritchard: "Oh. I'm crushed. So, does this add anything to the cost that universities must face?"

Cloonen: "It does not add to the cost if someone were from out-of-state paying out-of-state tuition; it would have in-state tuition. But however, they are all proponents."

Pritchard: "And... and you know, from what we hear our taxes and our unpaid bills and other things are driving people out of the state. Why would anyone want to come to the state who isn't already a resident?"

Cloonen: "Because Illinois is the greatest state there is."

Pritchard: "Well, since you're such a great singer with The Star-Spangled Banner, could you also lead us in an event... a rendition of the Illinois song?"

Cloonen: "Yes."

Pritchard: "Well, I'm not sure we're prepared for an encore this quickly, but I do want to hear that sometime."

Cloonen: "It is (sings), 'By thy rivers gently flowing.' That is the Illinois State Song."

Pritchard: "Do you know any other words?"

Cloonen: "(sings) 'By thy rivers gently flowing, Illinois, Illinois. O'er thy prairies verdant growing, Illinois, Illinois.' Those are the words."

Pritchard: "Representative, have you ever considered, perhaps, another career besides representing, maybe singing?"

Cloonen: "I did that."

Pritchard: "Been there done that. Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Cloonen: "Yes."

Speaker Turner: "Apparently, she'll do anything you ask."

Lang: "So, Representative, the singing was phenomenal. I heard you play the piano the other night..."

Cloonen: "Yes."

Lang: "...at a particular establishment in town. Do you think your Bill would be better if you hadn't been playing the piano and instead had studied your Bill?"

Cloonen: "I did study my Bill, Sir. I did the piano after hours."

Lang: "There are no after hours here. This is a 24/7 kind of group, right?"

Cloonen: "Yes, Sir. You are correct, Sir."

Lang: "Well, I think you're very, very talented, but I'm still voting 'no'."

Cloonen: "That is your prerogative."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "She indicates that she will."

Davis, W.: "Since she appears to be willing to display her musical talents, I guess, in addition to her legislative skills, I just wants to know... I just want to know, does she know any R&B?"

Cloonen: "I could do that. It would not be proper on the floor of the State of Illinois."

Davis, W.: "Not... not proper?"

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Cloonen: "Well, we would have... we could do it at a different time."

Davis, W.: "Okay. You know what, I'll just... I'll just have to... so... so, you'll let us know when it's... you'll invite us out, give us invitations. You know, are you... are you just going to have... why don't we just ask her to have a concert. She shouldn't do a concert. She'd..."

Cloonen: "No, I would invite you to the COWL concert. The COWL show."

Davis, W.: "Are you... are you going to do R&B there?"

Cloonen: "We will do something."

Davis, W.: "You'll do something."

Cloonen: "Yes."

Davis, W.: "Okay, I'm... you know..."

Cloonen: "I would invite you to join me."

Davis, W.: "Well, Representative, I certainly hope that you understand in this place your word is very golden here."

Cloonen: "I understand."

Davis, W.: "So, if you agree to do R&B at COWL, then I expect R&B at COWL."

Cloonen: "Yes, Sir."

Davis, W.: "Someone suggested that you do a duet with Chad Hays, but somehow or another I don't really think that that would be appropriate. So, can we count on you to do R&B at COWL?"

Cloonen: "You have to ask the director. If the director of COWL agrees, I will do it."

Davis, W.: "She's the producer. I don't know who the director is. Anyway... anyway, I won't belabor... belabor the point, but

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you know, since you be so inclined to sing and what have you, I just want you to do some R&B; something that I can relate to a little bit better."

Cloonen: "Yes, Sir."

Davis, W.: "Okay. Thanks."

Cloonen: "I'd be happy to, Sir."

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

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Just to clarify that the people do have to reside in Illinois? It was so... I mean, the people that are serving for a certain period of time."

Cloonen: "No, they do not. If..."

Bellock: "Oh, they do not."

Cloonen: "...they want to come from another state, they can. This will give... this will give in-state tuition to those veterans using the post-9/11 educational benefits to have in-state tuition even if they are from another state."

Bellock: "Okay, so there is no previous residency requirement."

Cloonen: "For most of... for most of the people, they were residents before, and then due to their being serving out-of-state, they were deemed out-of-state residents and now they will be deemed in-state. But this does, to answer your question, it could give someone who served out-of-state... who lived out-of-state in-state tuition."

Bellock: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Cloonen to close."

Cloonen: "Just to... just to explain, one moment, Sir. If someone were at the Scott Air Force Base or something like that,

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they came back to Illinois, that would give them in-state tuition. And in closing, I would like to say, I would appreciate your support on this Bill. And I did try to ask as many veterans as I could on this Bill. I would appreciate your support. And thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "The question is. 'Shall House Bill 2353 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 109 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2353, having received a favorable majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Mr. Speaker, I mentioned earlier the good folks from Stockton. They are from the middle school, the middle school in Stockton. I just wanted to correct the record."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. House Bill 2360, Kelly Burke. Mr. Clerk, please read the roll."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2360, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Kelly Burke."

Burke, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2360 adds language to the Forcible Entry and Detainer Act to clarify that in the instance of a condominium or homeowners association filing a complaint against an owner for nonpayment of assessments, the owner may not raise, as an affirmative defense, the alleged failure of the association to maintain the common elements. The need for clarification arises due to a recent Second District Appellate Court case in which the court applied landlord-tenant law to the owner

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association relationship and allowed an owner to raise that defense. Allowing this defense opens the door for owners to withhold their assessments when they are dissatisfied with the association. The Second District's opinion creates a situation where and associations will have an even more difficult time collecting the assessments that fund all of the association's operations, including payment of taxes, utilities, garbage disposal, landscaping, et cetera. If the amount of funds available for these functions decline, the associations will be without the ability to pay for them, leading to dilapidated properties that lose market value. The duty of an owner to pay assessments is an independent covenant and is set forth in the bylaws and declarations. The obligation is not contingent upon the board carrying out a subjective level of maintenance. Owners have other remedies to address issues that arise relative to maintenance of the property. House Bill 2640 does not deprive an owner of a remedy, but rather it will close a procedural right to raise a defense in an action brought by the association under the Forcible Entry and Detainer Act.

I know of no opposition. And I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Thapedi."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor yields."

Thapedi: "Representative, you said that the basis of this Bill is in response to the Appellate Court decision by the Second District, Spanish Court Two Condominium Association v. Carlson. Is that correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes."

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Thapedi: "And you also indicated that in that scenario that the unit owner was dissatisfied. Is that what you said?"

Burke, K.: "The unit owner raised, as an affirmative defense, the fact that the condo association had not made repair of some common elements."

Thapedi: "Correct. So, it was more than just being dissatisfied, is that there was actually a problem with that particular unit owner's unit, and that was the basis of her filing a counterclaim and affirmative defenses to the forcible entry and detainer action."

Burke, K.: "Right."

Thapedi: "Isn't that correct?"

Burke, K.: "She... she alleged failure to maintain. Yes."

Thapedi: "Okay. Now, the latest opinion after some modifications and the denial of rehearing, is dated... is dated November 9, 2012, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "And Justice Birkett from DuPage County wrote the opinion. And there was no dissent meaning that it was 3-0 decision, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Correct."

Thapedi: "Now, this was also a case of first impression, true?"

Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "Okay. And it's currently set to be heard by the Illinois Supreme Court, is that right?"

Burke K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "And what is the standing in the court now and when do you expect the Illinois Supreme Court to rule on this decision?"

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Burke, K.: "I don't have a date on that, Representative."

Thapedi: "Okay. The association was and is represented by the law firm of Kovitz Shifrin, correct?"

Burke, K.: "I believe that was the Appellate counsel, yes."

Thapedi: "Okay. And they're also appealing to the Supreme Court as well, correct?"

Burke, K.: "I will take your word for it."

Thapedi: "Okay. And they... and they also handled the trial as well, correct?"

Burke, K.: "I will take your word for it."

Thapedi: "Okay. Now, essentially the case involved a condominium association and a unit owner, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "And then the condominium association filed suit against the unit owner for unpaid monthly assessments, special assessments, late charges, and attorneys' fees, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "So, this law firm, Kovitz Shifrin, was attempting to extract attorneys' fees from the unit owner, correct?"

Burke, K.: "If they included that in their pleadings, then yes."

Thapedi: "Okay. So, as long as the case continued and the parties duked it out, even 'til this day while we're still litigating up to the Supreme Court, the unit owner, if she loses will have to pay whatever the law firm of Kovitz Shifrin says its attorneys' fees are, correct?"

Burke, K.: "For the appeal and the Supreme Court case as well, is that what you're asking me?"

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Thapedi: "Yes. From... from the trial court to the Appellate Court to the Supreme Court, the law firm of Kovitz Shifrin would be able to recover, from that particular unit owner, all of its attorneys' fees under the Condominium Property Act and because they initiated a forcible entry detainer action, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Correct."

Thapedi: "I... I didn't hear the answer."

Burke, K.: "Correct."

Thapedi: "Okay. Now, at the time that the lawsuit was filed, the association represented by the Kovitz firm was only suing for \$2,143.83, correct?"

Burke, K.: "That sounds about right."

Thapedi: "Okay. And the association's complaint was a two-count complaint. Count one was under the Forcible Entry Detainer Act, and count two was alleged breach of contract, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "And then, in response, the owner filed an answer, a counterclaim, and affirmative defenses stating that she did not owe the assessments because the association did not maintain the roof and the brick work of the building which in turn allowed water to leak into her unit causing 6 thousand to 10 thousand dollars' worth of damage, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Those are the allegations, yes."

Thapedi: "Okay. And then the trial court struck the affirmative defenses and severed the counterclaim, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "And at trial, the association won, true?"

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Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "Okay. So, then we got to the appeal and on appeal the issue before the court was whether an enforceable action, brought by a condominium association, against the unit owner for failure to pay assessments a 'unit owner may claim as a defense that his or her responsibility for assessments was diminished or nullified by the failure of the boards to maintain the common elements of the property as required in the condominium instrument'. Isn't that correct?"

Burke, K.: "That's what the opinion stated, yes."

Thapedi: "Okay. And then the court ultimately held two things. First, consistent with Jack Spring, the Supreme Court decision in 1972, and the implied warranty of habitability that an owner may, in fact, claim neglect as the defense to the boards suit under the Act, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes, applying landlord tenant law to this same... to this relationship."

Thapedi: "Excellent. And then, the court also held that the unit owner may not counterclaim under the Forcible Entry and Detainer Act for damages cost to her unit or her personal property other than neglect to the common elements, isn't that correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "Okay. And then, the court also held that an association has an absolute duty to repair and maintain its common elements, the funds for which are provided through the mandatory assessments paid by the unit owners, correct?"

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Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "And the court, however, noted that every lapse by an association and its repair and maintenance of duties will not justify a unit owner in suspending payments of assessments, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Correct."

Thapedi: "I'm sorry."

Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "And the court even noted that overgrown bushes, unrepaired sidewalk cracks are not material breaches of the duty to repair and maintain. Is that correct?"

Burke, K.: "Correct. The court did use the term material breach."

Thapedi: "Okay. But according to the court, a sound roof and exterior walls are, perhaps, the most fundamental expectations of those who purchase condominium units and expend considerable sums of money each year for 'maintenance free living'. Isn't that correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "And ultimately, the Appellate Court reversed and remanded the case to deal with issue of the association's breach of its duty to repain... to repair and maintain, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Correct."

Thapedi: "Okay. Does your Bill say that there's no longer a duty of repair and maintenance in a condominium setting?"

Burke, K.: "No, it does not. It limits it to being able to raise, as an affirmative to defense to a forcible entry and

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detainer action, the failure to maintain by the condo association."

Thapedi: "And.. so.. in essence then, all your Bill says is that a unit owner cannot file a counterclaim or an affirmative defense in a forcible entry and detainer action brought by his or her association, instead that unit owner must bring a separate cause of action against his or her association for breach of the duty to repair and maintain the common elements. Am I correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes. Yes."

Thapedi: "And if the unit owner brings that new suit, not a counterclaim or any affirmative defenses, that is where he or she can get the relief of a set-off or nullification of the condominium assessments when the association breaches its duty of repair and maintenance. Correct?"

Burke, K.: "That's correct."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Lang."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor yields."

Lang: "Thank you. Representative, I don't think I've ever voted against one of your Bills. And I don't want to today either, but I have a.. I'm concerned about this Bill a little bit. And let me ask you a question."

Burke, K.: "Sure."

Lang: "Will this Bill, if it passes, set up different rules for people who live in condos relative to their association, than people who live in apartments relative to their landlord, relative to the issue of repair and maintenance?"

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Burke, K.: "Well, I think in the law there is a different relationship, attorney or... landlord tenant versus condo owner and condo association. So, they're two different relationships, so, yes."

Lang: "Well, they are two different relationships, but at its core, the living dwelling that a person lives in, if they live in a condo or live in an apartment, is pretty much the same kind of living arrangement, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Well, I think it's a different situation in that, you, as an owner are voluntarily entering into a communal living arrangement, and you are bound by the bylaws and the declarations of that. And in addition, the condo associations are nonprofit. They collect the assessments merely to fund the operations of the common elements. And whereas a landlord-tenant relationship is a lot different, and the landlord is in it for a profit motive."

Lang: "Have you limited this Bill to situations where the owner of the condo has agreed in the declarations and bylaws to waive affirmative defenses?"

Burke, K.: "That is not in this Bill. No."

Lang: "Don't you think that would make it a better Bill?"

Burke, K.: "But there is an affirmative defense that would be... I paid the assessments. And so, you wouldn't want to waive all affirmative defenses."

Lang: "Well... so, if I live in an apartment and the landlord's not keeping it up, I have an affirmative defense when I don't pay my rent, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes, you do."

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Lang: "And if the board of directors of our condo, that I might live in, are not doing what they're supposed to do with my assessment and everybody's assessment in the building, if the roof is leaking, if the windows leak, if the plumbing's backing up, what's my recourse if... if they aren't doing what they're supposed to be doing?"

Burke, K.: "Well, you have several... several courses of action you can take. One is to you... the condo association run... is run by a board of directors and obviously, your first step would be to bring that to the board of directors and try and make the change on that level, as well as, condo owners, themselves, are eligible to be on the board of directors. So... so, becoming a member of the board of directors is an avenue as well. They also can... can file a different lawsuit outside of the forcible entry and detainer action in order to... to get those... to get those changes made or to get those repairs made."

Lang: "But they would not have, if your Bill were to pass, the same rights that a tenant in a landlord tenant situation would have to just simply say, I want to get their attention. I'm not paying until they fix my sink."

Burke, K.: "That is correct."

Lang: "And you believe that the public policy of that should be different because it's an ownership situation as opposed to a rental?"

Burke, K.: "Representative, there's a very small minority of states who... whose condo laws mirror what the Second District was trying to do. And I think the fact that the overwhelming majority of states have for their... in the

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situation we're talking about, do not recognize that... that there's a duty to maintain that is contingent, you know, upon paying the... the duty to pay the assessment is contingent on the duty to maintain, I think sets forth that it's public policy in most states to protect the communal living. Because if one person, or a group of people, decide to withhold it can be a vicious cycle. I mean, there are various reasons why repairs are not made. And sometimes the issue is that there is not enough in reserve and they're trying to do a special assessment, but it's just not... it's a long process and maybe it's taking a long time to do it. And if people withhold their assessments, well then, those basic functions are imperiled as well as the repair that needs to be made."

Lang: "Well, I'm not sure I agree with you, but I'm going to consider your answer. Thank you, Representative."

Burke, K.: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Franks."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor yields."

Franks: "I was echoing some of the concerns of Mr. Lang. But I'm reading the Bill verbatim, and there's nothing in here about withholding the payments of the HOA fees, for instance. What this Bill says is that the failure of a condominium association to maintain, repair, replace the common elements or the common areas is not a defense to an action maintained under forcible entry, correct?"

Burke, K.: "That's correct."

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Franks: "Okay. Now, I'm looking at the analysis. So, there's nothing in there about if you didn't... if you withheld because something wasn't fixed, there's nothing prohibiting you from doing that, at this point, as a protest."

Burke, K.: "I think the... I don't think the law has recognized that there is that ability until this case came up and that's what I think the problem is."

Franks: "Well, here's my... here's my concern with the Bill. And Mr. Thapedi had talked about the long, legal history, and he knows... he knew all about it obviously. You don't have to put your light on, Andre', I'm not going to say anything bad. But what I don't understand is why we are inserting a legislative remedy at a time when this is going to be in front of another court. So, my question is more philosophical. Why are we not waiting for the court to do its... render its decision? Why are we changing the law before the court has had a chance to rule?"

Burke, K.: "Representative, I think what the condo associations, as a whole, are looking for is some certainty. And as you know from being in the Legislature for many years, that it can be difficult once the Supreme Court has ruled to... to change a law that oftentimes people have the same argument, well, the Supreme Court spoke we don't want to... to..."

Franks: "But you're putting us..."

Burke, K.: "...change what the Supreme Court said. I think it's in... it's six of one half dozen of the other."

Franks: "But you're putting us in a position now, should we vote on this and it should pass, to do just that. Because,

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let's assume that this passes, then the Supreme Court rules, but this law was not in effect at the time the case started, so they would not be bound by it. And then, we would have a Supreme Court decision that could come out after this Bill passed."

Burke, K.: "Mmm."

Franks: "Correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes."

Franks: "Can we just wait a year and see what happens? Why I don't know why we just don't wait to see what the Supreme Court does, and then if there's a problem that we need to fix, let's address it. But I think it's premature to do so at this point, and that's why I'm going to be voting against it. And I'd ask you to consider that point because it might be something, if you think about it, if we just hold off, let the Supreme Court do their job, and then if we disagree with them, then we can go change the law; we do that all the time. But I think we can cause more confusion if we pass your law now, and the Supreme Court goes the other way. So, I think it'd be better, ultimately, if we just sat on this for a year and come back after the Supreme Court ruled. If you do continue with it, I will urge the Body to vote 'no', but I'd ask you to think about possibly pulling it out of the record."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I appreciate the dialogue on this. And I do think this is a fairly close call in this matter because it is somewhat akin to a landlord-tenant situation as one of the previous speakers

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alluded to. But the difference to me here is that in the landlord-tenant situation there's a direct contractual relationship and the only parties that are affected by the tenant's failure to pay are the tenant and the landlord. In a condominium situation, you have a whole host of other owners who are going to be impacted by that failure to pay and until... you know, it could be argued, I'm sure that the tenant would... that the condo owner would feel that they are justified, but... and we don't know that for sure and they might just be a... a disgruntled owner and decide that they don't want to pay. So, I think, in this instance, where there's a whole host of other owners that are impacted by a failure to pay that it's important that we protect the integrity of the com... you know, of the... of the association and... and require them to pay. I know it's an onerous deal to have to go file a separate action, and I actually have a Bill to try to deal with that, that I'd love to get passed, but haven't been able to get the support from the Attorney General yet to do that, that could provide some mediation services in exactly these kind of situations. But again, I think it's important that we... that the association receive the money that it's entitled to to protect all the other owners that live in that condominium. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I'm going to try and put this in the nonlawyer speak here. We could kind of describe this as the, you can't take the law into your own hands Act. What we're trying to avoid is where you have

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a group of people that say, I don't like the way the condo association has done something, and then choose, under the Appellate Court ruling, not to pay their association. What's the net effect of that or the practical effect of is, is let's say you have a hundred-unit condo association and you have a war going on between people that want to take over the association, or not, and say 30 condo unit owners say, I'm not going to pay these because maybe they didn't do what we wanted with the roof. Thirty units out of 100 that decide they're not going to pay their association dues has the ability to bring down the whole association and affect your property as well. So, with that, I realize that the Gentleman from McHenry wants to wait another year and I can respect that, and he is on to a little bit of something there, but until then, we need to stop the practice that could go forward of people saying, well, we have a ruling on our side, we have an affirmative defense that says, I don't like something that is going on in my association. So, I'm unilaterally going to say, I'm not giving you my money. If that would happen, we could have a serious problem and the values of your unit and other units could diminish because of that. I strongly urge an 'aye' vote. And let's move this forward, and then we can figure out down the line should there be a different Act at the Supreme Court level."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Thapedi."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My name was used in debate and I'll be... I'll be very brief. Representative, isn't it true that under the Condominium Property Act that if a unit

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owner brings a lawsuit well... strike that, if a association brings a lawsuit against one of the unit owners, the unit owner is responsible for paying for the association's attorneys' fees, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "So, either way it goes that, if you have a disgruntled unit owner, they're going to end up paying attorneys' fees one way or another either to their own attorney or potentially to the association's attorney, correct?"

Burke, K.: "If they bring a suit outside of the Condominium Act..."

Thapedi: "Well, yes. Under your..."

Burke, K.: "...the duty to repair and maintain."

Thapedi: "Under your Bill, and the way that I read it, is that it encourages litigation between unit owners and their associations. The associations are always going to file a lawsuit against the unit owner who doesn't pay. Isn't that correct?"

Burke, K.: "So, Representative, what I would say is that there's no denying that there are often conflicts between individual unit owners and the condominium board. What I'm suggesting is that they're... and Representative Nekritz's Bill, for the ombudsmen or having some sort of mediation, would probably be a good step. I'm just saying that the way to handle these disputes is not through the Forcible Entry and Detainer Act."

Thapedi: "I would agree with you wholeheartedly; however, a unit owner cannot bring an action under the Forcible... under

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the Forcible Entry and Detainer Act. It's the association that brings that lawsuit. So, if a unit owner is disgruntled and they say you won't make any repairs, what else can they do? Under your Bill, you're saying that the only thing that that unit owner can do is retain a lawyer and file a lawsuit against the association. That's the only way for them to get redress. Am I correct?"

Burke, K.: "Other than the options of, you know, self-help let... or, not self-help, but gov... through the governance of their condo association they can do that as well."

Thapedi: "So, they can continue to beg the condo association to make those necessary repairs. And if the condo association is not inclined to make those repairs, what option does the unit owner have, other than to file suits?"

Burke, K.: "Or to get it... garner receipt on the condo association board of directors."

Thapedi: "Correct. And... and the other thing that they can potentially do is they can say, listen, board of directors you won't make these necessary repairs, as a result of that I'm going to withhold my assessments because I'm sustaining severe damage to my unit. When that unit owner does that, the first thing that the association is going to do is that they are going to file suit against that unit owner for failure to pay assessments. And when they file that suit, the unit owner is responsible for paying the association's attorneys' fees as well, correct?"

Burke, K.: "Yes. So, Representative..."

Thapedi: "Yes? Am I correct?"

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Burke, K.: "...if... if... I said it's correct. But what I would suggest is if there is a better way to handle this."

Thapedi: "There is no better way, Representative. We've discovered that."

Burke, K.: "Well, if... I'm willing to work with you and I think, you know, looking at what the other Bills are out there regarding ombudsmen, there can be a different way. It doesn't have to be and shouldn't be through the Forcible Entry and Detainer Act. So, recognizing that there's a problem, the solution does not lie in... in what you're suggesting and allowing people to withhold."

Thapedi: "Well, and again, but they can in fact withhold, but they withhold at their peril."

Burke, K.: "Yes."

Thapedi: "And... and under this case that was correctly decided by the Second District, which I'm sure the Supremes are listening to us right now and they'll make the determination as to whether or not they got it correct, they... they discourage unit owners from filing lawsuits. They encouraged condo associations to be very cautious when they're filing lawsuits to make sure that if they in fact have a duty to repair and maintain the common elements, that they do so. They cannot use the courts as a weapon and as a club against unit owners. Mr. Speaker, To the Bill. This Bill encourages litigation between unit owners and their associations. If you protest against your association by withholding condominium assoc... condominium assessment payments, you're going to get sued. That's the bottom line. You're going to get sued. The association is going to

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recoup all of its attorney's fees from you. And I heard a earlier speaker talk about why are we doing this before the Supreme Court has an opportunity to rule? Well, I submit to you, Members of the General Assembly, that the reason why this particular Bill is being brought here, this morning, is because of one law firm that specializes in this type of law, who was not successful in the Appellate Court, who is more likely than not not going to be successful in the Supreme Court, they want to utilize us as a tool to try to circumvent the court process. And I urge a 'no' vote on this important piece of legislation."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was so glad to hear Attorney Thapedi inform us as to the rights of a condominium owner will be taken away if we pass this Bill. If you own a condominium, your roof is leaking, they refuse to repair it. It creates a wall problem, they refuse to repair it. Currently, the defense you have is to withhold your condominium fees. They would be more inclined to repair these things if the condominium owner had some opportunity to take something away. So, by not paying those fees, it would encourage the condominium association to do the repairs. It would be really unjust to take away from a condominium owner his or her ability... his only defense. You're... we're saying take the defense away from them that they didn't repair this property in a year or whatever. They ignored my pleas for help. And you're saying take that defense away from them. They can't use it for a defense. How the Supreme Court will rule we do not know. But I don't

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think we should take away the ability of a condominium owner to show his or her protest because some repairs that were needed to keep his or her property whole were not made. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sandack."

Sandack: "To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. This is a good Bill. And I've heard some speakers speak in such a fashion as to compare this Bill with the situation with a landlord and tenant. I'm going to suggest that is an inept comparison and frankly, a false one at that. There is a common law, right to withhold payment, when a landlord makes... fails to address something structural, something health and welfare related; that is not the instance with the condo owner. In the condominium example, they have already signed on. They're bound by the bylaws of the condominium association and the Act, itself, which is a creation of statute. And by the way, there is a process to adjudicate tenants' problems or a condo unit owner's problems. They go to their neighbors. They go to a board meeting and they protest within the process that's available per the law. They simply stand up and speak. Withholding payment, particularly in a small condominium association situation, brings financial peril to the structure and integrity of many boards, many in the suburbs, in my district, particularly in Chicago. This is a good Bill. It should be passed. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Burke to close."

Burke, K.: "I'd like to just refer to the previous speaker regarding any confusion that might be engendered through

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this. What the Supreme... if we passed this legislation, the Supreme Court's decision will not affect it. The Supreme Court's decision... is deciding based on the current statute. If we change the statute, that is what stands. That is what the law is. There will be no confusion. And regard to whether or not the previous... or the two speakers ago, about taking away a right, we are not taking away a right. There are only a minority of states that hold the view that you can withhold your payments in a condo situation. This is an isolated Second Amendment case, I mean, excuse me, Second Circuit case. It is not the established law. We are not taking anything away. We are foreclosing a right to use a certain defense as in a... in a very narrow situation, the forcible entry and detainer. A condo owner or a homeowner will still have the opportunity, in a different venue, to raise the claim against the condominium association. So, I think it is a Bill that protects condominium owners as a whole. And I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2360 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Representative Sims. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 51 voting 'yes', 56 voting 'no'. Representative Burke."

Burke, K.: "In Consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please place this Bill on the Order of Postpone Consideration. House Bill 2369, Representative Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2369, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is an initiative of the Comptroller's Office to do some cleanup work in the statutes as applies to that office. And it also continues their efforts to move more towards a paperless office. And this would deal with some of the reports that could be issued on their website instead of on paper. It also directs the Comptroller to report, by December 31, the reporting that's necessary for their office. But if, for example, there is a lapse period extension that they could issue an interim report. Be happy to answer your questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2369 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Harris. Representative David Harris. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2369, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 2377?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2377 is on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Please return that Bill to the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 2423?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2423 is on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Please return that Bill to the Order of Second Reading. Members, we're going to be moving Bills from

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Second to Third Reading. Please be in your seats. We're going try to move quickly in an effort to get out of here. On page 2, House Bill... House Bill 22, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 22, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Flowers, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Speaker, Floor Amendment #1 merely adds the type of medication that would be covered. And I'll be more than happy to answer any questions. And I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady's moved for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 22. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Third Reading. House Bill 23, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 23, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 29, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 29, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Sec..."

Speaker Turner: "Out of the record. House Bill 58, Representative... House Bill 83, Representative Daniel Burke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 83, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 104, Representative Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 104, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 131, Representative Monique Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 131, a Bill for an Act concerning reports of stun gun and taser use by law enforcement officers. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 161, Representative Osmond. Out of the record. House Bill 163, Representative Osmond. Out of the record. House Bill 946, Representative Yingling. Out of the record. House Bill 1046, Representative Greg Harris. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1046, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1063, Representative Chuck Jefferson. Out of the record. House Bill 1070, Representative Costello. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1070, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1138. Out of the record. House Bill 1163, Representative Brown. Out of the record. Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On House Bill 2353, would the record please reflect my vote as a 'no'. That's how I should have voted."

Speaker Turner: "The record will reflect your request, Representative. House Bill 1189, Representative Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1189, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1225, Representative Daniel Burke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1225, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1233, Representative Sacia. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1233, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1063, Representative Jefferson. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1063, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1238, Representative Sandack. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1238, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1250, Representative La Shawn Ford. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1250, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1256, Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1256, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1292, Representative Booth. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1292, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1348, Representative Currie. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Out of the record. Out of the record. House Bill 1443, Representative Moylan. Out of the record. House Bill 1453, Representative (sic-Kelly) Burke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1453, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1544, Representative Farnham. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1330. Representative Mautino. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1330, a Bill for an Act concerning land. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative fift... House Bill 1545, Representative Berrios. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1545, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1561, Representative Demmer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1561, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed.

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1568, Representative Nekritz. Out of the record. House Bill 1569, Representative Roth. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1569, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 15... House Bill 1604, Representative Sullivan. Out of the record. House Bill 1625, Representative Cabello. Out of the record. House Bill 1650, Representative Unes. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Out of the record. House Bill 1651, Representative Rosenthal. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1651, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Rosenthal, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1745, Representative Pritchard. Excuse me. Mr. Clerk, 1651. House Bill 1651."

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

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Rosenthal."

Rosenthal: "Floor Amendment 1 simply becomes the Bill. And it amends the Wildlife Code to provide that it's lawful to take any fur-bearing mammal with a shotgun loaded with slugs. It's supported by the Conservation Police Lodge, the Illinois Trappers Association. And there's no opposition."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves that Amendment #1 be adopted to House Bill 1651. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Third Reading. House Bill 1745. Representative Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1745, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Pritchard, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Yes. I would ask for your support of Amendment #1 which allows counties to be able to have a referendum for aggregation in the unincorporated areas of the county. It's very similar to the Bill that we passed a year ago dealing with townships."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves that House Amendment #1... Floor Amendment #1 be adopted to House Bill 1745. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Third Reading. House Bill 1822... 1809, my

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apologies. Representative Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1809, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Pritchard, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Floor Amendment, I'm sorry. Representative Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, please return the Bill to Second Reading. Representative Pritchard on the Amendment."

Pritchard: "Yes. Ladies and Gentlemen, on this particular Bill we're replacing everything after the enabling clause. And it deals with adding the word 'oncology' to the disabled parking permit because the people that are taking cancer treatment are not able to walk distances. The current law does not allow them. So, we're adding that one word to the Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of the Amendment to House Bill 1809. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1822, Representative Unes. Out of the record. House Bill 1871, Representative Sandack. Out of the record. House Bill 1918, Representative Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Rep... Mr. Clerk,

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House Bill 1918. Representative Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1918, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Pritchard, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Yes. Ladies and Gentlemen, this amends a portion of the Unified Code of Corrections that allows for keeping a person that has been incarcerated for a longer period of time. This arises out of a case where a police officer was injured, and before the person could be healed, the person that was convicted had already been given good time and was released. So, this would require 4 days... 4.5 days per each month of the sentence."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves that Floor Amendment #1 be adopted to House Bill 1918. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1919, Representative Tracy. Out of the record. House Bill 1927, Representative Reboletti. Out of the record. House Bill 1980, Representative Poe. Out of the record. House Bill 2009, Representative Leitch. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2009, an Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Leitch, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Leitch."

Leitch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All this Bill does is have the State Board of Education and Public Health come up with some information materials on strep infections for schools. I know of no opposition. Would ask for an 'aye' vote on the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves that Floor Amendment #1 be adopted to House Bill 2009. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2213, Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2213, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2267, Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2267, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2273, Representative Verschoore. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2273, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2370, Representative Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2370, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Pritchard, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Yes. Ladies and Gentlemen, this simply changes from 3 months to 4 months, the time that a community college must wait before they re-submit a measure for a public referendum. I would ask for your support."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves that Floor Amendment #1 be adopted to House Bill 2370. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2374, Representative Kosel. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2374, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2382, Representative Hatcher. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2382, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2411, Representative
Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2411, a Bill for an Act concerning
transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No
Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by
Representative Hoffman, has been approved for
consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes. The Amendment's very simple. It just makes sure
that this only applies to IDOT projects."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves that Floor Amendment #1 be
adopted to House Bill 2411. All those in favor say 'aye';
all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair,
the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr.
Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2413, Representative
Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2413, a Bill for an Act concerning
transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No
Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by
Representative Hoffman, has been approved for
consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you. This exemption of the Bill the use of
electronic communication devices that are integrated in a
vehicle."

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves that Floor Amendment #1 be adopted to House Bill 2413. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2420, Representative Chapa LaVia. Out of the record. House Bill 2427, Representative Kelly Burke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2427, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2428, Representative Conroy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2428, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Conroy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Conroy on the Amendment. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 2420, Representative Chapa LaVia. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2420, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2452, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2452, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2454, Representative Fortner. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2454, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2455, Representative Fortner. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2455, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2482, Representative Cabello. Out of the record. House Bill 2484... Out of the record. House Bill 2489, Representative Beiser. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2489, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2492, Representative Osmond. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2492, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2529, Representative Lang. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2529, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2540, Representative Smiddy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2540, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2563, Representative Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2563, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2613, Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2613, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2614, Representative Verschoore. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2614, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2619, Representative Riley. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2619, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2624, Representative Fortner. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2624, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2638, Representative McAuliffe. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2638, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2640, Representative Kelly Burke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2640, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2654, Representative Senger. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2654, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2661, Representative Gabel. Out of the record. House Bill 2674, Representative Jakobsson. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2674, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2675, Representative Lilly. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2675, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2690, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2690, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2691, Representative David Harris. Out of the record. House Bill 2695, Representative David Harris. Out of the record. House Bill 2703, Representative Phelps. Out of the record. House Bill 2709, Representative Rosenthal. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2709, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2737, Representative Moffitt. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2737, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative... House Bill 2747, Representative Conroy. Out of the record. House Bill 2762, Representative Scherer. Out of the record. Representative... House Bill 2771, Representative Kay. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2771, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2775, Representative Moffitt. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2775, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2777, Representative Moffitt. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2777, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2778, Representative Moffitt. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2778, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2763, Representative Scherer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bi... Out of the record. House Bill 2747, Representative Conroy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2747, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment... Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2762, Representative Scherer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2762, a Bill for an Act regarding education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A fiscal note has been requested and has not been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 2786, Representative Osmond. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2786, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2807, Representative Osmond. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2807, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2816, Representative Manley. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2816, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2820, Representative Bill Mitchell. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2820, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2822, Representative Bill Mitchell. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2822, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2829, Representative Hatcher. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2829, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2832, Representative Lang. Out of the record. House Bill 2843, Representative David Harris. Sorry, hold... House Bill 2854, Representative Manley. Out of the record. House Bill 2862, Representative Keith Farnham. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2862, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2869, Representative Greg Harris. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2869, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2880, Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2880, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2897, Representative Willis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2897, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2898, Representative Willis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2898, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2905, Representative Lang. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2905, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2910, Representative Costello. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2910, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2916, Representative Costello. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2916, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2930, Representative Unes. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2930, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2943, Representative Drury. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2943, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2946, Representative Drury. Out of the record. House Bill 2955, Representative Drury. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2955, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2966, Representative Costello. Out of the record. House Bill 2969, Representative Smiddy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2969, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2976. Representative Lilly. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2976, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 2979, Representative Pritchard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2979, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 3014, Representative Unes. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3014, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 3057, Representative Sacia. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3057, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 3070, Representative Farnham. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3070, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 3075, Representative Lang. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3075, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 164?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 164 is on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading. A Motion to Table the Bill has been filed by Representative Osmond."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Osmond moves to table House Bill 164. Seeing no objections, the Bill is tabled. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 157, offered by Representative Sandack. House Resolution 158, offered by Representative Osmond. House Resolution 159, offered by Representative Drury. House Resolution 160, offered by Representative Cavaletto. And House Resolution 161, offered by Representative Phelps."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, seeing no further business... Mr. Clerk, Adjournment Resolution."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Joint Resolution #28, offered by Representative Currie.

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, March 14, 2013, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., or until the call of the President; and the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Friday, March 15, 2013, and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at 12:00 noon, or until the call of the Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Lang moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. And... and the... All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the adoption is... and the Resolution is adopted. Now, seeing no further business, the House will adjourn to Tuesday... Leader Lang moves that the House adjourn to Tuesday, March 19 at the hour of 12 noon, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it."