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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 28, 2014: recommends be adopted for the floor is Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 452, Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2932, Floor Amendment #4 to Senate Bill 3530."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most gracious and sovereign and holy God, God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through Your authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. God, assist us today with Your spirit of counsel and fortitude. May Your blessings be upon this august Assembly, the Speaker of this House and all of its Members. God, may they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice, mercy and compassion. God, I pray that they be enabled by Your powerful protection and infinite wisdom to lead this great state with great strength, honesty and integrity. This we pray in Your Son's name, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We'll be led in the Pledge by Representative Martwick."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Gordon-Booth and Thapedi are both excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Kosel is excused on the Republican side of the aisle."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. We have 114 Members present and the House does have a quorum. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Berrios, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions reports the following committee action taken on May 28, 2014: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5685. Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on May 28, 2014: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 1076. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on May 28, 2014: recommends be adopted is Senate Joint Resolution 47 and Senate Joint Resolution 48. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Tollway Oversight reports the following committee action taken on May 28, 2014: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2015. Representative McAsey, Chairperson from the Committee on the Environment reports the following

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committee action taken on May 28, 2014: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 1146. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 1156, offered by Representative Nekritz; House Resolution 1161, offered by Representative Walsh; House Resolution 1163, offered by Representative Hoffman; and House Resolution 1166, offered by Representative Jakobsson are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Martwick: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, today I am joined in the chamber by my niece, Sydney Sisk, who recently completed her second year at Northern Illinois University and is acting as my Page for the day. Please welcome her to the chamber."

Speaker Lang: "Glad you're with us today. Welcome. Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, C.: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Mitchell, C.: "I hope everyone will join me in supporting Raymond Poe for President in 2016. But jokes aside, just want to say thanks to Raymond on behalf, I think, of everyone for the meal today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Brauer: "Yes. I... I also want to just tell Raymond what a great job he did and... and let our Clerk know that there's two pieces of chicken there underneath his podium."

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Speaker Lang: "On page 9 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, there appears Senate Bill 122, Mr. Turner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 122, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Senate Bill... Senate Bill 232, Representative Nekritz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 232, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 232 is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. This legislation responds to a court decision which has had an adverse effect on their... the agency's ability to appropriately sanction professionals who have committed serious offenses. I'd ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "For the purposes of legislative intent, what is the purpose of Senate Bill 232?"

Nekritz: "Thank you, Representative. Again, it's responding to a court decision that's impacting the department's ability to sanction its licensees when those licensees have done something inappropriate. In... in... it makes it clear... it also makes it clear that there's a continuing requirement for good moral... moral character of the licensees. In other words, good moral character becomes a factor for the department and the

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courts to consider when determining an appropriate sanction for the violation. There have been some instances recently where sanctions that the department considered appropriate for serious violations have been dramatically lessened in court cases, instances where the courts rely on old case law. There is a court case, Kafin v. IDFPR where the department revoked Dr. Kafin's licenses... license due to his sexual misconduct with a young female patient. On appeal, a state agency director's disciplinary decision is reviewed for an abusive discretion, which is... should only occur when the decision was either overly harsh in view of mitigating circumstances or unrelated to the purpose of the statute. The trial court, however, uphold... the trial court upheld the department's discipline, but on appeal, there was... the court... the Appellate Court looked to two prior medical disciplinary cases involving physicians committing sexual misconduct that were, in these cases, 10 and 20 years old where physicians received only a 6-month suspension for sexual misconduct. Therefore, the court found in the Kafin case that the department's revocation of his license was overly harsh and not related to the... the purposes of the statute. So unfortunately, the Kafin case is now being relied on in other cases to overturn the department's revocation of licenses."

Franks: "Okay. Does this Bill create an independent basis for discipline?"

Nekritz: "No, it does not. The department still must find that a violation of the practice occurred before it can consider good moral character. Good moral character will be a

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consideration at the sanction portion of the disciplinary proceedings."

Franks: "Does the good moral character language in this Bill create a new obligation for licensure?"

Nekritz: "No, it does not. Again, it only impacts the disciplinary sanction... Sections and not the initial licensing requirements."

Franks: "And does this... does this Bill apply to all licensed professionals?"

Nekritz: "Yes, it does."

Franks: "Thank you. And to the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Franks."

Franks: "I appreciate the Lady carrying this Bill. It's something that I've worked on with her for quite some time. I think it's very necessary in order to help police our professional regulations and to make sure that honest people continue to do an honest job and to give the discretion necessary to police the professions. And I'd encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields. Excuse me..."

Sandack: "Representative, it's was hard..."

Speaker Lang: "...Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "...to hear a little bit of your..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's get through some work today in an expeditious manner. Let's keep the noise down, please. Please. I know it can't all be coming from the annexes where the chicken is. Please, please. Mr. Sandack."

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Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, it was kind of hard to hear, to the Speaker's point. Can you succinctly just tell me what... obviously there's an adverse decision rendered by an Appellate Court or some court of review that the department thinks needs to be clarified. What does your Bill do to make things obviously clearer and to address the court case going forward?"

Nekritz: "So, it does a couple of things. One, it clarifies that the... that the department does have authority to sanction in... in the case where someone has done something inappropriate and gives them the... the discretion to act on that. But also in that, sort of, what I would call... what I would analogize to the sentencing phase, it allows them to take into account good moral character so that they can, you know, look at someone that maybe has committed a sexual mis... you know, some sexual impropriety and take that into account in determining their... the... the sanction."

Sandack: "So, they can take things in mitigation or in aggravate... aggregation... aggravation in order to dispense what they believe to be appropriate... appropriate licensing decisions?"

Nekritz: "You said it way better than I did. Thank you."

Sandack: "Thank you. Appreciate your answers."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Pritchard."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "Representative, when we had this in committee, we also talked a little bit about the nature of these offenses that might be receiving the reprimand. Could you give us, again, the definition for 'moral character'?"

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Nekritz: "Representative, the... the legislation itself does not have a definition of good moral character. And that it will be part the discretion of the... of the department to make those decisions as to whether or not the... the actions that are... that... that are the cause for the... for the action by the department... I totally lost my train of thought. The good moral character's not defined, but... but it gives the flex... department flexibility to make some determinations about whether the... the con... what the sanction that the conduct gave rise to is appropriate. And again, as the previous speaker said, in either mitigation or aggravation."

Pritchard: "Do we have any standards that the department has used in the past in these cases where it's trying to determine moral character?"

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

Pritchard: "So, we don't really have a precedent either. So, that's one of the concerns. And I think that's why it's important that we establish here in debate the type of case that we're trying to deal with. And I appreciate your explanation. Thank you."

Nekritz: "And... and Representative, I would just add that the kinds of cases where the... the department is being overturned, I think, are exactly the kind of cases that this Body ought to be concerned about where there's... there's been a sexual misconduct or there's a charge of child pornography and the court is revoke... or the, I'm sorry, the agency is revoking a license and the court is coming back in and saying but you didn't do that with another case over here, so we're going to overturn that... overturn that sanction. I think this is... gives

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the department the flexibility they need to... to impose an appropriate sanction."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Nekritz to close."

Nekritz: "For... I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes' and 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 345, Mr. Riley. Mr. Riley. Out of the record. Senate Bill 504, Mr. Martwick. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 504, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr... Mr. Speaker. House... Senate Bill 504 provides for an extension of three existing TIF Districts. One, you know, for the Read/Dunning area, which is in my district; one for the Sanitary and Ship Canal; and one for the City of Naperville. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 102 voting 'yes', 11 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Sandack is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

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Sandack: "With me today as my Page of the day is Julia Gilman. Julia's from Willow Springs. She's in eighth grade. She plays softball, will be going to LT... Lyons Township High School next year. And she's joined by her parents, Doug and Kim. Let's give them all a nice, warm welcome to Springfield, please."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thanks for being with us. Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez: "Speaker, point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, please."

Hernandez: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I just... I just got some really good news and I wanted to share with everybody. As many of you know, I became a grandmother... I became a grandmother last week. And many of you know as well that my grandchild was born with a heart defect. But I wanted to share that she's doing so well and it's all because of your prayers and thoughts. Today, she is going home after one week. So, I just wanted to share with you this special, special news and thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for all your thoughts and prayers because it... it really, truly helped. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. We're happy for you and your family. Mr. Costello."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Costello: "I'd like to introduce Mackenzie Grefe. She's here with me today to be my Page from Steeleville, Illinois. I'm very excited to have her here. And if we could all give her a big round of applause."

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Speaker Lang: "Thank you for being here. Moving on to Senate Bill 741, Mr. Harris. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 741, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 741, you'll... please pardon me for taking a while to explain this. This is a hugely complicated piece of legislation and it is one of the most important pieces of legislation that we will be voting on in this Session because it relates to over \$2 billion of federal funding that must be renewed from the Federal Government to the Illinois hospital and health care systems as well as patient protections in nursing homes and a variety of other things. And I'm going to try to go down the list and explain them all very briefly and then I'll be happy to answer any questions. We all know that the health care system in America and in the State of Illinois is undergoing many, many changes. And it is producing many vulnerabilities and it is potentially causing dislocations for all of our providers, hospitals, nursing homes, doctors, clinics, pharmacists, providers of long-term care. And we have to take a special care as we move forward to be sure that actions we take protect those providers that serve our communities, our cities and our towns and our districts. To maintain the funding that we have, to adapt to the changing health care environment, to help mitigate the effects of changes that may or may not be coming from Washington and also to maximize the federal revenue that we bring in to this state that... that does not rely on GRF taxpayer dollars. So,

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this Bill does many things and I'm just going to go through a list of them. It implements rate reform and as part of the Affordable Care Act, there was a transition to what are called ICD-10 codes. These are the billing codes that all hospitals and health care providers in the State of Illinois are required to implement as new codes going forward. This required us to change a payment system that is decades old in the State of Illinois and gave us an opportunity to rationalize the way that hospital rates are paid to our providers to reflect current-day utilization and trends. So not only will we be moving to the new ICD-10 system, but we will be moving to a payment stream that reflects the actual utilization of our hospital system by Medicaid patients. But with that change came a lot of concern from the hospital community that changing these systems too rapidly in too short of period of time could destabilize two... over \$2 billion worth of payment streams that hospitals have built their financial plans very carefully over the years to include. So, to that end, we have put into this Bill a transition period where there is a pool of money that is available to hold harmless for a four-year period the hospitals of the State of Illinois so that they can continue to work through the numbers and see how health care reform, in all of its different variations, affects them and protect them from huge financial dislocations. The second thing that this Bill does is it renews the hospital assessment. The hospital assessment, of which there are two in the State of Illinois, bring over \$2 billion a year into our communities to provide hospital care for our residents. Every single hospital in the State of

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Illinois participates in the hospital assessment and not one dollar of GRF has to go into that system. That \$2 billion is generated from a tax, which the hospital industry has levied on itself, cycled through Washington to bring back over \$1 billion in match that comes into our system. Should this Bill not pass, \$2 billion will disappear out of this system and hospitals in every community, whether they are a safety net hospital, a teaching hospital, a long-term care hospital, a pediatric hospital, will be put at risk. Another thing that this Bill does, and you may have heard this referred to as the ACA-400 allows us to collect another pot of money at no charge to the people of the State of Illinois from the Federal Government that the people estimate it to be between four and five hundred million dollars that will be distributed to our local hospitals for their use. All of these different funding streams have been set on a sunset period of four years so that as we as a Legislature, as a hospital community, as payers, look at the effects of these systems, we have a chance to see how they play out and whether or not they truly achieve the results that we intended when we pass this legislation today and that we can make a prudent and appropriate adjustment to reflect real conditions on the ground. The next thing this Bill does is it changes the law regarding managed care organizations. As we know, in the year 2015 there will be a substantial move to managed care entities of Medicaid patients throughout the State of Illinois. And there were many changes that need to be made to ensure parity of how those managed care organizations operate and to protect the rights of consumers and our medical providers. So, this Bill

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would provide that those organizations that are formed as accountable care entities, as they move to full capitation, would have to comply with all the rules and requirements and regulations when they re... after a period of time when they reach full capitation that would be in the HMO Managed Care Patient Protection Act. Also, this Bill requires prompt payment of all of our providers as federal funds and state funds, which are claimable through Medicaid, are paid through our Managed Care Organizations. It also requires network adequacy. There have been a number of concerns voiced that as these new care organizations are formed across the state, that there be enough providers, especially in the specialty tiers of the industry, to provide appropriate care especially to severely ill pediatric patients, long-term care patients, coronary patients, et cetera. So, pediatric net... or, I'm sorry, network adequacy requirements and public disclosure are required. There are also payment guarantees for emergency care and stabilization care and a procedure that was agreed to between the Managed Care Organizations and the hospital industry of how to handle patients who arrive in the emergency room in an out-of-network hospital, how they are stabilized and how they receive post-stabilization care. And it guarantees a floor for payment for those providers from the Managed Care Organizations. This Bill also addresses nursing home issues. As nursing home patients are moved into managed care, we felt it was very important to be sure that nursing home residents have the same protections in managed care settings as all other health care patients who already have protections under the Managed Care Patient Protection Act.

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So, that is done. If you were to talk to the nursing homes in your district, you would see that the... one of their biggest concerns was a multiyear backlog of hundreds of millions, if not billions of dollars of payments from the state that are due and owed because the state has not been able to complete the long-term care patient determination process. So, to that end, there's an agreement that HFS and DHS will redeploy appropriate numbers of caseworkers to process the payments for those on long-term care application backlogs. There will be a simplification of the process put in place by September 1 for patients from September 1, 2013 and that there will be electronic screening documents available as of September 1, 2014. In addition, there will be \$50 million set aside as advanced payments to nursing homes to cover them for patients who are already residing in the homes. This is money that is due and payable when these patients are deemed eligible for Medicaid, but since we are hearing from many nursing homes across the state that their bankers and lenders are no longer willing to extend credit, that this pool of money, which would then be considered an advance and there would be a recoupment against the actual bills once the return... redeterminations are made, will ease their cash flow problems. There was concern from the nursing home industry also about whether or not nursing homes would choose to be in their networks, so there is a... a provision in this law that would mandate that any willing provider of nursing home services must be accepted into a Managed Care Organization's network if they met minimum published quality standards. There are also continuity of care requirements for patients who may be in a

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nursing home who are enrolled in a Managed Care Organization and only to find out that that nursing home might be out of their network. And the other thing that is very important to the nursing home industry is it requires the State of Illinois to establish a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week, 365-day-a-year hotline for the authorization of payments and services that may be prescribed by attending physicians. The third major area that this Bill provides is it would allow the Cook County Health Care System, which is already serving as a coordinated care entity for Medicaid patients within the county of Cook, to apply for, and should they meet the requirements, become a Managed Care Organization that would be licensed under the HMO Act. So, this would do a number of things for the Cook County Health and Hospital System. It would allow them to utilize their... I beg leave of the Body for one moment. So, I'm going to finish this statement, I guess, and then there may be a request from the Republican side of the aisle. So, I'm sure you're riveted by this testimony, so let me just complete this sentence. Also, we know that there's a issue called churning, as patients who are in Medicaid move between Medicaid and private managed care simply because on a month to month or a six-month period, their earnings, their family situations may change. So allowing the Cook County Health and Hospital System to also be on the health insurance exchanges, which simplify the affects and eliminate the churn and still provide quality care at a low cost for patients. And at this point, I've been told to suspend my remarks and there may be a request from the Republicans."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bost."

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Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans request an immediate caucus."

Speaker Lang: "And do... can we expect, so that..."

Bost: "About..."

Speaker Lang: "...we can get on... so we can get on with our day that you might be back in 30 minutes?"

Bost: "We're going to try to be back as quick as possible. I don't know about 30 minutes, but we'll... we'll get back as quick as possible. And if we could encourage, Mr. Speaker, if we could encourage all Republicans to move quickly to the caucus, that will help that."

Speaker Lang: "I am always encouraging Republicans to move more quickly. The Republicans will have an immediate caucus. The Democrats will keep eating chicken. And the House will be at ease 'til the call of the Chair. The House will be in order. Mr. Clerk, we return to Senate Bill 741. Mr. Harris, had you completed your explanation of the Bill, Sir?"

Harris, G.: "I barely even started, Representative."

Speaker Lang: "Well, then I'll turn it over to you and sit back down."

Harris, G.: "I would just like to ask Mr. Sandack, should I start at the beginning again or pick up where I left off? Okay. All right. All right. Okay. Yesterday you were asking me to be very long, today... Okay. We're getting toward the bottom here. Okay. So, the next thing this Bill does... We left off after the effect on the Cook County Health Care System. The next thing this Bill does is it changes certain portions of the law as it relates to SMHRF, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facility. Right now, there are licenses for

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these facilities that are located only in the county of Cook. This would allow existing licenses to be moved to areas outside of the county of Cook in central and southern Illinois that are currently unserved by specialized medi... mental health facilities and allow licensees to open. It provides for the opening of triage centers to do emergency psychiatric care on a short-term basis for patients on a walk-in basis within a thousand feet of an existing facility, which would prevent them from being... having to go to a more costly hospital or a mental health care facility for admission. And it also has a number of areas that have some relation to spending in the State of Illinois. And I know this is a question that may come up in debate, so the Bill does three things in restoring services that had been previously curtailed under the SMART Act. And we are restoring these simply because we have found out from experience that these cuts actually did not save us money, they cost the people of the State of Illinois more money. And they brought suffering and hardship to families, they brought overutilization to our emergency departments and interfered with the delivery of health care to, you know, other patients in need. So, those three restorations are restoring adult dental, restoring the ability of podiatrists to provide podiatry services, and we are removing the four drug prior authorization limit for drugs for persons with severe mental illness. This Bill does a number of other things. It holds all safety nets harmless from the effects of rate reform, which I described earlier. It changes the limit on physical therapy from a set number of sessions to a prior authorization and review. It provides for

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a sustainable funding for the Poison Control Center in the State of Illinois, which we've been struggling to find a source for. This is a source of funding that will be renewed every couple years during the sunset, but it would... it would give the Poison Control Center of the State of Illinois some stability where they would have a sustainable sort... source of funding. It provides some rate increases for medically fragile and technologically dependent children in long-term care settings, these would be ventilator children or children on parenteral feeding, in order for those facilities to be able to continue to serve those clients. It provides a rate increase for a program called Almost Home Kids, which is a program that operates in a number of our districts. It is a, sort of a halfway house for the parents of severely ill children who are being released from neonatal and pediatric intensive care units. This is a home that the child and the parent can live in for a period of time where the parent is then taught by nurses and doctors how to go home with their child and treat them and operate their ventilator machines or their electronic feeding machines. So, this is a much cheaper way to handle it than keeping them actually in an intensive care unit and you know, it's a great blessing for these families. So, the total... total net cost in GRF to the State of Illinois of all of these things is 225... \$221.5 million. And I have to point out that that includes the federal match which we will get back from the Federal Government. So, the net cost to the people of the State of Illinois for everything I just described is \$125 million in General Revenue Funds and those funds are provided for in the supplemental

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appropriation Bill, which we will see later in this Session. It passed out of the Human Services Appropriation Committee yesterday. But the most important thing about this is not the \$125 million it may cost us. The most important thing about this Bill is the close to \$3 billion in federal funding we would lose.. that we would lose to all of our hospitals and care providers should this Bill not pass and become law. Ladies and Gentlemen, I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Gabel."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Gabel: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr.. Representative, for your very thorough description of the Bill and for all your hard work on this Bill. It really is a good piece of legislation. I just have a few questions for you. So first, in the definition of 'occupied bed days', is it the intent to exclude those days where Medicaid is the primary payer for residents enrolled in the MMAI?"

Harris, G.: "And before I answer that question, Representative, I'll just point out to the Body that it was not my work necessarily that got this done. It was our staff person, Ben Lazare, and also Counselor David Ellis, standing beside me, who really put this together. And for those of you who do know... do not know, Counselor Ellis is not only a very respected lawyer, but is the author of a number of best-selling books and the winner of the Edgar Allen Poe award. There will be a table set outside the door later where these books will be available for purchase. And therefore, the

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answers to these questions, which were prepared by Mr. Ellis, are going to be excessively flowery. So, Mr. Ellis's answer to your question, Robyn Gabel, is no."

Gabel: "And I understand that the Bill adds a new Section, 14-12, to the Public Aid Code? This Section sets forth the new reimbursement system for hospital services pursuant to the SMART Act that became law in 2012. This will update a hospital reimbursement system which has been largely unchanged for nearly 20 years. What assurances do hospitals have that this reimbursement system will not be frozen for another 20 years?"

Harris, G.: "Representative, the Bill requires the department to update the entire hospital reimbursement system at least every 3 years and no more frequently than annually."

Gabel: "And.. and then with respect to the new hospital rates reform system included in this Bill, what assurances do hospitals have that their rates will not be cut in the future?"

Harris, G.: "It has been agreed that the purpose of the 'overall effective rates' provision included in the new Section 14-12 subsection (g) of the Public Aid Code is to establish a floor level of reimbursement. Future adjustments or updates may result in individual reductions but the rate methodology cannot be reduced to resolving cuts other than for such factors as changes in enrollment, volumes, or severity of care."

Gabel: "Well, thank you very much for your response. And I encourage an 'aye' vote on this Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Flowers."

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Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, to the Bill. I, too, want to take the opportunity to thank Representative Harris, Dave Ellis, Ben, and all others who were very instrumental in righting a wrong that was done. House... Senate Bill 741, this Bill will right the wrong of the SMART Act of 2012 by restoring the basic dental services for adults on Medicaid, allowing for better access to psychotropic drugs for people on Medicaid living with mental illness and restoring access to podiatry care for those on Medicaid. Also, access for the basic health services in the Medicaid program is vital to maintaining and achieving optimal health for people on Medicaid as well as reducing long-term financial liabilities. Access to dental services like filling cavities, root canals, dentures, mean that most... our most vulnerable in the state will not need to suffer from unnecessary pain. They will be able to go to work and not lose wages, the lost opportunity of not being able to find a job. They will be able to digest their food properly because now, Ladies and Gentlemen, because of this Bill, they will not be choking on their food every time they try to eat. They will be able to digest their food properly. Those are things that's very important, a lot of us took things for granted. Access to these basic dental care services also mean the state will spend less in the long run. For example, the average cost of an office visit for preventive services was only \$660, while the average cost of us forcing these people to go to the emergency room costs \$6,498. Clearly, allowing access to primary and preventive dental care for adults on Medicaid is much more cost-effective than denying them access to the

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services that they will end up as a result of having this Bill and not going to the emergency room, which costs the state much more money. In addition, for the cost of the Medicaid service is also matched by the Federal Government, so restoring this means that we'll be able to draw down federal funds to the tunes of millions of millions of dollars every year. Lastly and more importantly, I plan on working with HFS on clarifying the administrative process, the process for providers and consumers and pharmacists and doctors on the four-drug prior authorization process. It's a process, Ladies and Gentlemen, and it needs to be clarified because so many people are being harmed by that. Finally, I stand in support of this Bill and I urge all of my colleagues to do likewise. I urge a 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Bellock: "Thank you. Representative Harris... And I want to thank you, Representative Harris, for all your work on this Bill. And I want to thank especially, as we did in committee, the hospital association, all the hospitals that we've heard from and the nursing homes, all the different associations, because we know how important parts of this Bill are to them. So, I just wanted to go over a couple things that we did in committee to clarify it for everybody on the floor, some of the questions that we had that I don't think we've gone over already. So, first one is the cost that we figured is \$221

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million in the expansion of the Medicaid. Is that what you feel is the correct number?"

Harris, G.: "I... I'm sorry. Could you repeat your question, please, Representative?"

Bellock: "The cost in the Bill would be \$221 million?"

Harris, G.: "In... in GRF."

Bellock: "Right."

Harris, G.: "The cost would be \$221 million in GRF. However, that takes into effect the federal match. So, the net cost to the people of the State of Illinois would be 125 million."

Bellock: "Okay. So, I asked this question yesterday. So, as far as how you're going to have the revenue for this, is this going to be in the appropriation for the FY15 budget or are you taking some of the money out of the supple... well, out of the FY14 of that 1.2 billion we had leftover?"

Harris, G.: "There will be a portion of the new GRF that comes out of the supplemental appropriation, as I mentioned in my earlier comments, that we will see probably later today or sometime before we leave here. But there's appropriation authority for, you know, all these different programs and improvements within the Department of Healthcare and Family Services budget that left this chamber... or that we passed yesterday and will eventually leave this chamber."

Bellock: "Okay. There's couple of other things. We know that the managed care issue is huge and I just wanted to ask a couple questions as to how that's affected in the hospitals and the nursing homes. So one, we know that the hospital assessment tax is in the Bill and we support that, but can you just explain briefly how that is going to work with the pass-

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through that we work... tried to work on for the last year and a half as to a solution with managed care and health, the pass-through through the MCOs to the hospitals will work?"

Harris, G.: "Well, Representative, yeah. There are a variety of different issues here, one of which, you know, might be characterized as, you know, the obligations of the Managed Care Organization to pay the full amount of certain payments to the providers that the state is currently paying. So, there are a number of provisions in the Bill to one, mandate that that has to happen to give the state the ability to enforce it to require a surety bond equivalent to one month's anticipated payment by the Managed Care Organizations that the state could draw against to make the providers whole, should payments not be made. And the... there are... I think they might be called, and this might be the wrong legal term, but you know, the claw-back provisions, you know, should a provider not make its contractual obligations... or an insurance company not make its contractually-obligated payments to the provider."

Bellock: "Thank you. And can you briefly explain how the ACA 400 plan works?"

Harris, G.: "Okay. So, what this is, Representative, is that we have static payments in the State of Illinois that are part of our, and I'm just getting my little sheet out here so I explain it correctly today, 'cause I think I went astray yesterday in committee, so I just want to be sure I got my notes in front of me, that the payment stream to hospitals right now is two portions. There are the claims-based portion then there are static payments which are based on a series of

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adjusters and you know, other payment streams. The ACA 400 takes advantage of the Affordable Care Act, which would allow people to become newly eligible for Medicaid. And since the pay... the static payment streams were based on previously eligible people, by making an application to the Federal Government to extend the same formula to the newly eligible population, we could develop a revenue stream that conservatively is estimated at 400 million new federal dollars that would come into Illinois and then it would be distributed to individual hospitals based on the number of Medicaid clients that they actually serve and which services they performed."

Bellock: "Thank you very much. The one other thing regarding... that we talked about yesterday was the transition pool and the hold harmless."

Harris, G.: "Yes. That is appropriated and that sunsets at the end of four years, again, so that we can look at all of these things on balance. We know that Congress has reduced the digit... disproportionate share payment to hospitals. We know that the doc fix is out there that could affor... affect Medicare payment to hospitals. These things are outside of our control. We know there will be the effects of moving so many of our Medicaid clients in Illinois into managed care. There all... there's the effect of rate reform. And this... this transition pool was agreed to by the department, by the hospitals and everyone concerned to help, you know, balance and mitigate those affects and essentially hold people harmless from too many dramatic shifts that would upset or

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destabilize them during this period. And it will all sunset in four years."

Bellock: "Thank you. And I'd like to address briefly some of the effects on the nursing homes regarding the managed care also. And one, we know it's very important and we've been talking about this for the last year and a half, to address the issue of the backlog of the people in nursing homes who have not been placed on Medicaid by HFS. I think that's over... between 8 and 10 thousand people, so we know that that's a huge issue. Can you tell me how this Bill is going to address that?"

Harris, G.: "Well, I mean, this is going to be a... a tough challenge, you know, from the DHS point of view. Should we have approved a level, you know, revenue stream for the State of Illinois? They could have hired some new workers, which now they may not be able to hire. But they're going to have to dedicate existing workers to going back through the backlog of the people coming... you know, who have applied for long-term care services and who are already residing in nursing homes. And it will do a couple things. It will simplify the review process for applications that have been pending since September 1 of 2013. It will delay the deadline for nursing home to... or... I take that back. It will allow HFS to issue simplified financial verification rules and then the Department of Aging will make screening documents available to be filed electronically beginning September 1 of 2014. In addition to that, there will be a \$50 million pool set aside as advances on payments that are owed to the nursing homes that will be distributed, you know, based on the clients,

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these 8 to 10 thousand you've mentioned who have already received services."

Bellock: "Thank you. And with the SMHRF's issue that was included in there, is that going to be... because I know the problem with the IMDs that we tried to address before where there were several issues but... was that they were not receiving Medicaid match. Does this Bill help us receive Medicaid match that would help us in funding those mentally ill people?"

Harris, G.: "That issue's actually not addressed in this legislation."

Bellock: "Okay. And the Cook County... Cook County, can you briefly explain that becoming an MCO on their own?"

Harris, G.: "Yes. The... the... for all intents and purposes, the Cook County Health and Hospital System is already operating as a coordinated care entity with a system of hospitals, clinics, and private providers for all those persons in Medicaid in the county of Cook. This would allow them to become licensed, should they meet all the requisite requirements as a Managed Care Organization or HMO under the HMO Act of the State of Illinois that would allow them to actually open their rolls to non-Medicaid clients and compete in the marketplace for new enrollees who would be, you know, private pay patients essentially, who would join their network and receive insurance and services through them, which will have two advantages. You know, first, it will bring more private money in to sustain the health and hospital system and reduce the reliance, hopefully, on public funds and it will address the question of the Medicaid churn, which we were talking about just before you guys headed downstairs."

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Bellock: "Well, I guess, just at that point, I would bring up that's one of my main concerns that I... that a lot of us have had in the Human Service Approp Committee about the new hires in the Bill and dropping the Maximus contract from before because we know the nursing homes need to go back and do that eligibility. And now, even with Cook County, they've had a problem. I think they started with 50, then went to 75, then 100 DHS workers to get that enrollment so that they were behind \$30 million in the match. That's our thought here, is are we going to be able to, number one, afford a thousand new workers to be able to do that? And two, are those people going to be up and running to be able to address not only the issue that they're going to be in charge of now but also the backlog of the new Medicaid expansion with the 400 thousand new people coming in?"

Harris, G.: "Representative, I think I've been a strong and outspoken supporter of maintaining our current income tax level so we could afford to hire those workers you would like. I don't think that was the will of the Body. So, we are going to run into a problem. I... I think that that something that, you know, I would be happy to have you join me in revisiting."

Bellock: "Well, I guess I was referring to we already had the Maximus contract, of which we had 500 people who were doing it and had become experienced in that. Had we moved forward and kept that contract, I think we could have addressed the issues that the nursing homes need addressed and also address the hires of what we can afford to hire but to address this huge expansion of the 400 thousand people that are coming in... already coming in now. So, because our main concern, as has

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always been our concern, is to address the issues of the people on the Medicaid system, to sustain that system for the most medic... for the most fragile population that needs that system. And with doing some of the expansion in... our concerns on some of the expansion here and the cost is how are we going to pay for that and how are we going to sustain the system for the people that need it the most when the system keeps expanding? And I don't think that since we came off the contract of Maximus, to this date, which is almost six months now, HFS has not posted anything on anybody that they have taken off the rolls that they feel does not meet the eligibility. Isn't that correct?"

Harris, G.: "I have not looked at their website, Representative. I don't know the answer to that. But we again..."

Bellock: "Well..."

Harris, G.: "...we go... If you're talking about how many employees are there to do this, if you remember, in this fiscal year, we authorized, I think about 625 new workers. I wish we would have voted on the revenue this year, the new... the extension of the revenue so that we could hire the workers you're asking for. It's something I've supported. I don't think you did. And I think, you know, we need those people, but unfortunately, there's not the revenue to pay for them."

Bellock: "Well, again, there are a lot good things in this Bill. We hope to address the issues of the hospitals and the nursing homes and some of the others, but on the same hand, we have a lot of concerns on the cost, the revenue, and how we're going to pay for this, especially moving into the appropriation being in the FY15 budget when those numbers are

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so unsure, even now. So, our main concern as we vote on this is how do we sustain the system for the most vulnerable population in Illinois and how do we address this Bill as we move forward? So, thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Feigenholtz."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Feigenholtz: "Representative Harris, I want to go back to a question that was asked earlier by one of our colleagues regarding nursing homes. In the... in the definition of occupied bed days, is it the intent to include those days where Medicaid is the primary payer for residents enrolled in the MMAI?"

Harris, G.: "Why, Representative, that question sounds familiar. And the answer is still no."

Feigenholtz: "What... what's the answer?"

Harris, G.: "No."

Feigenholtz: "I have another question about the ACA adult population for you. Is there new money in this Bill for hospitals?"

Harris, G.: "There is a provision in the Bill, Representative, that acknowledges the need to pay an equivalent rate of reimbursement for the newly eligible population covered under the Affordable Care Act. A significant portion of the hospital spending in the Medicaid program is financed through an assessment on hospitals. The payments associated with this hospital provider tax do not automatically adjust. This Bill recognizes this fact and authorizes the payment of equivalent rates as required by the ACA for these newly eligible

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beneficiaries. The department and the hospital community have agreed that the distribution of these new ACA payments should follow the same distribution as is used under the current hospital assessment program since these payments are associated with and financed by the hospital assessment. It is believed that this approach will be viewed more favorably by the Federal Government, which should allow for a quicker approval process."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you for clarity on that. I have one more question about the ACA payments. Will they... will the new ACA payments require state General Revenue Funds?"

Harris, G.: "No, they will not. As with other costs for the new adults eligible for Medicaid under the ACA, these costs are 100 percent covered by the Federal Government for the first 3 years through January 1 of 2016. Beginning in 2017, the state would have to pay 5 percent of the cost of these payments. However, the hospital community has agreed to increase the assessment it currently pays to cover the state's share of these payments. Finally, I would emphasize that these new ACA payments will simply result in hospitals getting a paid... getting paid a rate for the new ACA adults that is equivalent to what they get paid for other Medicaid beneficiaries."

Feigenholtz: "Representative Harris, your responses are Shakespearean. I, too, rise in strong support of this Bill and applaud all of the drafters and people who worked so hard on it. It is... everyone should vote 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Soto."

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Soto: "Thank you, Speaker. I, too, want to stand and... and applaud all the Members that worked on... on this Bill... to create this Bill. I want to thank Greg Harris, Dave Ellis, Ben Lazare. I want to thank the Latino Caucus, 'cause we did some letters of support and also the Black Caucus. It was a team effort. I want to also thank Bruce Simon, Nemo (sic-Steven V. Nemerovski), and Aaron Kazenko. Thank you for all your hard work. Sometimes when your clients don't know what you're doing down here, let me tell you, it's a lot of work to get this done. But it was a team effort and it got done. So again, I thank everyone. I want to also just mention that we're going to continue to work with the safety net hospitals. The safety net hospitals are in our communities. They're smaller hospitals, but they are the anchors to our community. Not only are they the anchors, they're also the economic engine because they hire residents that live in the community. So again, thank you, thank you, and thank you, again, for everything and all the support. And I also encourage everyone to support this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris to close."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to all those who spoke. Thank you, again, to the hospital association, to the nursing home association, to the mental health providers, to the many people who spent countless hours over the last couple months drafting this Bill, finalizing the language, and guaranteeing that we are able to continue to keep stable the hospital, health care, clinic and provider system in the State of Illinois. To just recap, this Bill, when passed, would

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bring \$2.4 billion in federal money into the State of Illinois. And it will cost the taxpayers of the State of Illinois about \$125 million to do so. So, this is a 20 to 1 return on investment, Ladies and Gentlemen. This could be the best thing we vote on this year. I thank you for your patience in listening to this and would request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 75 voting 'yes', 37 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 978, Mr. Turner. Please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please take this Bill back to the Order of Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor and read the Bill, please."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 978, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1, 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Turner."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner on Amendment 1."

Turner: "Mr. Speaker, we'd like to adopt Floor Amendment #3 and table the other Amendments."

Speaker Lang: "Do you wish to withdraw 1 and 2, Sir?"

Turner: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, Amendments 1 and 2 are withdrawn. Please proceed, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Turner."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner on the Amendment."

Turner: "Thank you. Floor Amendment 3 will become the language of the Bill and I'd like to move it to Third Reading and discuss it. It has implementation procedures and which records will be available for expungement and that sort of thing."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 978, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I'm happy to present Senate Bill 978, which is... which will provide a new process for automatic expungement of eligible juvenile records. It requires that the Illinois State Police annually expunge arrest records for individuals who have been arrested but no charges or petitions for delinquency have been filed. This Amendment also provides details regard... I mean, not the Amendment, the... we have in the Bill details regarding the process, procedure, and implementation of the automatic expungement process. Having a single juvenile arrest can impact the ability of youth to successfully complete... compete for education, scholarships, employment, and service opportunities later in life. The Illinois law allows individuals with prior juvenile arrest records and law enforcement records to expunge certain offenses. There are many logistical and financial barriers that make it difficult

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for people to complete the process, particularly for those who lack resources to hire a trained advocate. I just want to talk a bit about the current process and some of the hurdles that juveniles face when looking to expunge their record. Currently, the expungement process is time consuming, complex, and resource intensive. This process must be used by youth who are charged and found guilty of a serious crime but also by youth who were merely arrested and never charged or even referred to court. For each juvenile arrest or offense an individual wants to expunge, they must go to the arresting police department, get a copy of his or her arrest record or rap sheet, fill out the appropriate expungement forms and a copy of the criminal disposition from the court clerk's office, file a separate petition for every single arrest at a cost of \$64 each plus a onetime \$60 fee and file the above forms and documents with the court clerk. They must then schedule and attend a hearing before a judge. And if the judge orders the individual juvenile record to be expunged, the individual is responsible for informing all arresting police departments and the Illinois State Police about the expungement order."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti makes a good point. Ladies and Gentlemen, could we hold the noise down in the chamber, please? Please proceed, Mr. Turner."

Turner: "We know that young people who have been arrested do best when they're given the support they need to succeed, whether that's from a mentor, after school program, or a teacher. However, just having an arrest record, even if no charges were ever filed, even if a young person successfully completed

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the diversion program or peer jury or community service can impact the youth for the rest of their life. An arrest record can block a young person from jobs, housing, financial aid, college, even if the youth was never charged with the crime. While youth can clear their arrest records now, the process is expensive, consuming, and time consuming. So what would this Bill do? We've worked very closely with the City of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel, Illinois State Police, the state's attorneys and all interested parties around this legislation and have worked on implementation procedures at the request of Members and cleared up that as to how the program will take place and run. So, an automatic expungement will begin 180 days after the Bill becomes effective and will occur once a year, on or before January 1 of each year. The Department of State Police is only required to expunge records that are in its possession or control. The records eligible for expungement. In order for an individual's record to be eligible for automatic expungement, it must meet the following conditions: the incident occurred before the individual's 18th birthday and pertaining to arrest as a minor; the individual was arrested but no petition for delinquency was filed against him or her; at least six months have passed since the date of arrest; no other arrests, petitions for delinquency, or charges have been filed during the six-month period; and the record relates to a low-level offense, i.e., misdemeanors, Class 4 or 3 Felonies, excuse me, and excluding sex offenses. There's an Access and Review process set up so that you can have a verification of the expungement. Individuals eligible and qualified for automatic

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expungement will be able to use the State Police Access and Review process in order to verify that his or her records have in fact been expunged. The Access and Review process is an established process that allows individuals to review their Illinois criminal history record and provides a means for... to challenge the accuracy of any information contained on the record. This process is free of charge. Older records dating back no earlier than 30 years before the effective date of the Bill that... that meet the automatic expungement conditions, individuals may also use the access and review to verify records and file a request for expungement of law enforcement records. For these records, the individual is responsible for providing notice and a copy of request of expungement of juvenile law enforcement records to the arresting agency prosecutor or state's attorney of the relevant county. I think it's important to mention again that this Bill applies only to the records maintained by the Illinois State Police and not the records of the arresting agency. Also, the Bill exempts from this process arrests for offenses that are Class 2 or higher felonies and various sex offenses. These arrests are currently eligible for expungement under the normal process and will remain so. And again, to the... to the liability of the State Police, the Bill includes provisions exempting the records expunged pursuant to the automatic process from the Requirements of State Records Act and granting the department and its employees immunity from civil or criminal liability for failure to expunge records due to inability to verify a final disposition or because the department does not pass the records. Another

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provision in the Bill would allow objections to... Oh, well, no. Excuse me. You would have to, right now, form... do a petition for every charge and this would allow you to do one petition that would include all of the charges. This has been a work in progress, something that's very important to me and I believe will help many juveniles across the state, Democratic or Republican district. Either way, this is a... this is a great Bill for a lot of juveniles and will give them that fresh start going into... going into adulthood. And I'd really appreciate your support and 'aye' vote on this measure."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, it was pretty loud here in the chamber and this is a pretty big change in the way that we run juvenile expungements. So, I want... in case we go over some things again, my apologies. You indicated initially that the only records that would be expunged are those that are in control of the Illinois State Police. So, how does the... who... who sends the records to the Illinois State Police? What agencies do?"

Turner: "So, many local arresting agencies send these records to the state's... State Police but not all."

Reboletti: "It's my understanding, Leader, that the felonies all go to the State Police, Class As go to the State Police, but Class B and C misdemeanors do not. Is that your understanding of the process?"

Turner: "The answer to your question is yes."

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Reboletti: "What about ordinance violations? Are those sent to the Illinois State Police?"

Turner: "It may depend on the arresting agency. But again, we're... we're dealing... I don't think an ordinance violation would result in an arrest in most cases. And so, I believe... what we're dealing with specifically here are arrests for juveniles before their 18th birthday."

Reboletti: "And I appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this. I... I have some concerns, Leader. And that is that one, if an individual believes that there is an automatic expungement, isn't it fair to say that if a different agency, for instance the Village of Addison, has a Class B or Class C misdemeanor arrest on their record and they have not sent it to the Illinois State Police, which they don't have to, isn't it possible that those arrests could still be discovered by other means?"

Turner: "Yes. And there's... there's a level of responsibility on the person that was arrested as well. So, you've had some sort of contact with law enforcement. You've been arrested, you've been taken but you weren't processed or whatever the case may be. That's where the access and review site comes into play. And so, if you believe that you may have something on your record or a situation came up and you know, that wasn't an automatic expungement due to records not being transferred or whatever the case may be, the access and review site allows an individual to check on the status of... and this is a free service where they can check on the status of... of their... of their arrest or... or arrest record and take the necessary steps if need be to finalize the expungement."

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Reboletti: "With... with respect to this access on a computer, what if I'm a credit agency or an employer or a university? Can I go on that site and check Art Turner Jr. to see if he has any previous arrests or anything that's been expunged?"

Turner: "I would believe so, Representative."

Reboletti: "And I... and that's, I think, another issue that hasn't been fully addressed, is that I would assume we'd only want the people that have an arrest that might be expunged to have access to the system, otherwise aren't we offering another avenue for somebody to check out that history to determine if it was expunged or not?"

Turner: "The... the access and review site should be used as a resource for... for people who were arrested to check the status of their... of their record or an expungement they may have been expecting to happen. And that's what it's for. And you can... you can take information... I'm sorry, Representative. Excuse me. And this is something that we're going to continue to work on going forward. IS... ISP has been very helpful in this process and... and very involved and supportive in what we're trying to do here. But it's... it's a resource and it's a tool for... for the person to check and use."

Reboletti: "And I appreciate that. And during a regular expungement process, and I know it's very burdensome, it's very difficult, it's almost too difficult for somebody who's doing it on their own as a pro se individual. When you file a motion to expunge or petition to expunge, a bunch of folks get notice of that petition, and that would include the state's attorney, the arresting agency, the Illinois State

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Police, and there's an opportunity for those individuals to object. Is that fair to say, Leader?"

Turner: "You're talking about in the current process, Representative?"

Reboletti: "That's correct."

Turner: "You would know better than I would, I assume."

Reboletti: "So, there... there is. And what I... what I'm getting to, Leader, is that my concern with the Bill is that with respect to some of these cases, there may be a continuing investigation where the police have decided not to charge the case or may have consulted with the state's attorney who said continue with further investigation and it was still within the statute of limitations or an individual's a cooperating witness in a larger investigation and so we wouldn't want to disturb that. There's no objection process right now for the state's attorneys to object to those automatic expungements. Is that fair to say?"

Turner: "So... so, Representative, I think it's important to keep in mind what... what we're talking about here. And that's just arrests. Situations that result in a juvenile being arrested, did not involve a conviction. We're talking about minor, minor, minor offenses where there were... there were... there was no sort of action taken by the court, no petition for adj... adjudication or delinquency. We're just strictly talking about an arrest on a record for a minor that did not result... didn't get in any trouble for this thing. I mean, this is something that's really just results in being a... a barrier and is... is impeding them in trying to be a productive part of society. And you know, the... the courts and all of the

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arresting parties at this point have taken the stance that there is no need to move forward with this juvenile and this issue as it pertains to the arrest. We're just trying to help juveniles streamline that very difficult process and especially those juveniles who can't afford to navigate the process on their own. You... you just admitted yourself that it's a very cumbersome and... you... you need an advocate to help you walk through it. For these minor situations and these minor instances, we'd like a juvenile record to just automatically be expunged. Give him... him or her a fresh start going into adulthood. Let them apply for college. Let them apply for a job and having the opportunity to work. These are the sort of... I mean, many of the issues that we're facing in the City of Chicago with violence every day and every weekend are a result of... of kids not having the opportunity and whatever barrier that may be to access a job or... or do... or go to school, apply for financial aid. These are some... we're just trying to help them out. That's it."

Reboletti: "And I appreciate that, Leader. I would like that every young individual all throughout the state who wants to go to work or go to school has the opportunity. And that's why I generally support your measure, but I... I have some issues, Leader, with the fact that there is no objection process for that limited purpose."

Turner: "Right. So... so... and as you know, Representative, I mean, we... we've had the state's attorney at the table for... for these discussions and these negotiations around this Bill from its inception. And... and they've expressed that they... those concerns that... that you're worried about are something that

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they can work out internally if need be. Again, we're talking about minor infractions that resulted in no disciplinary action by the courts or our system. An arrest... an arrest that... that did not result in a conviction. We're not talking about bad kids. We've... we narrowed down and tailored the... the offenses and... and again, you've been... you understand this process and... and where we've come from with this Bill from the start and the checks and balances that have been put in place. We tried to go back and include all of the necessary provisions as... as it pertains to the implementation of this process. And the... the participating agencies have expressed to you and I both that this is something that they can do, that this is an undertaking that they can handle and they don't believe that it will... they... they do not believe that it will have a negative effect on their ability to conduct business."

Reboletti: "Well, I... I appreciate that, Representative. And reluctantly, at least at this point in time, I'm going to vote 'no' for a couple of reasons. One is the lack of the ability for the state's attorney to... to object in those limited situations of continuing investigation or as a cooperating witness, a juvenile as a cooperating witness. And there's another prong that I have a grave concern about, which is the availability of those Class B and Class C arrests for the juveniles that do not result in any adjudication where at the Village of Addison, somebody could come in and file a FOIA. And they can find police records and they could discover those Class B and Class C misdemeanors. And this will be a bite, there's no doubt about it, and a large jump and leap

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towards what you're trying to accomplish. But it doesn't... it's not... it's not completely guaranteeing that those other Class Bs and Cs will be expunged. And I don't want to give false hope to people who then apply for a job and that information comes out through an alternative mechanism be..."

Turner: "Representative, I respect what you're saying and I... and I appreciate your comments. And... and through the negotiations that you and I have both been a part of, the state's attorney has expressed that they can deal with those concerns. It's not a heavy lift for them. They can deal with those concerns and then the one, you know, maybe remote instance where... and there may be an issue. It's... it's something that they can deal with internally. This will help thousands of juveniles across the state. I mean, this is..."

Reboletti: "And I... and I don't want to stand in the way of that, Representative. Trust me, I'm with you on that. I can also tell you that the state's attorneys, I think, have their own... I know my state's attorney is vehemently opposed. And I think your state's attorney is probably supportive of the measure. So, you have the number one and the number two are working in different directions, which is not always the case. And so, it puts all of us in a... in a difficult situation, because I don't know if there's a... a unanimity ... unanimity of... of their support. And so, it's very difficult, then, for... I guess maybe I would feel more comfortable with a trailer Bill or some further discussion working towards Veto Session..."

Turner: "Representative, yeah. I... I agree with you. I mean, this is, again, let me repeat for everyone in the room, this is

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something that we're going to continue to work on. We need to get this measure in place, though. And if it's a trailer Bill or trailer legislation or anything along those lines, I'm going to be right at the table with you working on that as well. This will help thousands of kids immediately. And I think that we need to keep that in mind when we're voting on this legislation, what we're trying to do and the interested parties, City of Chicago, Office of the Mayor, Cook County, Cook County Public... Public Defenders, Advance Illinois, Juvenile Justice, the Office of the Governor. There are many people who agree with what we're trying to do, have expressed interest in helping us through this process. And I know you're going to be there to help us as well walk through it. So, you know, the trailer Bill, the trailer legislation, I... I'd appreciate your support on this. But I'm going to continue to work with you either way going forward."

Reboletti: "Leader, if you... if you wouldn't mind, will you take the Bill out of the record just for a few moments and you and I can discuss offline and then we can go back on so I can also talk to Members of my Caucus about this? Is that all right?"

Turner: "Will we be talking in good faith, Representative? I want to pass this Bill today."

Reboletti: "I appreciate that. Just for a few minutes. I'm not looking to kill your Bill, Representative. I mean, I can always still vote 'no'."

Turner: "Representative, I'm inclined to continue ahead with this process and we can... we can continue to talk. I don't know if, at this point, I'm getting from you that I'll even be able to

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change your mind in a two-, three-minute discussion, as it pertains to this Bill. I... I've expressed to you right now that I will wholeheartedly support any effort you have going forward with a trailer Bill as it pertains to this legislation and the process, but this is an important Bill. This is something that we've been working on for a very long time and you've been at the table with me. I really, really want to get this done today. I would hope that you would help me and I'm going to continue to help you, as I stated, going... going forward with any Bill that we may have to follow up with this. But the interested parties and the people who will be implementing this Bill and the procedures around it have all said that they can do this, that this can be done and that any hurdles or... or any of your concerns that you may have mentioned right now are... are minor in the sense that it's not something they can't handle and that the greater good of this piece of legislation is more important and we should move forward with this. So, again, I appreciate your help with this, Representative."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Flowers."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Flowers: "Representative Turner..."

Turner: "Yes, Ma'am."

Flowers: "...I need your help."

Turner: "Okay."

Flowers: "I need to try to understand what we're discussing here.

Is this Bill about arrest records?"

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Turner: "This Bill is about arrest records, Representative."

Flowers: "Well, you're going to have to excuse me. I know you went to law school. I didn't, okay? So you... I need your help. I'm... I'm very serious about this."

Turner: "Yes, Ma'am."

Flowers: "Now, I thought there was due process in the Constitution. I thought that you were innocent until proven guilty, not guilty until proven innocent. And just because you are arrested, what does that mean?"

Turner: "It's just an arrest."

Flowers: "So therefore, an arrest should not be something that will stigmatize me because anybody could accuse me of anything and I could be arrested for anything. But yet I have to walk around being stigmatized because I was arrested, never found guilty, never before a court of law."

Turner: "That's... that's right, Representative. No petition for adjudication of delinquency. There was no action taken after the request to punish or... or do anything against that individual who was arrested. The court has deemed them as not a threat."

Flowers: "You know, Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill. We've passed so many pieces of legislation down here about bullying. We've passed so many pieces of legislation about all the good things that we need to be doing for our young people. Well, this is wrong. These people have never been convicted, found guilty of any type of crime. Someone chose to arrest them. That was their choice. They... they, too, are here in America, they're in the State of Illinois, and anyone can arrest anyone. But the fact of the matter is, to put this burden on

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a young person, to put this burden on a young person to try to prove that they were not guilty of something that they were never found guilty of but they was just arrested for. What kind of society are we if this is what we have to do in order to dehumanize people to keep them from getting an education, to keep them from getting a job? I don't understand it. This is a fantastic piece of legislation. We still have the Constitution. There is still due process here in the State of Illinois, Ladies and Gentlemen. These young people and anyone, anyone that is arrested is innocent until they are found guilty in a court of law. Not the court of the streets, not the court of someone's opinion, but the court of law. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I'd like to, first off, congratulate the Sponsor and his inclusiveness with all of the... the very diverse and different perspectives on how it is to frame this level of positive legislation. I think this is certainly a... a strong and positive direction on how it is that we get to... get through a process that really, that folks just are not as familiar as we are or most of us are. So, I'm... I'm proud of, actually, the City of Chicago, Cook County president, Cook County Public Defender's Office, the Juvenile Justice Initiative, the Illinois State Police, they support this legislation. It really speaks to the time of where we are in today's criminal justice system and how it is that we need to modify and streamline our particular system. This Bill is just a first step in that direction. And again, I want to congratulate the Sponsor and all of the parties that

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he associated himself with in seeing to it that we came up with a very progressive and 21st century legislation. I would encourage all of our colleagues here on both sides of the aisle to vote 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Zalewski: "So, Art, if... if there's an arrest and there's no petition for delinquency filed, that means that the expungement automatically happens, correct?"

Turner: "If it happened before their 18th birthday."

Zalewski: "And what if the... what's the difference between a petition for delinquency and a disposition? So, say for instance a juvenile has a criminal damages arrest and the complaining witness never shows up and therefore there's no petition filed."

Turner: "Representative, the petitions would... it would essentially amount to... amount to some sort of charge by the... by the court."

Zalewski: "Okay."

Turner: "Yeah."

Zalewski: "So, if there's no charge, there are no petition filed, that means the expungement can proceed?"

Turner: "Yes. Yes."

Zalewski: "Okay."

Turner: "No... no formal proceeding, no petition filed, no charge by the court. We're... we're talking usually a low-level arrest situation."

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Zalewski: "So, one of the previous speakers obviously had concerns. My... my question to you is that we, earlier this last week, passed the joint committee, hopefully it passes the Senate..."

Turner: "Correct."

Zalewski: "...and is... is it your feeling that maybe we could tackle some of those follow-up issues on sealing and... and maybe some follow-up legislation in that process that would address the concerns of the Gentleman from DuPage?"

Turner: "Absolutely, Representative. That's... that's a great point. And again, this is... this is one part of the bigger discussion about addressing some of these issues. The City of Chicago, the State Police and all interested parties have made a commitment to myself and others who were at the table that this will be a work in progress and we will continue to work forward, but the idea of the automatic expungement in itself for arrests that did not result in any sort of charge or petition by the court is something that we should move forward with."

Zalewski: "And to the Bill. I urge an 'aye' vote on the Gentleman's Bill. I... I understand the concerns, but we... we need to just start doing these kinds of things. And... and I know it's... it may cause some discomfort, but it... it's time to... to proceed and... and work towards these issues and... and get ourselves turned around on a lot of the things that are preventing people from accessing employment opportunities and restorative opportunities. So, I commend the Gentleman on his effort. Given the law enforcement's neutrality or proponents of the Bill, I... I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Kay."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Kay: "Representative, I'm going to take a little different track here for just a moment. But the State Police, I notice in our analysis here, seems to have taken a neutral, maybe somewhat less than enthusiastic position with respect to the work that they have to do here. What conversations have you had with them pertaining to the work that they have to do and what did you see in the Public Safety Appropriations budget that would allow you to believe that they could undertake this with the dollars given to them?"

Turner: "Great question, Representative. And to your first point, I... your analysis, I'm not sure if it's totally updated. Again, this has been a work in progress over many, many months. So, the... the State Police are actually a proponent in what we're doing now as we're moving forward with this Amendment #3. And... and... the... the... maybe I... and I forgot the second half of your question. I'm sorry, Representative. What was your second concern?"

Kay: "Well, sitting on the Public Safety Appropriations Committee..."

Turner: "Sure."

Kay: "...I can tell you that it was a pretty lean appropriations budget, although..."

Turner: "Right."

Kay: "...we weren't always there. And that's not my... my question to you. But my question is, where are the funds in the budget from the Public Safety Appropriations Committee's side that

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would go to support the State Police's efforts to expunge these records?"

Turner: "Representative, there's no additional cost associated with this. Again, we've had the State Police and all other interested parties at the table. And they... this is... they... they've made it clear that not only is this something that they can do, but it's not a heavy lift, it's not a financial burden or a cost associated with it, and that they're more than willing to help me continue to work out... work with us through this process."

Kay: "All right. So, let me... let me just understand. You're telling me that it's a zero cost activity?"

Turner: "This is... no. there's not a cost associated with this. This is something that they can do through their systems and with their current process. Not a cost. Not an additional cost."

Kay: "Who can get a juvenile's arrest record?"

Turner: "Who can... who can get juvenile arrest records?"

Kay: "Yes."

Turner: "Currently, employers, schools, other... other agencies like that."

Kay: "I don't think so. Let me ask you a different question. What happens when an arrest record... what happens at the age of 18 to an arrest record that a juvenile may have?"

Turner: "What happens at the age of 18..."

Kay: "What happens to it?"

Turner: "...for a juvenile arrest record?"

Kay: "Yeah. What happens to it?"

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Turner: "Currently? They have a juvenile... they have an arrest on their record."

Kay: "No. It goes away."

Turner: "No. With this Bill, should we pass it today, an arrest record that did not result in a conviction or any sort of formal proceeding by the court would be automatically expunged."

Kay: "Well, I'm not a criminal lawyer. In fact, I'm not a lawyer, but I will tell you this..."

Turner: "Businessman."

Kay: "...that I... but I... You're correct. But I think it goes away. And I frankly don't think that this Bill is really necessary and I'm going to vote 'no' because I don't... I don't understand why we're doing it. I mean, I... I don't know that I have a particular objection to... to what you're attempting to do, but I... I, quite frankly, I think at 18 it goes away. And furthermore, I'm led to believe, and I think I'm correct, that arrest records are very, very difficult to get by anybody. It's a little bit like a workers' compensation first report of injury. You know, they're privileged. So, I'm not sure where we're going here, but unfortunately, I've supported some of your Bills along this line but I'm not going to support this one. Thank you."

Turner: "That's quite all right, Representative."

Kay: "Thank you."

Turner: "This will help many people in your district and in other districts across the state. Approximately 75 percent of all arrests are for low-level arrests that never result in any formal charge. And for juveniles going forward, we'd just

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like to give them the opportunity moving into adulthood to have this removed from their record and any other barrier that would keep them from going to school, getting a job, becoming a productive part of society. Want.. we want to help them and get away from some of the violence that we're dealing with in many of our cities across the state."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Davis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davis, M.: "Representative, if a child is a runaway, can he or she be arrested?"

Turner: "You know, Representative, I would assume if they did something to be arrested then if they're a runaway or if they're not a runaway they could.. they could be arrested. Sure."

Davis, M.: "That's absolutely correct."

Turner: "Right."

Davis, M.: "Sometimes children are arrested because they've run away from home. And maybe they've run away from home for a very good reason. There was a case where a young man was at O'Hare, sleeping someplace in the airport and this young man was arrested and they found out the reason he wouldn't go home was his foster father was molesting him nightly. It was in the newspaper. The foster father was arrested. There were other children who had become grown and joined the service, testified to the accuracy of this young boy's story. And they kept him until they could find another location for this young boy who had been arrested. But just remember, that arrest was still on his record. He's innocent. He's done nothing but

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attempt to get away from molestation. There are other cases where young people are with a group, maybe one or two people have done something wrong and they arrest the entire group, but they know that all of them have not participated in any of the negative or criminal behavior. So, here, these children, whose parents come to get them, they may... may not even spend a night in jail or incarceration, and yet that arrest record stands. If I didn't know better, if I didn't know better, I would think that some people want this to happen to young people. With all of the drama, all of the crisis occurring in our city, Representative, this, in my opinion, would be a very small gesture to stop some of the violence, because children who fill out an application for McDonald's or any of those small or big box stores, they could... do... have you ever been arrested? They got to check yes. They don't get an opportunity online, because that's where you apply, online. They don't get an opportunity online to say I was arrested because it was a high school dance and they let us out and I wasn't getting in the car fast enough and I got arrested. My mother came and got me. That was the end of it, never heard of it again, but it exists. Representative, your attempt is not to remove the record of anyone who has been criminally convicted. Is that correct?"

Turner: "That is correct, Representative. That's correct."

Davis, M.: "Let me repeat that. Let me repeat that. Your legislation in no way attempts to remove the record of someone who has been criminally convicted."

Turner: "No. Correct."

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Davis, M.: "And it also is for youth, 18 or under. Is that correct?"

Turner: "That's correct."

Davis, M.: "To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. For those of us who seek justice for all, for those of us who pledge and justice for all, take a good look at this Bill. Take a good look at this Bill. A kid who's 18 or under who's never really committed a serious crime is going to have his future jeopardized. He can't get an application for college because the question is have you ever been arrested? He can't get jobs. So, he's relegated to be a citizen without the real rights of everybody. Justice for all. Equality for all. Children who have not been convicted of a crime should not have an arrest record. This is America. This is not Russia. This is not Nazi Germany. This is the United States of America where we do believe in justice for all and helping our children. I vote... I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Soto."

Soto: "Speaker, to the Bill. Just to the General Assembly, right now, we're going through high violence in the City of Chicago. Not only in Chicago, it's really the State of Illinois, but mostly in Chicago. We've lost a lot of funding with the economic times that we're going through. And we're seeing a lot of violence. So, you know what? We all get tired of seeing it on television. I know that it gets me in the gut when I wake up in the morning and I see violence, violence, violence. We have not had money for programs for a long time, so the after school programs are not there for our community anymore. This is giving the children another chance. This is a Bill

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for children under the... from 18 and under. It is very important that we find programs for them or find... or put something in place that will help them. These kids are going to grow up and if we don't help them and do something like this Bill is doing, like the Sponsor has introduced, we're going to continue to see the high violence in the City of Chicago. It is very important that in our communities we have safety too. I urge this General Assembly to help us out and pass this Bill. This is not a Bill that you just decide to... to introduce because you have nothing better to do. This is an important Bill for our community and we would really, really appreciate your support. I urge an 'aye' vote to this General Assembly and I thank you for doing so."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Sponsor, can I ask a couple questions? I..."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Cross: "Representative Turner, I'm looking on this and I plan on supporting it. And I... as I look at it..."

Turner: "Thank you."

Cross: "...I... and I know there's been a lot of noise today and I want... I think you've been asked this question more than once. But I want to make sure that we're all clear, 'cause as I read this, it says you're only eligible for expungement in the event you're arrested but not charged as a juvenile. And that is the only criteria... or the... kind of the label you fall under and you're eligible for expungement if you've been arrested but not charged."

Turner: "That's right."

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Cross: "I got to tell you... and I have... To... to the Bill. I've been in this General Assembly for a number of years. I was a prosecutor for nine years. I probably have been involved in every 'get strong on crime' piece of legislation we've had for the last number of years I've been in here in some way and have been very aggressive on that and have worked with the state's attorneys year in and year out, with the Sheriff's Association, with the Police Chiefs Association. And I've been very, very strong on crime... anticrime legislation. But I don't see a problem with this Bill, Representative. I think this Bill makes a lot of sense. If we... we talk time and time again about giving people opportunity whether you're from Chicago or you're from Oswego or you're from downstate Illinois. And I know as a general rule that law enforcement people pursue a case and they arrest somebody. They do that with a reason. And if it's a... if it's warranted, they then charge them. So, in the situation where you're simply... not simply, it affects someone's life... where there's an arrest but not a charge, why wouldn't we allow for an expungement? I think this makes a lot of sense and if I'm disagreeing with my friends in law enforcement, I'm sorry. But I think we, to the points that have been made by many, many people on the other side of the aisle, we need to give people an opportunity to live their lives, to get jobs, to get through school, to work, to be prosperous. So, Representative, I'm for your Bill. And I appreciate all the hard work you've done it... done on it. I know it hasn't been easy. I also appreciate the fact that you realize it's a work in progress. But I think it's a

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Bill that needs to be passed and I'm going to support it.
Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ford: "I want to congratulate you, Leader, on the Bill. I have to ask you a question. Do you know what the unemployment rate for juveniles happen to be in Illinois right now, approximately?"

Turner: "No. Not exactly, Representative. But I'm sure it's high. I know amongst... I don't want to give any wrong statistics, but I think amongst African-American men in the City of Chicago or African-American youth it's in the 90 percentile. So..."

Ford: "So, that..."

Turner: "...90 percent or better."

Ford: "So, do you think this Bill will help with the unemployment rate for juveniles in the State of Illinois?"

Turner: "Yeah. Absolutely. Absolutely. This Bill... an arrest can block a young person from a job, housing, financial aid, college, all of that."

Ford: "Oh, so... so, not only will it help with the unemployment rate, but it'll probably help individuals go to college and become less dependent on the State of Illinois to survive?"

Turner: "Absolutely. Absolutely. I attribute much of my success to having a chance to go off and educate myself and access to school and... and those sort of things. And... and you don't... you can be... there can be a barrier in place if you have an arrest on your record from allowing you to do that."

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Ford: "So, Leader, if you don't work, what do you do for a living?"

Turner: "You... you're watching in on our streets in Chicago every day."

Ford: "And so, if you're not able to go to work, you're probably going to be a person that's committed to a life of crime?"

Turner: "Absolutely."

Ford: "And who's going to pay for that?"

Turner: "We will. Taxpayers."

Ford: "Taxpayers."

Turner: "State of Illinois."

Ford: "So, that's why... that's why I urge a 'aye' vote for this Bill. Simply because it's very important that taxpayers are not held accountable for these type of issues and people should go to work in order to survive for themselves and become taxpaying citizens. So, I urge a 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Turner: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Turner to close."

Turner: "Wow. I... you know, I really appreciate the discussion around this Bill. We've... we've had a lot of interested parties, a lot of discussion. Vote 'aye', people, please. Vote 'aye'. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Mr. Clerk... Representative Kosel's button is not working. How would you care to vote, Representative? Representative Kosel's 'yes'. Mr. Mautino. Please take the record. On this question, there are 74 voting 'yes', 40 voting

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'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Arroyo for an introduction."

Arroyo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege. I have the honor to introduce my son, Louie Arroyo Jr., Cook County Commissioner-elect of the 8th District. Can we give him a round of applause? Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Senger."

Senger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the record, I'd like my vote on Senate Bill 504 to be reflected as a 'present'."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intentions. Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Franks: "I just want to point out that today Secretary of State Jesse White had a... a gathering in his office because on Friday he will be the longest-serving Illinois Secretary of State in the history of Illinois. We wanted to acknowledge him and congratulate Jesse on his wonderful accomplishment."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Franks. Congratulations, Mr. Secretary. Chair recognizes Representative Soto."

Soto: "Thank you, Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, please."

Soto: "The... the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation and the Latino Caucus Foundation has their annual end of Session party. So, this is just a friendly reminder to our colleagues here in the General Assembly. You're all invited. Be there or be square. Thank you. Today."

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Speaker Lang: "Moving to page 6 on the Calendar.. The Chair is in the possession of a Motion filed by Mr. Reboletti on Senate.. to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill 978 passed. That was Mr. Turner's Bill. Yes, Mr.. Excuse me, Sir. Well, I didn't finish my..."

Reboletti: "Go ahead."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Mr. Reboletti has filed a Motion to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill 978 passed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Reboletti on the Motion."

Reboletti: "I withdraw my Motion to reconsider, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "The Motion is withdrawn. Chair recognizes Mr. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Verschoore: "I'd like to thank Representative Poe for the great chicken and ice cream he had today. Thank you very much, Raymond. Always good."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Arroyo."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Arroyo: "I just experienced a very important moment in this chamber. When two sides are working together, that was really, really impressive, because I wish it was like that when we were passing the budget a couple of days ago. But you know what? We could work together and we look forward to continue working together with the other side. It's very important to keep doing that. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Lang: "Page 6 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 6060. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 6060, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Greg Harris, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris on the Amendment."

Harris, G.: "The Amendment is very technical in nature. It simply changes a date. I would ask for its adoption and then we can debate the whole Bill on Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 6060, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the House of Representatives. This is the FY14 supplemental Appropriations Bill. House Bill 6060 contains a reappropriation of funds that came in in the year FY14 above and beyond the projections that we agreed to earlier when we based the budget on those numbers. There are \$1.81 billion in this piece of legislation. Of that, \$1.04 billion is general revenue. Probably a little over a billion dollars of this is going to be used to pay back old bills. And I would like to

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go through, very quickly, some of the major items in this legislation. There is a \$600 million transfer to the Health Care Provider Relief Fund for the payment of Medicaid matchable bills. And we try to do this at the end of each year with available funds 'cause we can send this off to Washington and double our money with the federal match and pay down further bills. So, this is a very good fiscal management device. There are about \$21.975 million for the Facilities Management Revolving Fund, which relates to expenses incurred by CMS for rent, utilities, et cetera. There is a \$15 million supplemental to the Department of Corrections for bills due and owing in the Department of Corrections. There is one item for \$29.265 million for late payments which have been adjudicated by the court of claims, which are now payable. There is another \$300 thousand that is payable to the Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund. This supplements \$5.9 million that was passed by the General Assembly earlier this year that is the required match for the Federal Emergency Management Authority, relief money that we got for the tornadoes, which devastated portions of our state. There are \$68 million in child care expenses. There are another \$22.6 million for inmate medical costs, head count, food and clothing for the Department of Corrections, \$10 million for additional substance abuse treatment money owed. There is \$40 million for a settlement related to the Department of State Police and several other smaller amounts, but... and in other state funds, the largest amounts are for the Department of Public Health for \$3 million for the purchase of vaccines. And out of the Road Fund for \$47,179,300, this was for costs

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associated with the very heavy winter we had for paying road crews, for maintenance of equipment, for purchase of salt and other supplies. And as referenced in Senate Bill 741, which we passed just a moment ago, there are \$224 million contemplated in this Bill that will be used to pay down the... pay forward the cost of the items that were in House Bill... in Senate Bill 741. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Bellock: "Of the Bills that... we had the five Appropriation Bills that were passed out of here yesterday. And on this Bill in the supplemental, which we talked about yesterday in Human Service Approp, I don't see in any of those Bills that we had yesterday where the 221 million of that GRF was in any of those five Approp Bills yesterday. So, how... where is the revenue for that expense for 741?"

Harris, G.: "That... that would be in various lines attributable to Medicaid services and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services."

Bellock: "But we passed the Appropriation Bill yesterday and that was not in there."

Harris, G.: "Yes, it was contemplated in the... in that legislation."

Bellock: "It was actually in writing in the Bill? In the Approp Bill? What revenue supports that appropriation?"

Harris, G.: "It was built into the framework of the plan. It had been contemplated that we would come to this day and we did

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not want to have to come back and re-amend those budgets again. So, there was room within those lines for this spending that was... the 224 million. But if you remember, that all boils down at the end of the day to 125 million. So, divided between hospitals and pharmacies and things like that. It would be, essentially, in those billions and billions of dollars, very hard to pick out."

Bellock: "But you have to spend that first, Representative, in order to get the match back from the Federal Government, so you have to spend..."

Harris, G.: "Which is why we're... we're paying it... we are paying moneys out of this year's supplemental appropriation to Washington to get that money back and then have that cash on hand to use for the purposes of the FY15 budget."

Bellock: "I still don't see where that revenue was supported in that budget that we passed out... in any of those five budgets that we passed out of here yesterday."

Harris, G.: "It was all in the Department of Healthcare and Family Services."

Bellock: "Okay. So, in the line items above in the supplemental, how much is being paid down old bills?"

Harris, G.: "To be on the conservative side, about \$900 million is being paid down in old bills in this."

Bellock: "So, in elementary ed, what doesn't pay for old bills out of that 400 thousand?"

Harris, G.: "Where are you looking here, Representative? I'm not sure what page."

Bellock: "First category, elementary ed."

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Harris, G.: "That is for school consolidation incentives. That was \$400 thousand that was owed this year."

Bellock: "So then, there were no old bills paid in elementary ed?"

Harris, G.: "They... this was... the \$400 thousand that are here related to the school consolidation program."

Bellock: "So, in general services, how much is not old bills?"

Harris, G.: "I... we don't have it broken down quite that way. It... are... are you referring to the General Services Committee? As the Appropriations Committee, as we would see it?"

Bellock: "Right."

Harris, G.: "And so that would be those items here in Central Management Services. There is \$100 million toward payment of past due bills for the state employee health plans, \$21.9 million for the Facilities Management Revolving Fund, essentially, \$15 million that is paid through CMS for actually bills owed through the Department of Corrections. There may be some pieces within the Court of Claims judgments there. Yeah. So that would be... and then, again, under other state funds, about 951 thousand, 125 thousand. Two smaller items."

Bellock: "Okay. What about in higher ed?"

Harris, G.: "Higher ed, I see SCR... that... I'm sorry. That would be SUR but that is not here. And there is a... no actual change. There is a correction in an appropriation for a university. That's about it. That was a language change."

Bellock: "Okay. In human services."

Harris, G.: "So, there you would see, in human services, 68 million supplemental for child care. So, that's really a good thing, especially going forward into next year. Ten million

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dollars for addiction treatment services for non-Medicaid eligible persons. And then out of other state funds about \$3 million for the purpose... purchase of vaccines."

Bellock: "So, in public safety."

Harris, G.: "Public safety would be the settlement for the Department of State Police, which is about \$40 million; \$162 thousand for the Prisoner Review Board; transportation, if you count that."

Bellock: "I don't think that's a..."

Harris, G.: "The State Fire Marshal, 152,500."

Bellock: "Prisoner Review Board's not an old bill, is it?"

Harris, G.: "It's for payments for services that have been rendered through CMS. That's what I have on my analysis here."

Bellock: "Okay."

Harris, G.: "It's \$162 thousand."

Bellock: "Okay. And then what's going on with the group insurance?"

Harris, G.: "The group insurance, we're... we're paying down \$100 million more in old bills."

Bellock: "Okay. So, is that an old bill or is that prepaying for the FY15 liability?"

Harris, G.: "No. We... we have plenty of old bills. We have about 1.6 billion, I think, backlog that we still need to pay down for our various employee group health programs, so..."

Bellock: "Right."

Harris, G.: "...we got a long way to go. This is paying 100 million of that."

Bellock: "Okay. So, total of the 1.2 billion in the supplemental, what would you say exactly is paying old bills?"

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Harris, G.: "I would say conservatively and again, you can sort of quibble about some of these things, is it an old bill, is it a new old bill."

Bellock: "Right."

Harris, G.: "We've had that..."

Bellock: "Yeah."

Harris, G.: "...discussion before. But I think you could safely say that we are paying down 900 million, just about a billion dollars of old bills that are owed already by the State of Illinois."

Bellock: "And how much of that in the human service or... would you say were Medicaid bills that we would be able to get the match on?"

Harris, G.: "Probably... and again, you know, it depends on how you calculate it, but I would say about 600 million that would go into the Health Care Provider Relief Fund for sure. Then there could be potentially another 600 million into the Hospital Provider Relief Fund that gets churned through and comes back. So essentially, we would get back, if my calculations are right, about... about \$1.2 billion in general revenue from the Federal Government."

Bellock: "Right. So, I guess just going back, my only question was back again to the 221 as to that appropriation is put into the FY15 budget, but as of yesterday, we didn't even really have accurate numbers on that budget?"

Harris, G.: "It was contemplated and with the passage of SB71... 741, you know, this was and now approved spending. And remember that that 224 million counts the federal match so it's really 125 million."

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Bellock: "Well, I guess my question just on that is contemplated is a word that I don't think you'd find a CPA using."

Harris, G.: "A really good CPA would."

Bellock: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Kay."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Kay: "Thank you. Representative, of the... of the moneys here that you have in the supplemental, how much of the moneys that are set aside apply to back pay that we owe to government workers?"

Harris, G.: "Which government workers are you referring to? There are different people who are owed..."

Kay: "Well..."

Harris, G.: "...different amounts from different funds."

Kay: "...we... the Governor has contracted pay increases for a lot of state workers, some of whom have not received any of their raises, their increases. I'm curious about whether or not you contemplate trying to make..."

Harris, G.: "So, you're talking about those amounts that had been, you know, in controversy regarding the ASFCME agreement?"

Kay: "Well, I don't know that they're in controversy any longer. I know that we owe certain government workers from certain entities back pay. And my question..."

Harris, G.: "But I can tell you..."

Kay: "...is are you going to pay..."

Harris, G.: "...if that's the amount..."

Kay: "...are you going to pay..."

Harris, G.: "...if those... if those..."

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Kay: "...a penny or a..."

Harris, G.: "...are the ones you're referring to, there is not an appropriation in this Bill for those."

Kay: "So, there is no... no catch up here with respect to back pay whatsoever?"

Harris, G.: "Not in this legislation."

Kay: "Okay. With regard to the \$900 million that you referred to earlier that you... you provided an answer to, I believe, Representative Bellock, bills that you wanted to pay, catch up. I'm curious. What time frame are those bills from?"

Harris, G.: "Oh. They would range from varying time frames. You know, when you get into the group insurance program, we know that there are some providers that haven't been paid for several hundred days. So, the more we pay... and this is sort of how we prioritize things, you know, as we plan these Bills up. One, we prioritize spending in a supplemental in order to receive the 100 percent federal match and then also to pay down those things on which we would owe prompt payment interest. So for instance, on the employee group health program, which has bills that are very, very old, you know, I think we're incurring, you know, potentially about \$300 million a year prompt payment interest and penalties."

Kay: "Well..."

Harris, G.: "So, anything we could avoid there seems to be a good investment."

Kay: "Greg... Greg, let me ask you a different way. Mr. Speaker, I... I'm sorry. I can't hear. And I can't speak to the Representative."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Kay is absolutely correct. It's very noisy in here. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's get through these Bills. So, if we could keep the noise down in the chamber, if you could take your private conversations to the rear of the chamber, that would be helpful for all of us. Mr. Kay, please proceed."

Kay: "Thank... thank you, Speaker. With regard to the... the bills that you contemplate paying, I'd like a time frame. Are they 30 to 60 days old, 60 to 90, over 90, or over one year?"

Harris, G.: "So, if you're asking do I have a receivable aging report with me, I do not."

Kay: "Well, then, how do you know it's 900 million?"

Harris, G.: "I'm sorry?"

Kay: "Well, then, how do you know that you're going to pay 900 million if you don't know what time frames they're from?"

Harris, G.: "'Cause I can add up the numbers and it gets to about \$900 million."

Kay: "So, do you have that with you right now?"

Harris, G.: "The other thing we do, as I said, how we prioritize these things is we try to pay first those things that we can earn the 100 percent match on..."

Kay: "Okay."

Harris, G.: "...and also avoid..."

Kay: "I understand, Representative."

Harris, G.: "...interest."

Kay: "I guess we're... let me... let me try a third time. Are we talking about paying old bills or new old bills?"

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Harris, G.: "I hope we are paying the older bills first and those for which we're accruing the prompt penalty payment penalty interest."

Kay: "Okay. But you're not sure really whether we're paying one group or the other?"

Harris, G.: "We... well, we... we appropriate this money, Representative, as I understand the process, then it is the Comptroller who then applies it to the bills."

Kay: "How many... how many of the bills in this 900 million sit in a queue, ready to be paid today?"

Harris, G.: "A lot."

Kay: "How many of the 900 million?"

Harris, G.: "I... I do not have a... I don't know how many individual bills there are..."

Kay: "Okay."

Harris, G.: "...in the Comptroller's queue."

Kay: "One last question, Representative. Are we sweeping any funds to make this supplemental Bill possible?"

Harris, G.: "No."

Kay: "Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davidsmeyer: "So, I think what the previous speaker was trying to get at was when we talk about paying down old bills, this 600 million that you were talking about, about paying down old Medicaid bills, I believe a couple weeks ago someone from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget say... said... stated that we are up to date on our Medicaid bills. So, is this 600

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million, in fact, an old bill or are we just prioritizing current bills?"

Harris, G.: "Well, as I said just a moment before, we prioritize things for payment for a number of reasons. If we pay the 600 million, even though it has just come in relatively recently, we can double our money by paying that bill, sending it off to Washington and getting the federal match. And then we have another 600 million to spend on other bills in the backlog. So, it makes perfect fiscal sense to pay some bills ahead of the line even if they're newer chronologically 'cause we can double the value of that disbursement."

Davidsmeyer: "And I understand what you're trying to do and I think that's how we caught up on our Medicaid bills. My problem is the people that have truly old bills that they're waiting on getting paid are... are being put on the back burner so that we can pay current bills. And it's... it's kind of a frustrating thing. I also want to get back to the back pay for state employees. Is that in this Bill?"

Harris, G.: "As I said, you know, if it's the question that Representative... the other Representative just asked, the answer is no."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

Harris, G.: "You almost got me there."

Davidsmeyer: "I... and I... that... that wasn't my... my reason for asking that. But I think that our... our oldest bill that we have right now is the back pay for these employees who provided a service, whose contracts stated that we have to pay that. The courts have stated that we have to pay that. And we are currently paying interest or accruing interest at about 7

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percent, from my understanding. I think this would be the perfect time to start paying that. I don't... I don't see a better time to... to go after that. And I... I wonder why this was not included."

Harris, G.: "Representative, you know, I... I heard the same testimony from the representative of those employees yesterday that you did. But I also know that we have a backlog of about 1.6 billion that we are paying 12 percent per year, which is larger than 7 on. And you know, if you do the math, you know, it makes some fiscal sense to pay those bills also."

Davidsmeyer: "And so, while... while we're paying 7 percent on the back-pay for employees, we're paying 12 percent on other old bills. We're prioritizing new Medicaid bills that we're not paying any interest on currently. I understand the match and I understand the importance of bringing that money in, but right now, I... I don't see why or how we can continue to do this. You know, I... like I said, I appreciate the prioritization, but I think that we're putting some people on the back burner that deserve to be paid and have waited much longer than they need to."

Harris, G.: "I hate to sound like a broken record on this topic, but I would hope that we would vote to, you know, put additional revenue into our system so that we could clear the backlog of old bills and meet all of our obligations."

Davidsmeyer: "There's a lot of additional spending that I wish we would not talk about either, but we continue to bring that stuff up. So, I... I look forward to working with you in the future."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris to close."

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Harris, G.: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. Again, this is the FY14 supplemental of about \$1.81 billion. It goes another big step toward substantially reducing our backlog of old bills, which continue to dog us in this state. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 65 voting 'yes', 48 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 9 on the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, there appears Senate Bill 345, Mr. Riley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 345, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley."

Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Chair, Members. Senate Bill 345 was brought to me by one of my school districts, Summit Hill District 161 in Frankfort, Illinois. But I'm sure this same situation happens with a lot of other taxing bodies. But essentially what 345 will do is it'll clear up the unintended consequences of districts like this that levy for IMRF, Social Security and Medicare through the same line. We passed a Bill a few years ago which basically said it was sponsored by IMRF, that IMRF levy shall just be by themselves. So, what happened was Summit Hill District and a few other districts I'm sure levied for Medicaid and Social Security by themselves. They decoupled it from IMRF and they were told by their counties

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that these are new levies. Of course, they were not new levies. They had been levying for these purposes before. They were just simply decoupled by these districts based on the law that we passed. So essentially, Senate Bill 345 will allow those districts to levy for Medicaid and Social Security, not have them treated as new levies. But these districts still cannot violate the... the tenants of PTELL. And there was another Amendment. Amendment #1 was something that I worked out with the Department of Revenue that said that the aggregate... aggregate extension shall not be increased. So, this is a good Bill that takes care of some unintended consequences. And I'll answer any questions and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell. Gentleman does not wish to speak. Those in favor of the Bill vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Pritchard, Tryon. Please take the record. On this question, there are 66 voting 'yes', 49 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Senate Bill 3433?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3433 is on the Order of Consideration Postponed."

Speaker Lang: "Please place that on the Order of Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor. Mr. Clerk, on page 32 of the Calendar, under the Order of Motions to Discharge, appears House Resolution 782. Mr. Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 58(a), I move to discharge the Committee on the Environment from further

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consideration of House Resolution 782 and be placed on the appropriate Order of Business, on to the floor for a fair debate and a vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are we going to debate this Motion?"

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Nekritz: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I, you know, a couple of things. I think that this is the kind of thing where we need to respect the committee process and the ability of the chairs to control the agenda in the committee. And I... while I have great respect for the... my... my colleague that's bringing this Motion, I think it's important that we think about how we... how... how we do respect the committee process in this chamber. And secondly, this is a... this is a piece of... of the Resolution that speaks to the President's climate change initiative. And I think that... that for us in Illinois to be rolling... looking to roll that back and to address that before those regulations have even been adopted, before states have had an opportunity to weigh in with their own particular rules, I think is a... and... and frankly, this coming from the President's home state, I think, is an embarrassment to... to the work that he is doing on this issue. And so, while I have great respect, again, for my colleague who's bringing this, I think that this is the wrong Resolution at the wrong time. And I would urge a 'no' vote on the Motion."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong support of the Gentleman's Motion. I would encourage everyone to... to support

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this. And... and it's not just the... the Resolution itself but the sheer fact that... that it needs to have a fair hearing. I don't necessarily agree with the previous speaker that it would be disrespectful to our President. And we can respect our President but still disagree with him on... on certain issues and realize that this particular state, these issues are important. But as we're trying to do... or as we're doing right now and we shouldn't be doing, we're... we're not debating the Gentleman's Motion, we're actually trying to debate the Resolution. If we would go ahead and allow the Resolution to come to the floor, then would be the proper time to do that. I would encourage all of the Members to support Representative Phelps and his Motion so that we could actually have a hear... full hearing on the floor with this Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to echo the sentiments of Representative Nekritz on this Resolution. And to the Sponsor, I would love to work with you to come up with a Resolution that advocates not only for the existing energy sources that we have but the emerging energy sources such as some of the renewables and perhaps work together from all perspectives on the issue. So, I, too, would... would urge you to hold off on this and... and ask that we respect the committee process, go back to the drawing board and work closely, as we have on other issues such as fracking and perhaps we can come to something that is mutually agreeable. So, I would urge this to remain in committee at this time until we can move forward with something that we can all share in providing a

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perspective on how to move forward and incorporate these regulations. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I, also, rise in favor of the committee process and the ability of committee chairs to make decisions within their committees with regard to the legislation that is heard. The Representative has had multiple opportunities to have a subject matter hearing on the Resolution, opportunities which I believe would help to have the... the committee as well as the Body gather more information, make more informed decisions related to what we've heard really is the underlying substance of the legislation that has to do with rules that have yet to be promulgated that are due from the Federal Government next week. So, again, I rise in opposition to the Motion and in favor of our committee process as it exists. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "I have an inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker."

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

Reboletti: "How many votes would it take for this Resolution to make it to the House Floor?"

Speaker Lang: "Takes 60 votes, Sir."

Reboletti: "And... and to the... the process, Ladies and Gentlemen. It's interesting that because this Bill at least made committee, it has a chance to come to the floor. The Rules Committee is not that helpful because it only takes one person to object. And I appreciate the fact that it's gotten here and I will definitely be supporting the Gentleman's

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Resolution and look forward to a debate. These Bills should make it out here, at least have the hearing in committee, which it has not had. So, now it needs the full faith and credit of this Body to at least up or down the sentiments in the Resolution. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope that in the future that Representative Phelps and his other colleagues understand the frustration of not having their... their Resolutions, their Bills heard completely on the House Floor. And I will be supporting this Motion because any time we can bring a Bill, especially something this significant, to the whole Body, we're going to get a better discussion. And I think everybody else should be supportive of getting as many Bills to the floor as possible and it's just nice to know that in a bipartisan way, we like to block good legislation. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Fortner."

Fortner: "Parliamentary inquiry. I believe..."

Speaker Lang: "Please state your inquiry."

Fortner: "...I believe you said it would be 60 votes. I thought on a simple Motion it's just a... a majority of those who cast a vote?"

Speaker Lang: "We'll double-check, Sir. We did check once. I'll reread the rule, but I believe it takes 60 votes to discharge a Bill from a committee."

Fortner: "Because it's a discharge. Okay."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir."

Fortner: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Beiser."

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Beiser: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise in strong support of the... Representative Phelps and why... while previous speakers have suggested that this is not being respectful of the committee process or the committee chair, I don't see it that way. I see it that Representative Phelps is simply using the House Rules that are available to all of us and exercising his right to try to get this Resolution heard before the full Body. And I think it's well within his right to do that as a Member of this Body."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "To the Motion. Ladies and Gentlemen, when you read the Gentleman's Resolution, it talks about carbon regulation through existing coal-powered plants could threaten the affordability and reliability of Illinois' electric supplies and risk substantial job losses. We're talking about jobs and we're talking about Illinois coal. And we're talking about keeping plants open by having regulations and us chiming in on those regulations so we can make sure we don't lose jobs and lose some of these coal plants to keep reliable power. And the reliable power is where you need to focus on so we can have affordable electricity. 'Cause this summer's going to be an interesting year for a lot of us in our districts and you can go and say, hey, I tried to do something about the high power costs that are coming this summer, and they are coming. And so, if you vote against this, how do you then go back to your constituents and say, well, I had a chance to chime in and say we want to make sure that we're not closing power plants down? How do you do that? Because you're going to get inundated with calls about electrical power this summer

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and if you vote against this, you have no relief before those constituents. So, please think about that and vote 'aye' so we can have a debate about this very important Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Cavaletto."

Cavaletto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Bill and I think it creates jobs for southern Illinois and puts people back to work. And I think anyone in the State of Illinois would want people paying taxes to help the relief.. the people up north from paying a lot of taxes. So, I hope you can support this. This is a good.. good Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Tracy."

Tracy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise in support of this Resolution. Illinois's unemployment is 8 percent. Illinois's unemployment rate is 8 percent. Any time we ha... and we're sitting on tons and tons of coal reserves. Any time we have an opportunity to explore ways to put people to work and promote one of our major resources, we need to do it. And I think it's disingenuous to talk about a process when it's often very convoluted. But in the end, what we've got to focus on is how we make this state work again. We have 8 percent unemployment. Don't we want to put people to work? And don't we want to use our natural resources that are going to benefit that? We talk about bumper pads on the House Floor, we talk about all kinds of things. But in the end, what kind of service are we doing to the people of the State of Illinois when what they need most is economic opportunity to change the state around so that we can put together a budget that

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meets the state's needs? So, I urge that we move this process and this Resolution forward. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I agree with an earlier speaker who reminded us that this is not the opportunity to debate what is in House Resolution 732. Instead, the question before us is do we believe in our committee system or do we not. All of us spend a lot of time in our House Committees. We get up early for the 8 a.m. call. We're there late in the afternoon, often through the evening. Each and every one of us does our homework. We pay attention to the issues. And for the work that we do, my sense is that we need to respect the committees themselves. The chair of the committee has assured us that there was every opportunity for the Sponsor to have a hearing on the substance of House Resolution... the House Resolution that is before us. The Sponsor chose not to avail himself of that opportunity and perhaps should have. But I would urge every Member of this House who serves on House Committees that your work deserves respect, your work deserves support, and it is inappropriate and wrong, in my view, to say give the back of the hand to the committees, the work they do, and jump over the committee structure in order to hear this measure on the floor at this time. I urge a strong 'no' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask for a verification of this Bill... vote."

Speaker Lang: "The request for a verification will be acknowledged. Mr. Kay."

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Kay: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Chair."

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

Kay: "Notwithstanding what Leader Currie just said, many Bills don't get to committee and maybe this was one. But having said that, is there anything procedurally incorrect with what Representative Phelps is attempting to do today?"

Speaker Lang: "The Chair doesn't understand your question, Sir. The Motion is in order, if that's what you're asking."

Kay: "That's exactly what I'm asking. So, the fact that it's in order means the only thing we need to do is to vote on it. Is that not correct, Sir?"

Speaker Lang: "I guess that's correct, Mr. Kay."

Kay: "Thank you. I appreciate it. Thank you, Speaker, for that clarification."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Phelps to close."

Phelps: "Mr. Speaker, just a few things. Just this morning, just this morning in the same committee, there was a Bill... a Resolution for nuclear. I... I just want the same respect, I guess, to just get a vote. And you all know me. I've been here for a while. I each... try to help each and every one of you in their districts. I don't believe I've done one time put a Bill in subcommittee to hurt one of my fellow Legislators and my colleagues. This is very important to me. I don't ask for a lot. But I'm willing to help each and every one of you 'cause I respect you. That's all I want my constituents to be, is to be respected in a committee where this could be heard. Just a while ago, Representative Turner, God, I love him, everybody knows that, we helped him out.

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That's all I'm asking is the same deal. I just ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion to Discharge will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Andrade, Arroyo, Davis, Fortner. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no'. And Representative Jakobsson has asked for a verification. Do you persist in your request?"

Jakobsson: "I withdraw the request, please."

Speaker Lang: "The request is withdrawn. 71 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no'. And the Gentleman's Motion carries. And this Bill is discharged from the Committee on Environment. Chair recognizes Mr. Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am joined here at my side by my colleague Senator John Mulroe and in the chamber on both sides of the gallery we have 86 students from Bridge School, a school in our district here visiting the Capitol. You can see them standing up on both sides. Would you please wave to them and give them a warm Springfield welcome?"

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Mr. Anthony."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

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Anthony: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, please join me in welcoming my legislative aide from district, Jessica Fox. Give her a wel..."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you for being with us. Mr. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Moffitt: "I... I'm sorry to say this after enjoying the fried chicken that Representative Poe provided, but today is the last day to weigh in to see if you won the weight loss contest. You have until 5:00, down in the paramedic's office on second floor. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Moving back to page 9 of the Calendar, Senate Bill 1004, Representative Monique Davis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1004, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Davis. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Senate Bill 1098, Leader Currie. Do you need to move the motion Bill back to Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, place this Bill on the Order of Second Reading and please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1098. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker, Members of the House. This incorporates language that was originally in Senate Bill 1099 and then appeared in a House Bill. And what this does is it comes from the Institute of Business Law, which is housed in the Illinois... Illinois Institute of Technology Kent College

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of Law, clarifying that while a corporation is winding up its affairs that the directors of that corporation will have the same... same absence of liability, personal liability, that they do during the pendency of corporate activities. I know of no opposition. This is cleanup language and I'd appreciate your support. This had cleared the committee twice."

Speaker Lang: "Those who support the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1098, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker and Members of the House. So, the Bill finally incorporates the language I just described. And it also overturns a Illinois Supreme Court ruling that left the question, while a corporation is winding down its affairs or winding them up if you prefer, what happens to contracts that the corporation entered into. And under a, what we believe was a misreading by the Court, it turned out that the corporation couldn't sue or be sued and that obviously doesn't make any sense if the corporation, during the winding up period, actually ended up making a contract, making an agreement with the vendor. Surely, they should have to keep the terms of that agreement as they would if they were in active business as a corporation. So, I know of no opposition to that part of the Bill, nor to the part of the Bill that establishes the opportunity for corporate

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directors to avoid personal liability during the wind up of the affairs of a corporate entity."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2778, Mr. Mitchell. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2728, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, it's... I'm... I may have misstated the number. It's 2778. Mr. Mitchell is the Sponsor."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2778, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This is an agreed Bill with House Amendment 1. What it basically says is a couple years ago, there... we effectively voted to give Cook County homeowners who were delinquent on their property tax a little more time to pay before they were eligible to be sold at a year-end sale. This was a wildly successful program that helped thousands, tens of thousands of homeowners, really. This just extends it for another three years. As I said, it's an agreed Bill. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Poe, Scherer. Please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes' and 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2801, Mr. Sims. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2801, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sims."

Sims: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 2801 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure by allowing the depart... by changing the time and place requirements for defendants who are placed in the custody of the Department of Human Services for the purposes of determining their mental fitness to stand trial. As the Amendment we drafted and adopted yesterday also adds some requirements to... for... for individuals who... regarding their... the... who provide mental and fitness examinations to have those... excuse me, to have those... those diagnoses placed in... into the record. I know of no opposition and I ask for a favorable... favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Andrade, Mitchell. Mr. Andrade. Please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2854, Mr. Rita. Mr. Rita. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2932, Mr. Bradley. Please read the Bill."

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There's an Amendment on this Bill. Mr. Clerk, please put this Bill on the Order of Second Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2932, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Bradley."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley."

Bradley: "This is a... this is a technical Amendment that removes the opposition of the City of Chicago. And I'd move for its adoption and debate the Bill on Third."

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2932, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley."

Bradley: "This is a comprehensive towing Bill. It would create a towing rotation list, rules and requirements. One of the main goals we're trying to do here is to get rid of rogue towers. And so, unfortunately for consumers, for the general public, there are groups of in... improper tow companies that go out and essentially the same as chase wrecks and charge exorbitant rates, exorbitant fees. And so we would create a process and then by that process, identify who the rogue towers are by not abiding by the lawful process. This is agreed to by Illinois State Police, Illinois Sheriffs' Association, the Towing Association, all the interested parties as well as the

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City of Chicago with the Amendment. So, I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr... Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "Representative, I want to thank you for your hard work at getting a agreed Bill here, working with a lot of individuals with different interests. I had a specific towing issue that you had included in this Bill, so I appreciate the opportunity to join you in... in working on an issue that has been a real problem in more of the city and suburban areas of northeastern Illinois where there are some unreputable towers that are interfering with reputable ones, creating lots of problems and expense for consumers. So, I would ask the Body to support this Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Moeller. Please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 28, 2014: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3793."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Moving down the Calendar, Senate Bill 2966, Representative Cassidy. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2966, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This is a joint initiative of the center of... Center for Neighborhood Technology and DNR. Basically, there've been a great deal of study and... and thought got... that goes into how flooding affects rural areas, river areas, but very little understanding of the impact on... flooding on urban built areas, densely populated areas and then the impact of urban infrastructure such as paving and... and housing. My dense city neighborhood on the far north side regularly floods. We have intersections that you have to canoe across, basements that flood. Many different efforts to respond over the years, piece by piece, and with mixed results and I think, a lack of understanding where we just keep throwing ideas out there. This study would help to determine what the best practices would be and how we can better address the... the ways that we can build urban infrastructure mindful of storm water issues. The hundred year storm that we experienced last spring, I remember a day here when this chamber nearly emptied because of the impact of that storm on people. In my basement, there was a geyser coming up out of the shower and many others experienced basement flooding. This... this project will help us get a better understanding how we can do a better job at planning and... and building in our... in our urban areas to... to address the issues of urban flooding. I look forward to your questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti."

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Reboletti: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, I assume there's some cost associated with this study. Can you tell me what the cost is?"

Cassidy: "Yes, I can. The cost is approximately \$250 thousand. And CDB, along with DNR, have agreed that... that the funds are available to conduct the study."

Reboletti: "Because it... it's my understanding in our analysis that the cost is \$350 thousand but that DNR was looking for some grant money. If there is no grant money available, does that come out of GRF?"

Cassidy: "No."

Reboletti: "What if there wasn't grant money available? What would happen then? The study would not occur?"

Cassidy: "As I... as I stated, CDB has already indicated that the funds are available. I don't know where your 350 came from. I've got 250."

Reboletti: "Well, I appreciate that. I was just wondering what our... what our number was versus where your number was. But I appreciate it. I... I look forward to supporting this, but I also, too, have a study I hope will at some point see the House Floor regarding O'Hare Airport. So, I think one good study deserves another, Representative. So, I'll be supporting the legislation."

Cassidy: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Brady. Please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0

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voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2972, Mr. Crespo. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2972, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 2972 expands or broadens the qualifications to become a school superintendent to include an individual who has at least two years of experience in a full-time general administrative position. It basically creates a larger pool by expanding the opportunity for school administrators who serve in this role. Currently, many schools have assistant principals who are ready to do this and they still have to attend a superintendent program. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor will yield."

Sandack: "Representative, can you walk me through what exactly this does? I'm... I'm reading from my analysis that there's an endorsement to be affixed to a professional educator license. So, what... what does your Bill do?"

Crespo: "Well, prior to 2013, basically what this Bill does is takes it to what it was prior to 2013. Currently, after 2013 there was a Bill that passed and basically... give me one second... requires that in order to get a superintendent endorsement, they have to be a building principal or a director of special education as well. This actually allows

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other folks, administrators who don't qualify under these new rules and currently sometime serve as a principal when they're assistant principals to... to get this endorsement. They still have to attend the superintendent program, by the way."

Sandack: "Tell me what void this Bill fills. What need is all of a sudden undertaken and made whole by this Bill?"

Crespo: "There's some folks who actually are attending the superintendent programs currently, who've been attending for quite a while, under the new rules, they're out of luck. They just... all of a sudden, they... they just don't qualify. It also broadens the... the pool of... of candidates. There's some issues with minorities not being able to get these superintendent jobs with the current... with the current rules."

Speaker Lang: "You completed your remarks, Sir?"

Sandack: "No, but I'm not going to say anything else. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Okay. Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Leitch, Morrison, Unes. Please take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting 'yes', 16 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2992, Leader Currie. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3081, Mr. Burke. Mr. Burke, 3081. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3081, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Burke."

Burke, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a matter concerning the charter schools,

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a very simple issue with respect to the fiscal filings. It would put the charter schools in line with the traditional public schools and that would be any district that accommodates charter schools across the state. As I said, a very noncontroversial issue. It's an initiative of the Illinois State Board of Education. And I would appreciate your consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3222, Mr. Rosenthal. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3222, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rosenthal."

Rosenthal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an initiative of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. And with the addition of Floor Amendment 3, the Illinois VFW and the Veterans Assistance Commission of Livingston County are now proponents. What... this Bill creates the Illinois Joining Forces Foundation as a not-for... not-for-profit foundation to promote, support, assist and sustain Illinois Joining Forces operation, solicit and accept grants and private donations and disburse them for the stated intent of the foundation or a private donor. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Davis, Walsh. Monique Davis. Please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3259, Mr. Hays. Mr. Hays. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3275, Mr. Reboletti. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3405, Representative Williams. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3405, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an initiative of the Attorney General's Office. It deals with a phenomenon called patent trolls, which happens when a law firm or an attorney will go after small businesses in attempt to allege a violation of patents when in fact there's no legitimate violation that is actually occurring. It's something that's been looked at being regulated on the federal level, but at this point, we need to address in Illinois because of the great number of complaints that the Attorney General's Office has been working on. The Bill was... been negotiated with the bankers, with Caterpillar to ensure that legitimate holders of patents will not be impacted. And I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having

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received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3447, Mr. Crespo. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3447, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 3447 is an initiative of the Department of Revenue in response to an audit finding. It allows the Department of Revenue to streamline the process to collect administrative cost for the County Option Motor Fuel Tax. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "How do we come up with 2 percent charge that the Department of Revenue would charge for... for doing this service?"

Crespo: "Well, I... I know it's by statute, Representative. And currently what they collect is approximately 636... \$630 thousand, which basically covers the... the cost of the... administrative cost, which is 5 employees. And currently..."

Franks: "And we have..."

Crespo: "Go ahead."

Franks: "I'm sorry. Have we ever seen a breakdown in the administrative cost?"

Crespo: "Beg your pardon?"

Franks: "Have we seen a breakdown of the administrative cost for this?"

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Crespo: "Yeah. It's 324 thousand for salaries, 277 thousand covers the insurance and benefits and 65 thousand for nonpersonal computers and... and things of that."

Franks: "Is there any way we can streamline that? Perhaps..."

Crespo: "Beg your pardon?"

Franks: "Is there any way that could be streamlined, perhaps being more automated?"

Crespo: "I... I... You know, that's a good question. It's not part of this Bill. There's nothing preventing them from reengineering the process. But this Bill doesn't do that."

Franks: "Okay. Thanks. That... that was my concern. It just seems like a high fee that we're being charged to do something that seems very administerial and one that should be, I think, a lesser charge than what the state's charging. So, thank you."

Crespo: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Bellock, Brauer. Please take the record. On this question, there are 80 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3538, Representative Moeller. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3538, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Speaker. Senate Bill 3538 is an initiative of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission. It basically what it would do, it would make it a Class C misdemeanor for a person to falsely represent that he or she

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is the legal guardian of a disabled adult. This includes falsely claiming to be a representative of the state guardian or a representative of a county public guardian. This Bill provides important protections for adults who are at least able to protect themselves. And again, it's an initiative of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Question of the Sponsor, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Zalewski: "Is this the Sponsor's first Bill?"

Moeller: "No, it is not."

Zalewski: "It is not your first Bill? We missed your first Bill?"

Moeller: "I think my first Bill... I presented my first Bill a few weeks ago."

Zalewski: "Okay. Congratulations."

Moeller: "Sorry."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "That's it, Sir? Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Dunkin. Please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3551, Representative Soto. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3551, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Soto."

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Soto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Senate Bill 3551. The Bill is an initiative of the Department of Public Health. The Bill gives the Illinois Department of Public Health flexibility to license and inspect the camps in the manner of protective... protective of the workers and their families. But also realistic, considering the circumstances of camps operating in Illinois, the Department of Public Health believes that the Bill provides a clearer and more concise administrative framework for enforcing the Act's provisions. The Bill will become effective immediately."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Dunkin. Please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. I see that Mr. Reboletti has returned to the chamber. Senate Bill 3275, Mr. Reboletti. Mr. Reboletti, 3275. Out of the record. What about 3364, Sir? Also out of the record. Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. While we're obviously in a lull here, I... I have an inquiry. I don't know whether it's an inquiry of the Chair or a point of personal privilege that I'm rising on. I..."

Speaker Lang: "Well, just throw it out there. We'll figure it out."

Bost: "Okay. I... I had noticed in an article the other day... Well, first off, I know that we've lost many jobs and, you know, we've lost construction jobs at times and... and just everything you can imagine. We've lost teachers, we've lost everything

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like that. I noticed the other day that there is a Mike Boland, who was formerly of this House, now running for a statewide office in Indiana. So, now we're leaving.. our politicians are leaving the state too?"

Speaker Lang: "Was that a question for the Chair, Sir?"

Bost: "Yes. Yes. That was a question for the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "I wish Mr. Boland all the best, Sir."

Bost: "I... I do too. It just seems strange that our politicians are even leaving the state."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Arroyo."

Dunkin: "Hey, Mr. Speaker. Listen, I'm Luis Arroyo. Hey, you know, I'm looking for a lion and you know, if I don't find this lion, I'm going to go to Indiana and I'm going to run for office."

Speaker Lang: "That was well said, Sir, whoever you are. Mr. Hays is recognized."

Arroyo: "Mr. Speaker, I object. I object to that Motion. Mr. Arroyo is out of line."

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen, many of you have been asking about Senate Bills-Second Reading. Here we go. Senate Bill 121, Mr. Dunkin. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 121, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Dunkin."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Dunkin."

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Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of this distinguished Body. I'd like to... I'd like to table House Floor Amendment #1 and #2."

Speaker Lang: "All right. The Gentleman withdraws Amendment 1. Amendment 2 is not before us, so you don't have to do anything with that, Sir. So Amendments 1 and 2 are gone. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Dunkin."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you. All this... all House Floor Amendment #3 would simply removes the stipulation that the... that states that starting July 1, '14 and July afterwards that the commission funding allocation of no less than \$500 thousand is subject to appropriation. So, it removes that."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 352, Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 352, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 452, Mr. Turner. Mr. Turner. Out of the record. Senate Bill 641. Leader Currie, are you prepared to move Senate Bill 641? Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 641, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Rita."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie for Mr. Rita."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. The current statute says that people can be certified by a national accrediting organization, but that organization no longer exists by that same name. It's been replaced by another and this Amendment merely says that our elevator safety technician shall be accredited through that same organization."

Speaker Lang: "Those in..."

Currie: "I know of no opposition."

Speaker Lang: "...those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Returning to Senate Bill 452, Leader Turner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 452. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Turner."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to adopt Floor Amendment #2. This is a... this is #2 that we're on. Yeah, #2. This is a gut and replace which maintains the underlying Bill's reporting requirements and has five different things that it

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would do as well that I'd like to discuss on Third Reading, if possible."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Turner."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner."

Turner: "Would also like to adopt Floor Amendment #3. It cleans up some stuff from Floor Amendment #2."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1051, David Harris. Mr. Harris. Out of the record. Mr. Harris says run his Bill. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1051, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1681, Mr. Hoffman. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1681, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1778, Representative Moeller. Please read the Bill. She's very happy."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1778, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1, 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Moeller."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Moeller on Amendment 1."

Moeller: "Thank you, Speaker. Amendment #1 is the... creates the Resale Dealers Act and is the substance of the Bill. Essentially what this Bill would do would establish reporting requirements that are similar to pawn shops for cash for gold and other stores that purchase precious metals from the public."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Representative Moeller. Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Moeller."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2187, Mr. Bradley. Mr. Bradley. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2612, Leader Currie. Leader Currie. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2730, Representative Nekritz. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2730, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Nekritz."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 is a change to the Bill to remove the opposition of the Illinois Bankers Association. I'd ask for the adoption of the Amendment."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3113, Mr. Moffitt. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3113, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2 and 5 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Moffitt."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Question. Is... 5 has also been filed, right? Recommended be adopted?"

Speaker Lang: "Two and five, Sir."

Moffitt: "Yeah. I want to move to table 2 and adopt 5."

Speaker Lang: "Amendment #2 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #5, offered by Representative Moffitt."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt on Amendment 5."

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Moffitt: "Amendment #5. The reason for this Bill is to consolidate a school district. And it's a district that was Representative... Representative Verschoore until 2012. This will allow them to do two things and we need this Amendment to be able to do it. They want to refinance some bond debt at a lower rate, so voting for this, you're going to lower the rate. Secondly, they don't... under current law, would have to apply to the entire new consolidated district. This will limit it to only the portion of the old district that approved it by referendum. So, again, limiting who gets taxed and at a lower rate."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2758, Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2758, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 3, 4 and 5 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank... thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. A technical Amendment. We put a Section in the wrong place and we're correcting that error. I'd be grateful for your support."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "This one is also technical. It just is a further guarantee that employee contributions are not state dollars."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment... Excuse me. Mr. Dunkin. Mr. Dunkin does not wish to speak. Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'aye's have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #5, offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you. This, too, comes from the Treasurer's Office and it is their... their understanding to avoid comingling of funds, we needed to create an administrative fund, which is what we do in Bright Start. Again, technical. I'd appreciate your 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're moving to Concurrences. If you see one of your Bills on the Order of Concurrence and your Motion to Concur is out of the Rules Committee, please be ready. The first Bill is House Bill 8, Representative Flowers. Please proceed."

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Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move to concur with House Bill 8. As it come back from the Senate, there was one technical change made that would cause no opposition from the business community, and so therefore they're neutral. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield..."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "...for a brief question? Representative, could you just elaborate on the change that made it agreed?"

Flowers: "Well, business now is neutral because there was a clarification in the intent of the legislation and the change to the effective date, January the 1, 2015. So, those were the technical changes that they wanted. That's what they got and there is no opposition. And I..."

Sandack: "And there's peace in our times."

Flowers: "There is peace in the valley and the House of Representative."

Sandack: "Amen."

Flowers: "And I want to..."

Sandack: "Thank you, Representative."

Flowers: "...concur for the ladies of the state. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Concurrence Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Evans. Flowers, you might want to vote for your own. Please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur

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with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 8. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 671, Mr. Drury. Please read the Bill... Excuse me. Mr. Drury, please proceed."

Drury: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in House Bill 671. There was a minor Amendment suggested by the Attorney General's Office to add them to the exception list."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Davis, Kifowit, Welch. Please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 671. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 802, Mr. Drury. Please proceed."

Drury: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur on House Bill 802. Some suggestions were made by... by law enforcement. We put them in and I seek a Concurrence."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti on the Motion."

Reboletti: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, I see that there were some objections previously and I know that the Speaker appears to be moving relatively quickly, but this is a pretty large change in how we do things. Can you talk about what the Senate did to remove the objection of law enforcement?"

Drury: "We... there was some discovery issues that they had so we added some provisions related to discovery in the eavesdropping statute. And on the blind administration, we

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added some language that says where practicable. And that... that satisfied the concerns."

Reboletti: "And that deals with... I know that DuPage County has a unique way of doing their lineups and this protects that ability to do that. Is that... is that correct as well?"

Drury: "My understanding, you asked that question when it was first in the House and... and the response is the same. I don't believe this affects the way DuPage does... does business."

Reboletti: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Davis, Hatcher, Ives, Kay, Tryon. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 74 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 802. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1152, Mr. Ford. Please proceed, Sir."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I move to concur with the Senate..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford, the Chair is in error. That Motion is not yet out of Rules. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 1711, Mr. Jones. Please proceed."

Jones: "House Bill 1711. I move to concur on House Bill 1711. It's an initiative of myself and Senator Harris. I'd like to commend Representative Cabello, not only for giving me sponsorship of this Bill, but this is an issue that deals with my district that provides and gives the director the

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authority... the same authority that it gives to the board. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Evans. Please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1711. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2494, Leader Currie. Out of the record. House Bill 3232, Mr. Welch. Please proceed."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with House Bill 3232. This is an agreed Bill between the following entities: the Chicago Teachers Union, IEA, IFT, Stand for Children, the Noble Charter Schools, the Illinois Network of Charter Schools, CICS, Chicago Public Schools. I also want to note that this Bill replaces House Bill 6005, which I have tabled and you will note in the booklets. This Bill establishes uniform accountability for all charter schools in Illinois. It creates strong standards of accountability and transparency. I ask for an 'aye' vote on the Motion to Concur."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti on the Motion."

Reboletti: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, I know that this was a somewhat controversial issue and I see that you brought together some groups here that usually don't see eye to eye or at least

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they're neutral now. Can you talk about what the Senate Amendment did to alleviate those concerns?"

Welch: "Well, a number of the charter school organizations had some concerns with the original Bill, which was House Bill 6005. What Senator Collins and I did was bring them together. For over a month, we had several meetings, some that started at seven in the morning. And we made some changes to the Bill that everyone agreed with. The Bill now requires a charter school lottery to be administered and videotaped by the charter school. It allows the authorizer of the charter to directly administer the lottery if the authorizer determines that a charter school's lottery is in violation. It requires now that advertisements that are purchased with public funds that there's a disclaimer put on those advertisements saying that they've been purchased with public funds. Author... the authorizer can also now require quarterly financial statements from the charter schools. And one of the big things that we... we... we had contention that we're in agreement on now is that if you are a member of an EMO or CMO board, you cannot also simultaneously work in the charter school. This Bill is a direct result of a lot of the stuff that we heard with UNO and I think it's a great Bill that everyone came to the table, worked hard and we all now see eye to eye."

Reboletti: "Well, I appreciate your due diligence on this as well as the Senator to put these groups in the same room and to work this out. So, I look forward to supporting the legislation, Representative."

Welch: "Thank you, Representative."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Ford. Please take the record. On this question, there are 101 voting 'yes', 12 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority... and the House does concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 3232. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3638, Representative Fine. Please proceed."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur on House Bill 3638. The Amendments to this Bill make it even more consumer-friendly and more... give it more transparency. Earlier in the House, we passed legislation that says if you have a prescription drug that requires prior authorization, the insurance company has 72 hours to approve or deny the medication with reason and 24 hours in case of an emergency. And there was some concern in the House about the insurance companies and their concerns about the Bill. So, we worked with the insurance companies in the Senate and came to the agreement that says if you are selling an insurance plan on the exchange, the insurance companies will list the medications that are covered under that plan so the consumer knows exactly what they're purchasing and what will be covered."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Cassidy, Unes. Please take the record. On this question, there

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are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to House Bill 3638. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3744, Representative Wheeler. Please proceed."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to concur with House Bill 3744. It simply expands the language where a judge can, if necessary, apply a GPS tracker on a person. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3744. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3939, Mr. Jackson. Please proceed."

Jackson: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with House Amendment #1 to House Bill 3939. The... this Amendment makes one technical change to the Bill by specifically naming four voting members of the State Council. These members would have already been on the State Council as previously written; however, this Amendment was made to appease the group word that the language did not actually name these people. I ask for an 'aye' vote and I will entertain any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Burke, Crespo, Jones. Please take the record. On this question, there

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are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3939. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3948, Representative Golar. Please proceed."

Golar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur on Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3948."

Speaker Lang: "Briefly tell us what the Amendment does."

Golar: "Yes. We have made a lot of changes. This is Grow Your Own. It has some... some things that we're going on that didn't allow us to meet our goals. These... I would say the Amendment itself has added that it would give the candidates more of a commitment to the program, maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5, attending monthly cohort meetings, and applying for financial and resources before applying for assistance from the program. Prior to this Bill going over to the Senate... we would like to thank Senator Kotowski for helping us out on this... we had also added in high school diploma, parent community leader. And it brings about really strengthening this program. I did receive some type of complaint from many of my colleagues and I won't say many but some of them in Elementary Ed in regards to the GPA. Well, the 2.5, a requirement for the GPA is the same requirement set for the Golden Apple and Teach for America according to their website. This... this particular Amendment and the hard work of many individuals that believe in this program to help hard-to-staff schools, I think is... will be... we will see some phenomenal change. This year we will bring in 40 new teachers, and going forward, as we use these considerations that have

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been given by my colleagues and their recommendations, we should be going forth to look for at least 60 to 70 per year."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie is recognized."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Kelly Burke is excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Pritchard."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "Representative, would you restate for the Body what the purpose of dropping the initial goal of a thousand teachers to something undescribed? What the purpose was?"

Golar: "Would you repeat that, please?"

Pritchard: "Would you please restate for the Body what we discussed in committee about lowering the standards for the number of teachers we were trying to recruit?"

Golar: "Lowering the standards? We're raising the standards."

Pritchard: "Well, lower... lowering the number."

Golar: "Okay."

Pritchard: "I'm sorry."

Golar: "The count was when the local square initiative started back in 2005, 2006. Their numbers that they put in was by 2016 they would have one thousand candidates. The reason that we did not make those goals and that we are looking at this in a clear manner of working with our original language and we were only dealing with nontraditional students, these were students that had not been in... candidates, I should say, that have not been in school for maybe 10 years or longer or less. And they would be going to school to try to become a candidate

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for GYO for, I would say, up to six years. And so, the numbers were not something that they did not think about. They were excited about the program and didn't think about the length of time of dealing with that nontraditional student."

Pritchard: "Okay. And can you also explain what the rationale was for removing, in the search for these teachers, whether the candidate possesses a passion for children and teaching and communicating effectively with students, parents and others?"

Golar: "I think most importantly, we need individuals, even though they may live in those communities and they have the desire to become teachers, we need to strengthen the program in terms of their skillset, their commitment to the program and looking at teachers that would like to actually stay in the program and be an asset."

Pritchard: "Ladies and Gentlemen, to this Bill. I think this is a very important program for growing the diversity of teachers. But I think we need to continue to monitor how this program is recruiting and what progress they are making in actually helping individuals become teachers or para-educators as it states here in this Bill. So, while we can support this, I think we also need to continue to monitor it. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Pihos."

Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I think that the Representative has worked very hard on this Bill. They have made a lot of improvements in the program. But my concern still remains the low grade point average that is set for people with a passion to work with children. But we certainly want to have better than a C+, a 2.5 out of a 4 point, and if

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Golden Apple and Teach for America are setting their standards to that level, I think those are programs we need to look at as well. So, that's something I hope the Representative will consider as we move this program forward 'cause I think it's a huge concern when we know that the most effective person in a school that works with a child is the teacher. And they really need to be well prepared in order for those children to succeed. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Golar to close."

Golar: "Thank you. Thanks for the comments from Representative Pritchard and Pihos. We will move forward on this and this Body will allow some transparency to come forth and to monitor us as we go forth for hard-to-staff schools. (sings - grow your own teacher, a vision well-planned, grow your own teacher, it's Illinoisans plan, grow your own teacher, it's the right thing to do, grow your own teacher, for hard-to-staff schools) Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Anthony, Durkin, Stewart. Please take the record. On this question, there are 87 voting 'yes', 25 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3948. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4157, Representative Berrios. Please proceed."

Berrios: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4157. The intent of the legislation is to add unpaid

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interns to the Human Rights Act so that they will be covered in case they are sexually harassed at work. And what the Senate did was cover all unpaid interns, which actually the language is more in line with the U.S. Department of Labor advisory publications."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Durkin, Flowers. Leader Durkin. Please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4157. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4284, Representative Jakobsson. Please proceed."

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4284. This simply clarifies something that several of us made sure we had in the record as we were discussing this in committee and on the floor here before. It clarifies that the residency requirements instituted by the original Bill, regarding the position of student senate... or student trustees at the University of Illinois do not apply to residency requirements at the university for purposes of tuition. I ask an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Pritchard. Please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 8 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4284. And this Bill,

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having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4327, Mr. Harris. Please proceed."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4327. This is a trailer Bill to clean up some issues that were in the Adult Protective Services Act that we passed before. We had started negotiating in the House; the negotiations had to be finished in the Senate. I'd like to thank Senator Haine and Senator Syverson for completing those negotiations and would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? D'Amico, Mitchell. Please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4327. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4381, Mr. Zalewski. Please proceed."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd move to concur in Senate Committee Amendment #1 to House Bill 4381. Would you like me to sing the Concurrence as well?"

Speaker Lang: "I'm more likely to vote if you don't, Sir."

Zalewski: "Oh, that's fine, fine. I'm not as good as Representative Golar, so I'll just say it. It makes a technical change to the tax per... tax preparer task force by adding someone from the Department of Revenue. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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Sandack: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Sandack: "Assuming you will not sing any answers to my... my inquiry, just walk me through what the additional member of yet another task force does for us? What value proposition is achieved?"

Zalewski: "By adding a member at the Department of Revenue?"

Sandack: "Right."

Zalewski: "They said.. the department felt that they needed to have substantive participation in tax preparation discussions."

Sandack: "All right. And assuming you won't sing, when does this task force start?"

Zalewski: "One moment, Representative."

Sandack: "Don't hum, either."

Zalewski: "As soon as the appointments are made, I believe, Representative."

Sandack: "All right. And you... and you think that, obviously you're concurring to the change. You think someone from the Department of Revenue adds value here and is helpful and..."

Zalewski: "Yeah. I mean, the proponents were okay with it..."

Sandack: "Yea, task force."

Zalewski: "The proponents were okay with it, given that the Department of Revenue need... you know, has a substantive role in tax... taxes in this state, they felt they could add something to the task force."

Sandack: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Bellock, Tracy, Wheeler. Please take the record. On this question, there are 83 voting 'yes', 30 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4381. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4395, Mr. Beiser. Please proceed."

Beiser: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would make a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4395. This is the IDOT land conveyance Bill. They're... this Amendment allows Chicago to transfer a vacant portion of land to the New Horizons Center for the Developmentally Disabled. This was attempted to be done last year in the General Assembly, but the incorrect piece of land was included in that Bill. This corrects that."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Hays. Please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes' and 1 voting 'present'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4395. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4462, Mr. Moffitt. Please proceed."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4462. And I promise not to say anything about the Fitness Caucus nor to sing."

Speaker Lang: "Please... please proceed, Sir."

Moffitt: "I thought you were pointing to some danger up above..."

Speaker Lang: "No. I was just..."

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Moffitt: "...or something."

Speaker Lang: "...noting we have a Senator in the gallery and I don't want him here."

Moffitt: "Where's the sergeant of arms when we need them? Mr. Speaker, this is... this is a technical Amendment that was put on in the Senate and then the Bill passed out unanimously. And this is... of this surcharge, the circuit clerks get a five dollar fee and this added a portion within reference for the clerks of the court collecting this. The underlying Bill, then, of course pumps about a million dollars or more into the fire service each year, going in both the fire truck loan and the grant program."

Speaker Lang: "I have thrown the offender out of the gallery. Thank you."

Moffitt: "Yeah."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Rosenthal, Soto, Welch. Please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4462. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4525, Representative Tabares. Please proceed."

Tabares: "I move to concur Senate Amendment #1 on House Bill 4525. The language contained in the Amendment is at the request of the Illinois State Police. It is not the intent to extend authorization for FBI fingerprint checks beyond the life of

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the demonstration until such time as a project has been properly evaluated."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Switches are right where they were yesterday. Rita, Walsh. Please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4525. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4636, Representative Feigenholtz. Please proceed."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I Motion to Concur on Senate Amendment #1. It just clarifies that there are only two legal parents. I'm glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sommer on the Motion."

Sommer: "Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Sommer: "Representative Feigenholtz, I thought I heard you say that as was presented with the Amendment in the Senate for purposes of legislative..."

Feigenholtz: "I think that there was..."

Sommer: "...intent."

Feigenholtz: "...a little confusion. So, this, I believe, this Amendment resolves some of the concerns that you know about that you were discussing. We talked about it in committee and I believe that this resolves and confirms that."

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Sommer: "So, what you did state, if I understand, with the Amendment, no more than two legal parents would be designated at the finalization of an adoption?"

Feigenholtz: "Correct."

Sommer: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Bradley, Rita, Rosenthal. Please take the record. On this question, there are 92 voting 'yes', 20 voting 'no'. And this... and the House does concur with Senate... Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4636. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 4 of the Calendar, under the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 3793, Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker and Members of the chamber. This Amendment includes reappropriations, moneys that were in the Capital Bill but had not yet been spent. Much of this is then therefore stuff that we have seen in the past. There are some new items in the Bill including about 13 million for sewage and waste disposal facilities, a 10 million grant to the largest, oldest theater in Chicago, and additionally, a 50 million appropriation for back pay for AFSCME employees at Public Health, Human Services, Corrections, Juvenile Justice, and Natural Resources Department, an additional 50 million to the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, 40 million from the School Infrastructure Fund for downstate school maintenance and construction grants, and 35 million to the Chicago Public

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Schools for similar purposes. I'd be happy to answer your questions. This is a good Bill. As I say, most of it we've seen before. Most of it is reappropriation from Capital Bills we have approved in the past."

Speaker Lang: "With the leave of the Body, let's adopt the Amendment and debate it on Third. Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3793, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. As I say... as I said when we were at the Amendment, this is the reappropriation with a few additional items. I explained them all. I'd be happy to answer your questions. We need to pass this Bill if we want to make good on the commitments and promises we have earlier made."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Currie: "Brief, yes."

Davis, W.: "Representative, one of the highlights that you mentioned was \$40 million to the School Infrastructure Fund for school maintenance grants. And you clarified that by saying downstate. I'm just trying to understand, is that a new appropriation?"

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Currie: "This is a new appropriation and it comes out of the... the Local Government Infrastructure Fund and it's a matching program. It's not a new program, but this \$40 million is new... newly appropriated with this Bill."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, when you specify downstate, is that anything but the City of Chicago?"

Currie: "Yes."

Davis, W.: "So, do you know if there's a list of these projects available? I'm... I'm curious to know if any suburban schools received any of these grants or..."

Currie: "There is no list at this point. What it is is an application process and school districts would be allowed to apply for funding. As I say, it's a match program, so local money goes into the project as well as state money. This is, as I say, it's an old program but this would put new life, new blood in the program so that schools..."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, this is... this is not for a... not for a set of specific projects that have just been waiting to be funded, this is a pot of money that is now available for school districts to apply to?"

Currie: "Exactly."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, in order to create this pool of money, when you talk about reappropriating some of the other old capital projects, when you talk about kind of a new program or new... new money, is... was that money moved around from other places? Or are we talking about a new influx of money from a bond sale or something that is used to fund some of these items that you just mentioned?"

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Currie: "This part of the program would be new dollars that are not presently part of a capital program."

Davis, W.: "New dollars. And do you know where those new dollars are or have come from?"

Currie: "Well, we did have revised estimates from COGFA, from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. It's also money that we get from the 10th riverboat license."

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

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hays. Are... You're not speaking on this Bill, are you? All right. We'll get back to Mr. Hays. Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a few questions?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, I was told that we got this Bill last night and it was roughly 1100 pages. It was just amended. Is that accurate?"

Currie: "Yes, it is."

Sandack: "So, we got it about an hour ago; it's a gut and replace. So, for purposes of process, is... do you think this is good process, how we're vetting this Bill?"

Currie: "My understanding, Representative, is that your staff knew everything that was in the Bill except for the six items that I just mentioned, the new ones."

Sandack: "And let's talk about the..."

Currie: "And they're pretty straightforward. They're not hard to understand."

Sandack: "Okay. Well, they may not be hard to understand, but a lot of things we do aren't hard to understand but we still go through the regular process of vetting Bills through

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committee, getting opportunity to read, digest, to ask questions, et cetera. In fact, you were a very eloquent speaker a little while ago about process differentiating, you know, the procedural from the substantive. And right now, we're making a substantive vote with very little time to vet this Bill. So, I... I will like to ask you a couple of questions if that's... if that's okay. Article 31 talks about a new appropriation of \$50 million from GRF to the Chicago Public Schools Teachers Pension and Retirement Fund. Can you explain the inclusion of that entry in this Bill?"

Currie: "I would be more than happy to. Until fiscal 2009, the state, under our statutes, directed to contribute about 20 to 30 percent of what we contribute to the downstate teachers' pensions to Chicago Teachers Pension Fund. So, we used to spend somewhere between 60 and 75 million dollars on an annual basis, still a paltry proportion of what we spend on downstate teacher retirement money, but that stopped in 2010. This \$50 million contribution isn't close to what we used to spend. And let me point out two things. First of all, the portion of teachers that are part of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund is 16 percent of those statewide. If we were to make a proportional payment to Chicago, to its pension fund, it would be not \$50 million but \$546.1 million."

Sandack: "Leader, can I ask you..."

Currie: "So, this is a parity issue."

Sandack: "I love that. It's a..."

Currie: "A parity issue. An important parity issue. And I want all the Members of the House to understand this is not especially good treatment for Chicago. In fact, it continues

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to treat Chicago teacher pensions as the basic responsibility of Chicago property taxpayers, while all of us foot the Bill for the downstate teachers' retirement dollars."

Sandack: "Well, thank you for that very elaborative answer. How often do we regularly put in a pension payment in a Capital Bill, Leader?"

Currie: "This is an Appropriations Bill. And as you know, all appropriations are germane to one another. So, an Appropriations Bill is legitimately used to appropriate money."

Sandack: "Well, I... I certainly understand that you can do it that way. Is there an example of this type of process being undertaken in the not too distant past? Undertaking a Capital Bill or utilizing a Capital Bill for purposes of making a pension payment?"

Currie: "This is not unusual. We voted for operations budget just last week. I don't... I don't understand what the... what the point of your question is."

Sandack: "Well, capital's capital and generally pensions aren't a capital payment."

Currie: "Well, the capital often involves actual operations money, so I don't think there's any inconsistency there."

Sandack: "Okay. You're... The other... the second new item you spoke of in your opening was an appropriation for \$40 million from the School Infrastructure Fund to ISBE to schools other than the CPS for school maintenance projects."

Currie: "That is correct."

Sandack: "Can you give us some more information on that expenditure, please?"

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Currie: "Well, it is a program that's been in place for many years and this is just to make sure that there is some money available for school districts whose buildings are crumbling, who may have asbestos problems, who may have other safety code issues that they need to address. This will help them foot the bill."

Sandack: "And the other item you mentioned was an appropriation of approximately \$35 million from GRF to the Office of the Secretary of State for a grant to the... to CPS for school construction."

Currie: "Yeah. So, it... so, the downstate schools will get 40 million, Chicago will get 35 million. Chicago schools, as you know, are among the oldest in the state in terms of the life cycle of the buildings. And we know that the... the cost, we've all read in the newspaper that the cost of repair would be astronomical. So, this will help them foot their physical bill and as it will also help downstate schools do the same."

Sandack: "I noted that you... you're running this through the Secretary of State and not the Governor's Office. Is there a reason for that vehicle or that method of transference in payment?"

Currie: "So, the Secretary of State does do lots of different grants. He does all the library grants, reading grants. So, has some great familiarity with the grant making process. This seemed to be a clean way to do it to get the job done."

Sandack: "Are you aware of previous instances where the Secretary of State did school construction grants?"

Currie: "I'm not aware of any specifics, but it could well have happened from time to time over the years."

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Sandack: "Sure."

Currie: "As I say, library grants have always gone through the Secretary of State, reading grants. Those kinds of programs always operate from that office and there's no reason this should not do as well."

Sandack: "To... to the Appropriations Bill. Thank you, Leader Currie, for your answers. A fascinating example of poor procedure yet again. We seem to continue to do the wrong thing the wrong way. So, I guess that's consistence... consistency, if nothing else. The fact that we get an over one thousand page Bill last night only to have it completely amended about an hour ago and on the floor now is again yet another example of poor planning, poor appropriations. And it's really disconcerting that this is how we go about really important things. Earlier this afternoon, we had a great debate about a Motion to Discharge, which got more time, more energy and more time and attention than this. And that's unfortunate. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to let the previous speaker know that I took the Evelyn Wood speed reading course and I was able to digest a lot of this. But I wonder if the Majority Leader would yield?"

Speaker Lang: "She'll yield."

Franks: "Representative, I'm reading the analysis slowly and I see there's a \$10 million to the Uptown Theatre?"

Currie: "My understanding is that was a particular request from the Senate and that the dollars to pay for it come from

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reductions in some... some of the otherwise reappropriated money that would have been a part of their allocation."

Franks: "Who owns the Uptown Theatre? Is it publicly owned or private?"

Currie: "I don't know, but I'll... I'll see if I can find out for you."

Franks: "'Cause I'm just worried. I just... When I see a number like \$10 million, I just don't want it to go to somebody's brother-in-law."

Currie: "I... I would certainly agree with you. I don't either."

Franks: "Okay. Now, the... the other question I had, and I'm looking at some of these line items and I see the appropriations by state agencies and I see DCEO is getting almost \$1.2 billion. Is that broken down? Like, how much of it is for grants, for instance, because they've had a terrible history in overseeing grants, where we've had..."

Currie: "Where... where are you looking?"

Franks: "...money in the problems."

Currie: "Where... First of all, where are you looking?"

Franks: "Oh. On the... in the analysis, if you go about halfway down, it'll show appropriations by state agencies and it's \$1.177 billion. And we've had hearing after hearing on grant programs that have just not been followed that they... they don't have the ability to monitor these grants. And I'm wondering if... how much of this money is going to go to grants that are going to remain unmonitored?"

Currie: "Some of the money will go to grants. I can't tell you the dollar amount. But I can also tell you that under legislation sponsored by Representative Crespo, surely

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supported by you this Session, we are going to make sure that grantees meet the same requirements that they have to meet for purposes for our spending of federal money. So, I agree with you that the grant-making programs need better accountability, better... better..."

Franks: "Okay."

Currie: "...audits, better control. And I think we're going to get that."

Franks: "I think... I think most of us supported Representative Crespo's Bill. I think it made perfect sense. I was just concerned that that had not yet been implemented and I'm worried about that. And also, I don't know in the... if it's in the DCEO budget or others where we may have moneys going to, for instance, the EDGE credit program, which really hasn't... I know that the Speaker has pending legislation to change the special EDGE and I think we're going to probably be voting on that in the next day or two hopefully. And I just want to know how much is being placed into those coffers."

Currie: "There wouldn't be anything for EDGE in this Bill."

Franks: "Okay. Well, I... I appreciate it and I'll continue to listen to the debate."

Currie: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, do you know what the total amount of appropriations are in this Bill?"

Currie: "Yeah. We think close to \$20 billion, 19.6, 19.7 billion, including the new items that I highlighted in the beginning

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of the discussion. The rest, of course, are the reappropriations.

Harris, D.: "Right."

Currie: "And that is the bulk of the money."

Harris, D.: "Right. And what was the... what was the... how much was the... were the new items versus the reapprops?"

Currie: "Well, the... the reapprops are a good deal more."

Harris, D.: "Certainly."

Currie: "Let's quickly do the..."

Harris, D.: "But how... what..."

Currie: "...addition."

Harris, D.: "...what was the... what was the value of the... the new items?"

Currie: "About 200 million. So, fifty, fifty, plus 40, plus 35. So, less than 200 million."

Harris, D.: "Right. I came up with..."

Currie: "I would make that 175..."

Harris, D.: "I..."

Currie: "...million."

Harris, D.: "I came up with 185. So, we'll say 185..."

Currie: "Yeah. A hundred... because of the... yeah."

Harris, D.: "...million dollars. And of that \$185 million, how much is GRF? Is all... is all the 185 General Revenue Funds or..."

Currie: "About 85 million would be regular general revenue. That would be the... the back pay for the AFSCME workers and also the money for Chicago school construction."

Harris, D.: "And the... so, only 85 million of it is general revenue and the other is coming from... from what fund? Where..."

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Currie: "Yeah. I'm sorry. Back pay and Chicago Teachers Pension Fund. That's the... the GRF money. And the rest..."

Harris, D.: "So, is it all... So, about a hundred..."

Currie: "So, the other things go into funds is the school revolving fund, school infrastructure revolving fund."

Harris, D.: "Okay. So, it's about \$135 million of General Revenue Funds."

Currie: "Right. Right."

Harris, D.: "Okay. And I want to come back for a second to what one of the previous speakers asked about. For the construction of the Chicago Public Schools, the grant through the Secretary of State, why not just give the money to the Chicago Public Schools? I mean, why do we have to... why do... why go through the middle man..."

Currie: "Well..."

Harris, D.: "...of the Chicago... of the..."

Currie: "...in... in my experience..."

Harris, D.: "...Secretary of State?"

Currie: "...we don't just hand out money district by district, but we have a process. And it seems to me, just in response to an earlier questioner, we want to make sure that the money is spent appropriately and spent well. We have a responsibility for that."

Harris, D.: "Okay."

Currie: "So, it seems to me to make sense to have the money go to a state agency, which then has responsibility to see to it that it's spent appropriately."

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Harris, D.: "Okay. Thank you. And then, just so I understand, and this may be due time that was mentioned to me by some person along the way. The back pay for the... this is the..."

Currie: "The workers."

Harris, D.: "...the AFSCME contract. So, this is..."

Currie: "The work... the workers. Let's just call them workers."

Harris, D.: "Call them workers. So, it's about half of what is owed?"

Currie: "That's my understanding. It's that... I think that the total is more like 112. But this is a very significant chunk of change. Some... one of our budgets earlier, a supplemental, there was a good deal of concern that the supplemental didn't include this money. So, now you see it. It's in House Bill 3793. And I hope it will have your support."

Harris, D.: "Okay. And the last question I have then. We... There's about, as you indicated, about 135 million or so of General Revenue Funds. Where are those general revenue... they're coming from the General Revenue Fund, but how is that..."

Currie: "Well..."

Harris, D.: "...being accounted for, tracked in our... in our..."

Currie: "Well, first of all..."

Harris, D.: "...process?"

Currie: "...we have money from the 10th license. In addition, we had revised revenue estimates, both from COGFA and from the Office of Management and Budget, so..."

Harris, D.: "Those haven't been adopted yet."

Currie: "But it will be. It will be. Those new revenue estimates were approved, I believe, on a partisan Roll Call in the House Revenue Committee yesterday."

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Harris, D.: "I see."

Currie: "And I'm sure that the Sponsor will be calling them for a vote on this House Floor soon."

Harris, D.: "All right. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I go to the Bill, we would like to excuse Representative Bost for the rest of the day."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect that."

Sullivan: "Will the Sponsor yield? Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sullivan: "Thank you. Representative, I have a few questions and most of them have already been touched upon, but I want to go back to some of the school construction programs. Let's start with the Chicago Public Schools that goes... the 35 million before the Secretary of State. I do find it unusual, as the previous speaker stated, that we're going through the Secretary of State. And I guess you gave an answer that you want more accountability, I guess, is the way you put it. Is there a list right now that talks about what is going to be within these grants?"

Currie: "The Chicago Public Schools may have such a list. I don't know. But I do know that they have set the bill for paying for repair and maintenance at all the public schools in Chicago at a good deal... a higher price than the 35 million that is included in this appropriation. I should imagine under this proposal, they will go to the Secretary of State with a list of the... the highest priority infrastructure needs, maintenance needs, that their schools present."

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Sullivan: "Will there be an ability for an individual Member to request this, whether in the Senate or the House, to go either any of these, whether the 40 million or 35 million? Or is there ability for any Member to potentially request something on behalf of their schools?"

Currie: "Well, they... they certainly could go talk to the Chicago Board of Education, as can anybody. There are open mic periods during which the members of the board listen and I should think that Members of the Legislature would work closely with local school councils and the public in identifying unmet physical needs at each of their local schools."

Sullivan: "Some of this revolving money, is it... any of it coming out of the school construction fund? There was 170 million out of that school construction fund for 2004 projects. Going forward, there's approximately 41 of those left. Can you elaborate on that?"

Currie: "Okay. We never did open up the 2004 list. So, no money's been released for those 41 projects."

Sullivan: "So, no money has..."

Currie: "But if we adopt this language today, there will be the opportunity for people to apply for funding up to that \$40 million level."

Sullivan: "But why are we appropriating money for potential new projects when we have the 2004 list of 41 projects that we've already approved?"

Currie: "And those 41 projects may either have been completed using local money only or they are welcome to reapply."

Sullivan: "Okay. And lastly, in Article 18.5, you have 13 more..."

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Currie: "Wait a minute. Excuse me. Excuse me. Just a minute. Now, Ed, I think maybe there's a bit of confusion here. This is not the school construction program."

Sullivan: "Sure."

Currie: "And your 41 schools may have been about the school construction program. This is infrastructure maintenance grants, which is a totally separate program."

Sullivan: "Okay. Thank you for that clarification. The last part I want to go to is EPA grants for planning and financing. Once again, you have \$13 million going for that. Is this, once again, you have to apply from a municipality potentially?"

Currie: "Yeah. That... that's an existing application program through the Environmental Protection Agency."

Sullivan: "Okay. Thank you. And one last question. It's been discussed by a previous Member that we are using GRF. Is this now going to be above the potential GRF revenue number that we have available?"

Currie: "I believe it is not. And in fact, I think the total spending will match the Resolution that was adopted in the House Revenue Committee yesterday."

Sullivan: "So, when we add up all the new spending you guys have done in the previous six or seven Bills, you think it's going to match the revenue number that we're going to vote on sometime later today or tomorrow?"

Currie: "I do believe so."

Sullivan: "Okay. Thank you for..."

Currie: "And if my math is wrong, then I'll eat my words."

Sullivan: "Okay. I appreciate that. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Dunkin."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Dunkin: "Leader Currie, they always give you the heavyweight Bills 'cause you're a heavyweight Legislator. I get it. That's why you're the Majority Leader. A real quick question. The amount of money that the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, that we allocate to them, will that money be offset by the Chicago... Chicago Public Schools allocation? In other words, will they reduce their regular amount or their regular allocation to the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund by what we give them?"

Currie: "No. They would, yes. But we are not. We are, for the first time in many years, appropriating close to the money that the state statute directs us to spend on that program."

Dunkin: "Okay. I guess a lot..."

Currie: "It will relieve the Chicago Public Schools of some liability because, as you know, the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund is woefully, woefully short, woefully funded at levels that are not adequate, not appropriate."

Dunkin: "Okay. Thanks for that clarification. Last question. Are you familiar with House... House Resolution 816? It really speaks to what you just articulated in terms of having a inadequate level of full funding, especially when we give them money, give the City of Chicago money, it requires them, that is, CPS, to allocate or pay what they are designated to pay, as they did last year."

Currie: "That's right. That's exactly right."

Dunkin: "So, you might want to consider being a Sponsor on that legislation. I am."

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Currie: "Okay. All right. Thank you."

Dunkin: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. I think we've had a good discussion. Almost \$20 billion, most of it in reappropriation, money you approved for sewer programs, water programs, infrastructure programs in your own districts. The only responsible vote today is a 'yes' vote. I encourage you to... to cast it."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Davis, Evans, Feigenholtz, Smiddy. Please take the record. On this question, there are 61 voting 'yes', 48 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Hays."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Hays: "I would like the record to reflect that I intended to vote 'yes' on the Concurrence on House Bill 4636."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intentions, Sir."

Hays: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Thank you. Everyone, as you know, we suffered a tragedy with Representative Jehan Gordon. She lost her stepson. We are chartering a bus, the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus will be chartering a bus, so it won't cost anybody anything. And we'll be leaving the Capitol tomorrow at 5 p.m. to journey

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to spend time with her and her family. As you know, the funeral is on Saturday and we will still be here in Session, unfortunately. So, we would like for you... everyone is invited. This is for all of her colleagues, those individuals who are able to travel on the bus. If you're interested, please sign up with Representative Esther Golar. We want to have a good count. But we will be chartering a bus to take as many individuals as possible to fellowship with Representative Jehan Gordon. We will be leaving at 5:00 tomorrow."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Rosenthal."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Rosenthal: "Just an update on Representative Ron Stephens' progress in support of the Wounded Warriors. He's currently at Gridley and his next stop is Pontiac."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. On Supplemental Calendar #1, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 2015, Mr. Costello. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2015, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Resolution 1168, Mr. Reboletti. Mr. Reboletti. You want the Resolution read, Sir? Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "WHEREAS, Fred Lorenzen was one of NASCAR's first true superstars even though he was a "part-time" driver; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Fred Lorenzen on being a 2015 NASCAR Hall of Fame inductee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Fred Lorenzen as an expression of our esteem and respect."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti on the Resolution."

Reboletti: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Body. Thank... thank you to the... to the Chair for allowing this to be heard. In the gallery behind me is Scott Paddock from... who is the president of the Chicagoland Speedway. And you may or may not remember, last year I offered a House Resolution urging the NASCAR Hall of Fame to accept Fred Lorenzen as a member of its Hall of Fame. Fred was a long-time Elmhurst resident who, unfortunately now, because of some health challenges from Alzheimer's is in a nursing home in nearby Bensenville. And that Resolution urged the voting members of the Hall of Fame, I think it's 54 members who are former drivers, industry experts and other... and media individuals, to induct him, rightfully so. He was the first driver to reach \$100 thousand in winnings in the 1960s. And there are numerous stories about him in Elmhurst as a young individual racing up and down the streets of the town. And he failed, last year, but this year was successful. And I'd like to thank Mr. Paddock and the rest of the Chicagoland Speedway because it was with their urging with season ticket holders and with fans that he was able to make it this year. And I do know that Scott told me that when Mr. Lorenzen was told of his induction into the Hall of Fame and this Resolution, he did break down and cry,

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was very appreciative of our support. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, let's congratulate Fred Lorenzen on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Thank you, Mr. Reboletti. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1155, offered by Speaker Madigan. House Resolution 1159, offered by Representative Dunkin. House Resolution 1160, offered by Representative Phelps. House Resolution 1162, offered by Representative Walsh. House Resolution 1164, offered by Representative Lilly. House Resolution 1165, offered by Representative Lilly. And House Resolution 1167, offered by Representative Stewart."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen... Ladies and Gentlemen, the Clerk is going to give you some committee information. It is not exactly the same as what you received, I do not believe. So, please pay attention to the Clerk. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "The following changes have been made to the committee schedule that was handed out. The Executive Committee will be meeting immediately after Session in Room 118. The Executive Committee is meeting in Room 118 immediately after Session. Also meeting after Session... immediately after Session is Revenue and State Government... Revenue & Finance and State Government Administration, Room 114; Business & Occupational Licenses in 122; and the

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Judiciary in C-1. Meeting at 5:45 will be the Personnel and Pensions Committee in Room 118."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please read the committee schedule one more time for the Members."

Clerk Hollman: "Meeting immediately after Session is the Executive Committee in Room 118. Also meeting immediately after is Revenue & Finance and State Government Administration in Room 114, Business & Occupational Licenses in 122, and the Judiciary in C-1. Meeting at 5:45 will be Personnel and Pensions in Room 118."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie now moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, May 29 at the hour of 10 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does stand adjourned until Thursday, May 29 at the hour of 10 a.m."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 28, 2014: recommends be adopted are the Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1152, Senate Amendments #1, 2, and 5 to House Bill 4123, and Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4442. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel and Pensions reports the following committee action taken on May 28, 2014: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1154. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken

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on May 28, 2014: do pass as amended Short Debate Senate Bill 3443. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on May 28, 2014: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 727, Senate Bill 852, Senate Bill 2799, Senate Bill 3075, Senate Bill 3224, Senate Bill 3265. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on the Judiciary reports the following committee action taken on May 28, 2014: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4417. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 28, 2014: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5331. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 16, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these... this Senate Bill. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 3443, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 727, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Senate Bill 852, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2799, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 3075, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 3224, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 3265, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."