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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 13, 2015: approved for consideration for the Second Reading is House Bill 814, approved for consideration for the Third Reading is House Bill 217."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Lynne Savidis who is with Elk Grove Presbyterian Church in Elk Grove. Reverend Savidis is the guest of Representative Moylan. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Savidis."

Reverend Savidis: "Let us pray. Ever present God, thank You for this opportunity to be here amongst this distinguished group of Leaders. Thank You for the gifts and the talents that You have given them and for their willingness to use their time and commitment to benefit the residents of this state through them. Now, as they gather for this Session, may they remember that You are present and You are the giver of their gifts. As such, may they lean on You for their wisdom and for their guidance as they make their decisions. May they empty themselves of self and allow themselves to be filled with You that personal agendas might be replaced by larger visions and preconceived notions replaced by open minds. May Your will indeed be done through each of these Representatives as they carry out the work You have called them to do here in this place and at this time, Amen."

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Speaker Lang: "We'll be led in the Pledge by Mr. Demmer."

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

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

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that there are no excused absences among House Democrats today."

Speaker Lang: "Shocking. Mr. Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Tryon is excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 117 Members, the House has a quorum and ready to do the people's work. Mr. Butler is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Butler: "Today I would like to recognize Victoria Ringer who's the executive director of Downtown Springfield, Incorporated who, along with Ann Frescura on her staff, run the Old Capitol Farmer's Market in Springfield which kicks off its 16th season today. I would invite all my colleagues, as we spend a little more time here in Springfield over the next few weeks, to take advantage of this wonderful farmer's market every Wednesday and Saturday morning downtown Springfield. I saw several people out there this morning. So, it's a great event for Springfield and I would invite everyone to participate. Victoria, thank you for being here today and thank you for your work."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Mr. Phelps."

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Phelps: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to welcome to Springfield, today, people from Frontier Communications. Just to let everybody know, they're a hundred percent union, United States based, no foreign contractors, great provider of good union paying jobs and leading provider of broadband. Welcome to Springfield, Frontier."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Phelps. Representative Reaves-Harris is recognized."

Reaves-Harris: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Reaves-Harris: "If everyone can welcome my honorary Page for the day, Marcellus Turner. He attends Chicago Park School in the 10th District. And so, if everyone could just give him a warm welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Happy you're with us today. Mr. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

D'Amico: "Mr. Speaker, I want to introduce my two Pages here today, Tony and Marc Grigoroff. They're here for the first time being a Page. So, welcome to Springfield. Stand up, guys. Stand up and wave."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, guys. Glad you're with us. Representative Scherer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Scherer: "I would like to welcome Victoria to the House. And I encourage all of our Members, again, to go to the Farmer's Market. I love going there. It's a wonderful place to be."

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Right in front of Café Moxo, if you're not sure where it's at. So, an integral part of our district. Thank you."

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

Meier: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Meier: "I'd like to welcome Mandy and Evelyn Stribling from Damiansville, part of my district."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thanks for being here with us. Mr. Stewart."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Stewart: "There are many sheriffs here today from the Illinois Sheriff's Association. I'd like to recognize two from my district. Sheriff Kevin Turner from Jo Daviess County and Sheriff Jeff Doran from Carroll County in the Speaker's Gallery."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for being with us. Appreciate you joining us in the House chamber. Mr. Welch."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go ahead, Sir."

Welch: "I'd like to take an opportunity at this time to recognize, from the Village of Broadview in the 7th District, the eighth-grade graduating class from Lindop Elementary School. Let's give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for being here. Welcome. Representative Ammons is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

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Ammons: "Thank you so much. I want to take a moment and acknowledge the executive director of Courage Connection who's sitting in the gallery, there standing. The important part of this recognition is this organization seeks to protect women against domestic violence and the work that they do is critical for our state. And so, we are the leader in many areas and we must remain a leader in domestic violence education and prevention. Thank you so much Isak for being here with us. And thank you to the General Assembly for acknowledging them."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Cloonen."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Cloonen: "I'd like to welcome my chief of staff, Cathy Meltzer, up to the left in the gallery. She makes my life possible. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for joining us. I wonder who's minding the store while she's here. Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Multiple points of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Make them all, Sir."

Davidsmeyer: "Today, I want to welcome Madison... yeah, Madison Schnelten from Roodhouse, Illinois, in my district. She's a Page today and I hope you'll all treat her well. Welcome her to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Number two."

Davidsmeyer: "I also have a number of people from the Illinois Association of Air and Critical Care Transport: Matt Adams,

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up here... actually, behind me. Matt Adams, Chris Forncrook, Nikole Cain, Robin Duncan, Laura Sawlsville, Bryan Denton, Brandon Thomas, Jason Sukut, Aaron Bradshaw, Danielle Swenson, Scott Hagemann, Larry Thies, and Heather Morse. I'd like to welcome them, as well."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Welcome to the State Capitol and the House of Representatives."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Two quick items. First, I think there's some other sheriffs, too, but if all the sheriffs would stand up. My home county, Sheriff Dave Clague is up there. If you'd welcome him and all the other sheriffs. I know a couple of them were introduced, but if we could welcome Sheriff Clague from Knox County, I'd appreciate it. Sheriff Clague."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome aboard, sheriff."

Moffitt: "And the other we... Critical Care Transport folks are here and some of you've probably talked to them. Essentially, the helicopter medical response and just keep in mind the great things they do for us. That... that response time is so critical in the case of a full cardiac arrest. For one example, every minute of delay reduces the chance of survival about 10 percent. So, we're thankful for all our first responders, but this Air Flight has made it even a better and more probable positive outcome. So, we want to thank them for being here today."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative, good points. Mr. Brady."

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Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Brady: "Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome my Page for the day, Arianna Scheltens, who is a freshman at Normal Community High School, down there talking to Russ. If she'd stand up. And she's here today with her father and going to be a Page from my hometown in Bloomington-Normal. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for joining us on the House Floor. Mr. Demmer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Demmer: "I'd like to welcome DeKalb County Sheriff Roger Scott. He's in the gallery right in front of us, visiting today with the Illinois Sheriff's Association. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you, Sir. Mr. Clerk... Oh, excuse me. Mr. Davidsmeyer is recognized."

Davidsmeyer: "One more point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "I knew you had another one, Sir. Go ahead."

Davidsmeyer: "Third time's a charm. I'd like to welcome Morgan County Sheriff Randy Duvendack, who also is joining us in the gallery."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Welcome, sheriff. Representative Bourne."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Bourne: "I would like to welcome all of my sheriffs from the 95th District up in the gallery. Welcome to the Capitol."

Speaker Lang: "Raise your hand, guys. Welcome. Mr. Franks."

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Franks: "Point of personal privilege, if I may."

Speaker Lang: "Yes, Sir."

Franks: "I wanted to let the Body know that this morning we had a wonderful ceremony over at the Illinois Museum where Representative Cloonen sang the national anthem and did us all very proud, but wi... but at that time we had named the building in honor of Alan J. Dixon, as a result of a Resolution that this Body had passed last year. I just wanted to acknowledge that his family was in and we paid tribute to a great Illinoisan who's given us a great honor. So, I just wanted to make that mention today and to remember Senator Alan Dixon and his family."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Mr. Bennett."

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To our left, over the... to the left side, I guess, is a wonderful gentleman from Ford County. He's our Ford County Sheriff Mark Doran, would also like to recognize him, as well. Mark. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir, and welcome. Welcome to the House chamber. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Costello, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on May 12, 2015: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 681, Senate Bill 800, Senate Bill 1377, Senate Bill 1458, Senate Bill 1735, Senate Bill 1824; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1422. Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on May 12, 2015: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 94, Senate Bill 810, Senate Bill 1680, Senate Bill 1764; do



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pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 750, Senate Bill 1805. Representative Cassidy, Chairperson from the Committee on Juvenile Justice & System-Involved Youth reports the following committee action taken on May 12, 2015: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1560; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 396. Representative Phelps, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on May 12, 2015: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 547, Senate Bill 1312, Senate Bill 1421, Senate Bill 1446. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on May 12, 2015: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1388, Senate Bill 1803; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1885. Representative Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 12, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 677, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 695, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 696, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 699. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 13, 2015: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 13, Senate Bill 43, Senate Bill 344, Senate Bill 417, Senate Bill 661, Senate Bill 986, Senate Bill 1410, Senate Bill 1564, Senate Bill 1665, Senate Bill 1775; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1383; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 199. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on May 13, 2015:

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do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 567, Senate Bill 1268, Senate Bill 1334, Senate Bill 1344, Senate Bill 1448, Senate Bill 1487, Senate Bill 1833; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 57, Senate Bill 159, Senate Bill 1376. Representative Golar, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on May 13, 2015: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1455, Senate Bill 1793; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 100. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 13, 2015: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 625, Senate Bill 627, Senate Bill 1482, Senate Bill 1641, Senate Bill 1702, Senate Bill 1704, Senate Bill 1834; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 44; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 385. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 13, 2015: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 785, Senate Bill 1595, Senate Bill 1827; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 973. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on May 13, 2015: do pass Short Debate Senate Bill is 125, Senate Bill 248, Senate Bill 376, Senate Bill 1444, Senate Bill 1516, Senate Bill 1761, Senate Bill 1854; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 398, Senate Bill 655, Senate Bill 791. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 477, offered by Representative

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Chapa LaVia, House Resolution 478, offered by Representative Lilly. These are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mitchell."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Mitchell, B.: "In the gallery, as you can see right up over the doors, there's the Mohomet fifth-grade class. And I would also like to give a special mention, remember our former colleague Representative Rose now Senator Rose, his son, Jack is up there. So, Jack and classmates, welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you, Representative. Welcome to the House chamber. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a special guest and because of that I would ask all Members to be in their chairs, staff retire to rear of the chamber. And we'll wait for you to do that. Please cease all conversations, Ladies and Gentlemen. We are honored today to have a special guest, the Consul General of the People's Republic of China, who serves the... this portion of... of the United States of America. He's stationed in Chicago. He's happy to join us today. I expressed to the Consul General that we're pleased at his attendance and that many of us have people in our districts that came from China. I, myself, have many thousands of people in my district from China. And so, without further ado, I'm proud to introduce to you the Consul General of the People's Republic of China, Zhao Weiping."

Consul General Weiping: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Honorable Members of the House of Representatives. It is my great honor to visit the House of Representatives of the

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State of Illinois at the kind invitation of Honorable Speaker Madigan. First, on behalf of the China Consul General... General in Chicago, I wish to extend to you our warm greetings and best wishes. As China's Consul General to Chicago, I feel proud to have the opportunity of serving the mutually beneficial relationship between China and the great State of Illinois. China has always attached good importance to deepen the exchanges in cooperation with Illinois. Since the turn of the new century, two Presidents of China, President Jiang Zemin and President Hu Jintao visited Illinois respectively in 2002 and 2011. Our financial ties in areas of trade and economic cooperation, education and culture have grown closer with the passage of time. Now, China is the third largest export market for Illinois and a major buyer of Illinois machinery, agricultural products, transportation equipment, chemicals, computer, and electronic products. Illinois, as an increasingly popular destination for Chinese investments, has become a new home to nearly 60 Chinese companies. About one... about 15 thousand Chinese students are studying in Illinois universities, making up the largest students in the national student group in the states. Last year, more than 120 thousand Chinese tourists visited Illinois. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the first visit to China by Governor James Thompson. Governor Thompson, as the first Governor of Illinois who visited China since the establishment of China's U.S. and diplomatic ties was indeed a visionary in opening up the process of Illinois cooperation with China. However, Governor Thompson may not have foreseen the depths and closeness of China-Illinois relationship today. Looking to

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the future, China-Illinois relationship will certainly enjoy even greater developments. I'm commenting on this because China's economy will continue to enjoy a medium to high growth for a very long time as China is seeing reforms in a comprehensive way, which will, as a result, bring more opportunity for economic cooperation in China and Illinois. I'm commenting in this also because our two countries are working together to build a new type of major country relationship featuring no conflict, no confrontation, mutual respect and win-win cooperation, which will ensure our favorable political atmosphere for the development of relations within China and various U.S. states. The first visit to the U.S. by Chinese President Xi Jinping this September will for sure give great new impetus to the mutually beneficial cooperation between our two countries and open a new chapter for the development of China-U.S. relations. I'm commenting in this also because the state government Legislature as well as various communities of Illinois, have always been supportive of Illinois-China relationship. Since his inauguration, Governor Rauner has expressed his hope to several Illinois-China cooperation on many occasions, which I'm deeply appreciative of. I hope and believe that the House of Representatives of Illinois will continue to play an active role in promoting the friendly exchanges and mutually beneficial collaboration between Illinois and China. In closing, I wish the State of Illinois even greater prosperity and China-Illinois relationship even more promising future. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "The Consul General will take photos down here next to the press box and the cameraman will come up. If you want to greet the Consul General, he'd be happy to talk to you. House Resolution 446. This has already been adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Welch. Mr. Clerk, will you read an appropriate part of the Resolution, please?"

Clerk Hollman: "Be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS that we congratulate the St. Joseph High School boys' basketball team, the Chargers, on winning the 2015 Illinois High School Association Class 3A Championship and wish them many more years of success."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Standing behind me in the gallery is the distinguished championship team from St. Joseph's High School in Westchester, Illinois. Led by legendary Coach Gene Pingatore, the Chargers won their second state championship this year. St. Joe's is the alma mater of many basketball greats including: Isiah Thomas, Kevin Turner, who's the nephew of State Representative Camille Lilly, and actually, basketball legend himself Senator Michael Connelly. When news media often focuses on the negative, I think it was great and important that the House of Representatives focus on the positive of achievements of these fine young men and their legendary coach. And I ask the House of Representatives to please give the St. Joseph High School Chargers a round of applause."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations, guys. We're happy you're here with us. Mr. Mitchell."

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Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Resolution. I want to say congratulations to my alma mater. I'm class of '04 from St. Joseph High School. I'm over here. Really, really grateful to all of you coming down here, extremely proud of Coach Pingatore. Who's been a great friend for a number of years. It's often said, of sports teams when they win in high school, that this is... these are the greatest moments of your lives. But because of how much St. Joseph focuses, not just on making great basketball players but on making great men, this is just the beginning of your success. We are all very, very proud of you. Congratulations on your success and we wish you the very best. God bless you guys."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Resolution. I, too, am here to stand to congratulate this year's Illinois high school association Class 3 championship team, St. Joseph's High School. With a record ending, 29 wins, 6 losses, they are the champion. As a fan for over 30 years of St. Joe's watching all these young men, successful in their basketball careers as well as their life dream, I am standing to recognize them as they continue to do all the good things on behalf of their community and their great high school. Can we all stand and give St. Joe's High School another round of applause? Go Chargers."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. And thanks for being here with us. Congratulations. This Resolution has already been adopted. Thank you. Page 11 of the Calendar, under the Order of Agreed Resolutions, there appears House Resolution 61, Mr. Cabello. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 61.

Be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS that we honor Illinois State Police Director Hiram Grau and thank him for his service to the State of Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Cabello."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we have an honored guest with us today. It's the retired State Police director. Director Grau renewed the Illinois State Police efforts in investigation of cold cases. Under his leadership, one of the oldest cold cases in American history, the 1957 murder of Maria Ridulph was solved. In addition, the Illinois State Police eliminated the backlog of old Section 20 sexual assault cases. Prior to becoming the director of the Illinois State Police, Director Grau was Deputy Chief of the Cook County Sheriff's... Attorney's Office of investigations bureau, where he oversaw the narcotics special and municipal investigations division. He has spent his entire career in law enforcement, 28 of those years with the Chicago Police Department. Ladies and Gentlemen, I have gotten to personally know Director Grau on several of the things that we were trying to work on down here, and he is a man of integrity; he's a man of honor. He brought the State Police into a new direction and we thank you very much for your service. We thank your men and women of the Illinois State Police for all they do. And you changed the State Police for generations to come, Sir. I'm proud to know you. I'm proud to call you friend. We wish you well on your new endeavors."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations. Mr. Acevedo."



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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Acevedo: "I, too, like to congratulate Hiram Grau. He's... Hiram was born in Puerto Rico. He grew up on Grant and Ogden Avenue in the Patch neighborhood of Chicago. He graduated from Holy Trinity High School which is my alumni as well. Before taking the police exam and beginning an exemplary career, Hiram knows a thing or two about rights after spending nearly 30 years in law enforcement. He spent much of his career working at a commanding gang unit... investigation units in the Chicago Police Department. Before his appointment to the Illinois State Police director, Hiram served as Deputy Chief of Investigations for Cook County State's Attorney. Previously, he served 27 years in the Chicago Police Department working his way from beat cop to Deputy Superintendent of the Bureau of Investigation Services. In addition to receiving numerous law enforcement commendations and management training certifications, Hiram served in Vietnam as a member of the famed Army 101st Airborne Division. As a commander, he did an excellent job in working with the police officers under his command. You see, folks, it takes a special individual to be a leader, especially a police commander. You have to really get to know your troops. You have to really get to... to like you and work long... side by side with them. And Hiram was that... that kind of an individual. He led his troops by example. The more you... the more you're respected by your troops, the better the job is done. And Hiram did just that. He did a great job in the Chicago Police Department. He did a great job for the

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state's attorney. And he did a wonderful job for the Illinois State Police director and Hiram... Hiram you will be sorely missed. Thank you for your dedication."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 448, Mr. Phelps. Please proceed... Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 448, offered by Representative Phelps.

Be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS that we congratulate Elry Faulkner on his retirement as Johnson County Sheriff and wish him the best in all his future endeavors."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can I have some attention, please? Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'm very honored today to bring a gentleman up to Springfield that back home needs no introduction. Also, here today with Sheriff Faulkner, that truly deserves our... our attention and respect. In the Speaker's Gallery, I have with us today, Sheriff Elry Faulkner and his family from Ozark, Illinois, in Johnson County in the 118th District. Let's give him a round of applause. I'll tell you why he's here. We are honoring Sheriff Faulkner today because he's retiring as the longest serving sheriff in the history of Illinois. Forty years. Forty-six years in law enforcement, forty years as the longest serving sheriff in the history of Illinois. As a kid, him and his friends would play cowboys and Indians but he

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wanted to be the sheriff and run after all the bad guys. He's... his first day on the job, as sheriff of Johnson County, he solved 14 burglaries, first day on the job. I can go on and on and on and tell you story after story about our good Sheriff Elry Faulkner. He's been shot at. He's been ran over. And he probably knows the name of every man, woman and child in Johnson County. He lived his life in a simple outlook and I'll quote, 'A little determination, a little good luck, and an absolute faith in God will get you through.' He also, if you know him, has a... on his dashboard in the car, he has a Bible verse. Joshua 1:9, Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God, is with you wherever you go. Sheriff Faulkner, let me just tell you, you're more respected than you'll ever know. It's our loss, but it's going to be you family's gain. Hope you enjoy your retirement. You certainly deserve it. God speed, my friend. Thank you, Sheriff Faulkner."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley."

Bradley: "I would just like to reiterate what Representative Phelps said on behalf of the people of southern Illinois and the sheriffs here today and the folks that I represent. I've had the opportunity to deal with Elry professionally and personally. He's a gentleman. He's a great asset to our communities and I second the remarks of Brandon Phelps and say congratulations and God bless, sheriff."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "On the Resolution, Sir?"

Poe: "No."

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Speaker Lang: "All right, Sir. We'll get right back to you."

Poe: "Never mind. I'm sorry."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bryant on the Resolution."

Bryant: "No, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Hammond, on the Resolution. Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Now, we can go to Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Yeah, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Poe: "We've been honoring a longtime sheriff and in Sangamon County, we're very fortunate to have a new sheriff in town. And so, after many years of the same sheriff, we elected Wes Barr, who's up here. And we're quite happy to welcome him aboard. And we're sure that he's going to do a great job and thanks for coming over. Give him a big round of applause."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome aboard. Congratulations. Representative Bryant."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Bryant: "In the gallery, on my left, is the sheriff of Jefferson County, Travis Allen. Travis is one of the youngest sheriffs in Illinois. And he and I have been able to work in a very bipartisan manner to make sure that Jefferson County is a safe place for... for all of our residents. So, I stand this morning to just honor my sheriff, Travis Allen."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations. Representative Hammond."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go ahead."

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Hammond: "Joining us to, not only honor Sheriff Faulkner, but all... a lot of other sheriffs here with us this afternoon, is one of my eight favorite sheriffs and that is the sheriff of my home county, McDonough County Sheriff Rick VanBrooker. Thanks for being here."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, sheriff. Mr. Unes."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Unes: "Mr. Speaker, we have a lot of great sheriffs from all across the state with us this afternoon. And I'd like to recognize one of the sheriffs from the Peoria area, from Tazewell County, Sheriff Bob Huston. If you would please rise and be recognized. Bob, welcome to Springfield. Mr... Also, Mr. Speaker, on another point of personal privilege, there's a group from Fulton County with us today visiting the Capitol and it's the Spoon River Partnership Coalition Group. Two of them, Kevin Stevenson and Chuck Taylor are directly behind the gallery. If they would please rise and be recognized. There's some others that are joining them also here in Springfield today and we welcome them to the... the Capitol and welcome them to Springfield. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Mr. Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I just would like to welcome my family to Springfield today, and my wife Jaclin, who's sitting back there talking to Representative Golar. And on the screen you see the Assistant State Representative, this is my daughter Jana. She wanted to say 'hi' to everybody."

Jana Davis: "Hi."

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Speaker Lang: "Hello. Glad you're here with us today. Mr. Hays."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Hays: "I would like to welcome the sheriff of my home county, Sheriff Pat Hartshorn. Sheriff, welcome Sheriff Hartshorn as the past President of the Illinois Sheriff's Association and has served for more than two decades with distinction and has lent his thoughtful insight and perspective on a variety of law enforcement issues here in Springfield. Sheriff, thank you for all that you do to keep our families safe. We appreciate it."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Hays. Mr. Bennett is recognized."

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Bennett: "I'd also like to recognize another sheriff from our district, Livingston County, Sheriff Tony Childress is here today. Tony, if you'd please stand, if you would. Thank you very much. We have..."

Speaker Lang: "Happy you're with us today. Mr. Evans."

Evans: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Go ahead, Sir."

Evans: "Ladies and Gentlemen, last year nearly 67 thousand Illinois residents heard the words, you have cancer and over 25 thousand lost their lives to this disease, unfortunately. Cancer is a disease has touched families across the United States and as public officials, people are watching and it's important to show them they're not alone in the fight, that everyone has family. I urge you to participate tomorrow in

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the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's Suits and Sneakers Day at the Capitol, tomorrow, this Thursday, May 14. So, if you brought your sneakers down, please wear your sneakers tomorrow as we stand with those who are fight for cancer. This Thursday I'll be wearing my sneakers with my suit to show my support of the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Action Network in efforts to fight this disease. Please join me in the rotunda, if you can, at 1:30 p.m. for a rally and group photos. Thank you and appreciate your support."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Mr. Phelps."

Phelps: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Phelps: "I swear Representative Bradley and I are not getting ready to sing a duet. So, what we wanted to do, beside Sheriff Faulkner, we wanted to introduce and honor our sheriffs for our district. I have from Saline County Sheriff Keith Brown and from Hamilton County that John and I share, Sheriff Robert Crow."

Bradley: "And from Williamson County Sheriff Bennie Vick and from Franklin County Sheriff Donnie Jones. Let's give them a round of applause."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, Resolution 427 recognizes the Benet Girls Basketball Team and please, all eyes up to the gallery, as there they stand, all 14 members, for... in their marvelous accomplishment as the 4A Girls Basketball State Champion. These... these girls have a remarkable record. They began their season unranked. They won 18 consecutive games including the

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championship of three tournaments. Their final record was 34 to 3 and that included wins over five opponents that were ranked in the top 10. This is truly a comeback season. On top of it, the 2014-2015 Lady Redwings are the winningest basketball team in Benet history, boys or girls. This year's team is only the second Benet girls' basketball team to ever get downstate and the first girls' basketball team to win state. And they are... this year Benet became one of only two schools in Illinois history to win both girls volleyball and basketball state championships in the same year. So, today we welcome with great pride, Head Coach Joe Kilbride; his assistants, Kelsey Stone and John Corrigan, and then the women themselves. Seniors: Morgan Thomalla, Emma Hlavin, Emily Schramek, Emily Eshoo, Colleen Pfister. And we have juniors: Kathleen Doyle, Sarni Valentine, Maddie Bozych, Megan Will, Elise Stout, Sydney Stephens and sophomores: Emma Lyne, Kendal Schramek, and Katie Jaseckas. So, welcome, girls. We're so proud of your accomplishments. Thank you for making our district proud."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations. Welcome. This Resolution has already been adopted. Representative Wehrli."

Wehrli: "To the... to the Resolution, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Wehrli: "I, too, stand and congratulate the Benet Redwings. They have a long history of academic and athletic excellence. You've done Benet Academy proud. I'm glad to have had brothers and sisters go there... or brothers go there. After my brothers went there, they wouldn't let me in. So, I wish I could have gone to Benet. Congratulations, you done Benet proud."



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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Brady: "I, too, just wanted to say thank you to all the sheriffs that are here from across the State of Illinois and thank them for their service to all of us across the state and in particular, my county, McLean County, who I worked with when I was county coroner, Sheriff Jon Sandage. If he'd stand up, he's over here to my left. Sheriff, thank you for your service and to all of your colleagues, thank you. And Sheriff Tony from Livingston County, as well. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Go ahead, Sir."

Unes: "Mr. Speaker, Representative Hammond and I both rise to give a special welcome to another sheriff that's in town today from Fulton County, Sheriff Jeff Standard. Sheriff, if you would please rise and be recognized and welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Representative McAsey."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

McAsey: "Thank you. I also stand to congratulate the Benet High School basketball champs, but also to acknowledge a special guest who is with us in the gallery. Supreme Court Justice Tom Kilbride has joined us to congratulate and to cheer on the Benet High School team and especially, his brother Coach

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Joe Kilbride. Congratulations to all of the team members, the coach, and welcome to Justice Kilbride in the gallery behind us."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Dunkin: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to recognize the... a lot of first time visitors. It's the illustrious students and alumni from the Noble Charter School Network. Their first time here in Springfield. Welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House chamber. Mr. Phillips."

Phillips: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Phillips: "Thank you very much. In the sheriff's section over here to our left, Bill, would you stand up? This is one of my sheriffs in my county, Bill Rutan, just recently elected to the sheriff's post in Crawford County. Thank you for coming to Springfield, Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Welcome to Springfield, sheriff. Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, please."

Bellock: "I was just speaking to the Resolution 'cause I think the Benet girls are still up there. I just wanted to congratulate them. I'm a Benet mom myself of a state champion tennis player. So, I wanted to congratulate them on one of the finest school's in Illinois. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. House Resolution 458, Mr. Sosnowski. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 458.

Be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS that we congratulate Duane E. Wirth on his retirement as Boone County Sheriff and wish him the best in all his future endeavors."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As Representative Phelps announced just a little bit ago, he had a sheriff that served 40 years and while our sheriff of Boone County is at 36 years, we tried to encourage him to maybe go for a couple more terms. He's up in the Speaker's Gallery with us. And as you could tell, he doesn't look a day over 50, so he definitely had a couple more years left in him. But I can just tell you very briefly, while he's the second longest serving sheriff in the state, he began in 1971 which is just a handful of years before I was born. And to a testament to his ability and how well he ran his department, even though we have lost an unbelievable civil servant and somebody who dedicated many years to our county, the folks and the gentleman the ladies that have succeeded him and the new sheriff, are of excellent caliber. He left the department in impeccable shape with excellent individuals there to run it for our county. And it's just a testament to how well he did in forming a team and running an organization. When he first got elected, his office started at 12 full-time deputies and it ended up with just over 30. And dispatch in the day used

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to be just a desktop radio, I was told and he, of course, transformed that into a full-fledged 911 center. And he has just done just an unbelievable job for our county. And obviously, anybody in that position that we can all understand the hours and days that he must spend is definitely a sacrifice, not just for him but for his family, especially his wife Diane who is in the gallery with him today. We just thank you Diane and family for letting you... or letting us have your husband and father and family member to serve our county so ver... so very long. Thank you for all your years of service, Sheriff Wirth. And please, I ask the Assembly to please let's give him a warm thank you from the General Assembly here."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, sheriff, and thank you for your service. Mr. Sosnowski moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're about to do a Death Resolution. Can we hold the noise down in the chamber? House Resolution 469, Mr. Bennett. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 469.

Be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS that we join the Paxton community in celebrating the life of Clayton Hale and the renaming of the walking bridge in his memory."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bennett."

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To Members of this House, this Resolution is for Clayton Hale, an exceptional young man who

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at the young age of 26 recently passed away from cancer of the brain. Although he had suffered much in a variety of ways, he was inspirational. He demonstrated an amazing courage, had a tremendous attitude that was very upbeat. Clayton never knew a stranger. He always had a smile for others. He never complained and never got down. He was just very likable in so many ways. He often liked to go to a local bridge in Paxton, Illinois and there watch the trains go by. The residents of Paxton plan to name the bridge after him as noted in the Resolution here. He touched many lives in his community in a very positive way and left a wonderful legacy to his family and to his community. His parents are with us this morning, Larry and Diane Hale. May I please ask for a moment of silence?"

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. You may be seated, Members. House Bills-Second Reading, page 5 of the Calendar, there appears House Bill 4141. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4141, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Floor Amendments 1 lost, previously. Floor Amendments 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were adopted, previously. Floor Amendments 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 are approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #10 is offered by Representative Greg Harris."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. If you remember, we were in consideration of some of

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these items when we had to recess for the House and Senate softball game. This Amendment deals with the home services program and it provides an increase in money to the home services program for persons with disabilities. It does not have restrictions on DON score or any other eligibility considerations. This is a very important program to keep people in their homes for persons with disabilities. It also provides services that are necessary for us to comply with our obligations under the Ligas Consent Decree to move persons from institutions into community-based settings. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative Harris, since we are resuming the process, I guess, picking it up from last week, has there been an intervening opportunity to meet. The Human Services Appropriation Committee has it met?"

Harris, G.: "We've met. We went through other departments. We did not meet on this particular issue."

Sandack: "You met once in the interim?"

Harris, G.: "That's my recollection."

Sandack: "And you went through other aspects of the budget?"

Harris, G.: "Yes."

Sandack: "Is there a reason why you didn't go through this portion, this program?"

Harris, G.: "Because we started... We went through in the traditional way our committee has done it over the years. We've gone in the same order as we always have."

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Sandack: "Well, the traditional way would be the best way because you mentioned in your opening statement this is a very important program and I think almost everyone here, if not everyone, would agree with that. Shouldn't a very important program go through the traditional steps of vetting the budget in the... in the traditional manner?"

Harris, G.: "There are a number of ways to go about it, Representative. You asked what we did in committee. I told you. We're asking for the full House to consider these programs, which are really very important priority programs, for the people of Illinois and each and every one of us really has... should have an opportunity to express our support or lack thereof for supports for people with disabilities."

Sandack: "Well, there always is that opportunity through the traditional process. Do you anticipate, other than the other five or so Amendments coming on HB4141, do you anticipate other aspects of the budget going through this process?"

Harris, G.: "These are the only ones I have right now."

Sandack: "Do you anticipate was the question? Do you anticipate doing this down the line?"

Harris, G.: "I don't have any others in the pipeline right now, so that's what I can tell you."

Sandack: "Thank you. To the Amendment, Mr. Speaker. As a reminder to my colleagues, the tortured process or lack of process obviously continues. It is a disservice to the people of the State of Illinois to go through this sham of a budget. We don't have an appropriations number. This Bill, in its entirety, all the Amendments, haven't been vetted by the committee even though the committee is meeting. So, they're

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meeting on things but not... this isn't important enough to get the participation buy-in and thoughts from all committee members. I'm going to suggest to my colleagues that a 'present' vote is appropriate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davis, W.: "Representative, in your opening you talked about how passing this piece of legislation is important because it allows for us to help people stay in their home, presumably to help reduce some state costs associated with that. Would that be a correct statement?"

Harris, G.: "Absolutely, Representative. As we all know, if you keep people in their homes and out of, you know, higher cost institutions, we can provide services to far more people than we could in an institutional settings. Plus, people just prefer to live in their own homes, live in the community, stay active and involved and have a much higher quality of life."

Davis, W.: "So, can you speak to what possibly range... what some of the increased costs will be if we don't pass a piece of legislation like this?"

Harris, G.: "In this case, we would find ourselves in violation of the Ligas Consent Decree from moving people out of state institutions. Plus, I believe, 10 thousand individuals who are people with disabilities who are living in our communities now who are working, going about their daily lives, would



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lose their homes and have to move into institutes. So, this would affect 10 thousand and some people statewide."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, passage of this is, to some degree, predicated on the fact that we are federally mandated to do some of these things, correct?"

Harris, G.: "Well, absolutely. And it also allows 10 thousand people to function, go about their work, raise their families and they would lose those supports and I'm not sure what their options would be if we did not pass this Amendment."

Davis, W.: "Since your Approp. Committee has been meeting, how many times would you say an issue like this has been discussed?"

Harris, G.: "We've spent hours and hours over sever occasions discussing this and, you know, all the items that we'll have on the board today."

Davis, W.: "So, some of the assertions being made about this, no conversation on this, are just absolutely false, correct?"

Harris, G.: "There have been a lot of conversations, a lot of hours spent, Representative, of good conversation."

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

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Amendment. My side of the aisle has really not been engaged in this because this is all brought up very quickly, not very well put together. Quite frankly, these Amendments aren't worth the paper they're written on. And why do I think they're not worth the paper they're written on? Because last week we stopped suddenly. Why did we stop suddenly you ask? Well, the Gentleman just said we stopped suddenly to go to a softball game. Man, that

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was a lot of fun. Unfortunately, I didn't go to it because I thought we had bigger things to do in this chamber. But we stopped to go to a softball game. Ladies and Gentlemen, this process is terrible. It is unbelievable. And it was explained just by the Gentleman who I have deep respect for and I'm sure he was ordered to stand down to go to the softball game. That's great. That's wonderful. Let's continue on with these five more Amendments that will never become law, never become law. This process is starting to become a joke just like the last budget was a joke. We all know it was a joke. It's time for us to come together. We had an election where people asked for divided government. By divided government, they meant work together and put something together that makes sense, that moves this state forward. This is terrible and unfortunately, Representative, you admitted it was terrible in your opening regards."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Bellock: "So, going along with the discussion that we've already had, Representative Harris, and I know you've done your job as head of this committee but at the same time, we're heading down this road where, what is the budget number for that committee?"

Harris, G.: "Right now, we're looking at what are the budget numbers for specific areas, Representative. And this is the topic of how do we fund the home services program and there's

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a proposal to provide funding to enable a better quality of life for the people it serves."

Bellock: "No. My point was what is the number that we have for the committee? Because we don't really have a number, right?"

Harris, G.: "We're going through this from the bottom up. We're building a budget as we go, as opposed to ways we've done it in other years, which is slightly different. Each year is slightly different, Representative, given our circumstances. And you and I have been in numerous comm... conversations with all four caucuses and the Governor's Office where we're still trying to come to terms with local government distributive funds and the transfers out of group insurance. So, we know that all of these numbers are in flux and will all have to be negotiated and come to a final budget agreement."

Bellock: "I guess that's what we're dealing with now. But specifically, now, what you're doing is putting... you're asking us to vote to put \$83 million more than what the Governor appropriated for this... for the home health care into the budget for this year. So, by voting on this Bill, you're voting to put that money that the Governor has said that he took away from this, the \$83 million. My concern on that, I mean, we all support home health care. There's no doubt about that. We know that that keeps people out of nursing homes. But the bottom line is we're looking at what the priorities are in this budget and we haven't had time in the Human Service budget Approp. Committee to even go over... we have not even discussed this line in that committee. So, how can we decide if that's a priority of ours and then, on the other hand, if we put this in and we get to the budget table, we

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may have to make other cuts in education or in corrections or somewhere else because we've put this \$83 million back in, correct?"

Harris, G.: "Representative, you know, we had a chance to vote on the Governor's proposed budget. And if my memory serves me, zero people voted for the Governor's proposed budget. He did not get one vote for his budget. It is now our opportunity to come back and present alternatives. The alternative I'm presenting here is to provide funding for services with people... for people with disabilities. And if you support that, and it's something you value, I would urge you to vote 'yes'. If not, you know, I would vote otherwise."

Bellock: "Well, the issues are about home health care is... I would like to have a discussion about that in the Human Service Approp. Committee. And we did make some adjust... adjustments on that plan during the SMART Act. There are some issues there, so it deserves some talk and discussion in the Appropriation Committee. The other question that I have for you is, I'm not sure... well, I am sure... because if we vote on this, we don't even have a headcount. So, are we, by voting this \$83 million in, taking away the headcount? Because we don't have that into this budget yet?"

Harris, G.: "Representative, are you referring to the headcount of state employees..."

Bellock: "Yes."

Harris, G.: "...in the Human Service Department?"

Bellock: "Yes."

Harris, G.: "Yeah. This is for home-based service providers, Representative."

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Bellock: "Oh, I know that. But you're taking... what I'm saying is doing it in the haphazard way that we're doing it, we don't know what the budget number is for the personnel for that department yet. And so, by putting in 83 million or any other one of these Amendments, you're moving forward and putting money in not knowing what the money is and how many we're going to have in the headcount. So, by doing this, it could be taking away jobs from that agency. Thank you very much. I appreciate it."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Demmer: "Representative, last week we had a similar conversation about the type of process that we're going through here today and we said time and time again what an unfortunate piecemeal process this was. We then showed up for a working group meeting the next morning, ready to talk about the budget, ready to work on the budget. And we asked if you intended to run the remainder of the Amendments on this Bill. And you said, no, you didn't intend to. So, I'm interested about what changed."

Harris, G.: "I... You asked if I intended to run them that day. No. And here we are where I have these budget Amendments here. We always intended to complete this process."

Demmer: "So, we came to the working group ready to discuss many issues in the budget. We worked through a number of them on a line by line basis. We only have a very small fraction of the overall Human Service appropriation budgets lined... outlined here in these Amendments. My question for you is,

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what lines do you intend for the working group to accomplish and what lines do you intend will be accomplished through Floor Amendments?"

Harris, G.: "I think it was very clear last week that we, by mutual agreement, decided to start with some of the smaller agencies, work through those. And tomorrow morning, I think we said we would come back and discuss the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Aging and the Illinois Department of Public Health."

Demmer: "So, when we discuss those agencies' budgets, will we skip over the lines that have passed through one of these Floor Amendments? Is that off the table for... in terms of the working group's discussions?"

Harris, G.: "Certainly can discuss them, Representative. But I think, you know, the House has expressed a view as a whole, larger than just a small working committee, working in private, know what their views on some of those subjects are."

Demmer: "Are there further Floor Amendments that you intend to file for the purposes of addressing single lines?"

Harris, G.: "As I said to the Representative, I do not have any at this time."

Demmer: "But we've seen how that can change from... from week to week. So, I guess my question is, when we come back for a working group tomorrow, how should we as a working group proceed in good faith negotiation knowing that there's kind of this parallel process happening with Floor Amendments, completely outside the confines of the working group?"

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Harris, G.: "Well, Representative, we have just a couple days left to craft a budget and I would say anything that helps us move along would be very worthwhile."

Demmer: "Yeah. You know, I couldn't agree more. I think that things that help us move on a comprehensive budget really do add to that process. Unfortunately, Floor Amendments on House Bill 4141 do not help us move towards crafting a final budget, and for that reason, I think this process is flawed from the beginning."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Amendment 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, please take the record. On this question, there are 70 voting 'yes' and 40 voting 'present'. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Amendment 11."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #11 is offered by Representative Greg Harris and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Amendment deals with mental health lines in the budget. And I'll just tell you a couple things that are very important about this because these are services that we value in providing, mental health treatment it... in our communities. In the Governor's introduced budget, they had zeroed out the institutional care grants to provide intensive psychiatric services to children and families who were in need. Also removed were the psychiatric leadership grants that provided money for psychiatrists to be able to see persons and

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prescribe mental health drugs. Those are included in this line. The other thing we have done in these budgets is to move lines into capacity and grant-based lines to maximize the flexibility for providers to work in communities and provide mental health and still at a cost lower than in FY15. So, we are hoping to receive, you know, good results... better results in our communities and this will still save the people of Illinois money over our FY15 appropriation, as all of these Amendments do."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative Harris, I've been told by some of my colleagues that in Human Services Appropriations you regularly ask for input, for participation, and for as much collegiality and cooperation as possible. Is that accurate?"

Harris, G.: "We're having a lot here."

Sandack: "Yeah, but... well, that's not why we're all here right now, is it? Why we're all here right now is to vote on final action. But in the Appropriations..."

Harris, G.: "Well, and this is not final action. This is a voting on individual Amendments. You know, the entire budget is... will be a much larger compilation."

Sandack: "All right. Are you going to move this Bill to... If it gets through the Amendment process, are you going to move this Bill to Third?"

Harris, G.: "At this point, I'm just moving these Amendments on Second, Representative."



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Sandack: "I know. I'm asking you, if it gets through the Amendment process, is it your intention to move the Bills to Third Reading?"

Harris, G.: "Right now, it is my intention to vote on these Amendments."

Sandack: "The reason I'm asking that perplexing question is because we'd like an idea of what we're supposed to expect going forward. I'm hearing from my colleagues that you regularly seek input and participation at the Appropriations Human Services level, which is great, and then they ask, well, are we going to pursue a parallel course of conduct or is this process meaningful? Should we dig in here? And that's why I want to ask. What is it we should be taking away from this? Is this exercise just in time and waste or is this something meaningful? Should we really be participating now?"

Harris, G.: "No. I think when we took away from the hours and hours and 11 weeks of meetings we had where there were a number of priority lines which everyone seemed to value, which was community care program for seniors, a child care program for young people and their families, early intervention, autism, addiction treatment services, homeless prevention, substance abuse. Those... those seem to be very important programs, so you know, they're being addressed first."

Sandack: "To... to the Amendment. My colleague, I hope, speaks on this again. You know, I was listing to Representatives Demmer and Sullivan the last time. It is so disheartening that we can't even get answers to questions such as, what is your intention. Should we really be going through this process? Is there any real reason why we're doing this this way? And it's

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pretty clear that this continues, this façade, this show, this attempt at gotcha politics, I presume. I don't know what's on the agenda for tonight, so I'm sure if we can get through these Amendments before some events, because I'm sure we'd stop it for some event like the softball game or basketball game, an outing of some kind of sort. It just belies why we have a traditional process and why it's worked, more or less, in the past. Let's be clear though, this is really bad process. It's kind of embarrassing. I wonder if anyone on the other side of the aisle will go home to their districts and say, today was a great day. We... we wasted the taxpayers' money with a show trial. Yeah. Folks, we got to get past this and actually engage in a budget process that's inclusive, bipartisan, and actually moves the needle. This does nothing but waste time. Again, I'm going to ask my colleagues to vote 'present' on this because we're here at least. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sullivan: "So, Representative, last week we stopped at about 4:30, if I remember right, there or 4:35 to go to the softball games. That about correct?"

Harris, G.: "Those of you who went. I did not go. I stayed in my office and worked. I assume you did too since you brought it up."

Sullivan: "I did not play in the softball game. Well, I bring that up and especially the timeframe because today we got the Associated Beer Distributors Buffalo Troll at 4:30. So, I'm

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just wondering, are we going to be okay. Are we going to stop before that? 'Cause that's a very important event where we can interact with our colleagues, our colleagues on the Senate, some lobbyists. We could get a lot of stuff done. So, do you have any input from your Leader, the Speaker, whether we'll be done by 4:30?"

Harris, G.: "I'd be happy to sit here and go through the whole Calendar today, Representative, for as long as it takes 'cause I think you and I agree that we're here to do the work of the people and that takes precedence."

Sullivan: "And Representative, that's a great answer 'cause I'd love to stay here and do the work of the people on real work of the people, not this stuff that we're doing right now that is not worth the paper it's written on. But thank you for your honest appraisal."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Representative Harris. And again, I just want to speak to mental health because that's an issue that we all care strongly about and we've had a lot of discussions about places closing in the news recently regarding the 2015 budget and had some of that money put back in. But we know it's a serious issue. And this is why I just object to the process, the way we're doing it because last week, almost all the other meetings, we've spent a lot of time with advocates but not a lot of times going over priorities in the budget. This we know is a priority, but

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this is something that we really haven't vetted that well within the committee. Last week, we finally did spend some time on numbers, but I think it was more Early Intervention and child care capacity grants. So, we did spend some time on that. I don't think that we have fully discussed the mental health issue and how we want to address it. Do you feel that we've discussed that in depth in the Human Service Approp. Committee?"

Harris, G.: "I... I certainly do, Representative. I think we've had, you know, hours of testimony from providers dealing with the ICG issue, from the mental health issue, from the mental health in hospitals and institutions, on a wide variety of topics. So, I think we've covered mental health, substance abuse, home services, aging, child care, early intervention. I think we've covered it all very well."

Bellock: "Well, I know we've covered the issue in some of the discussions but not in the working group where we have to prioritize what we have to cut, because we don't even know... we haven't even decided on a general revenue number together, correct? What the general revenue of the state is and what we're..."

Harris, G.: "And there are... there are a lot of decisions here. We haven't decided how to deal with the Governor's proposed 31 percent cut to higher education or we haven't decided how we're going to deal with the transfers out. There are a lot of issues out there but, you know, you've got to begin. And I think we're beginning by focusing on issues that are of high priority and being sure they get adequately funded."

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Bellock: "I'm not objecting to a normal Human Service Approp. working committee working on the priorities. But what we're doing here is you're asking us to vote on a \$275 million put back into the budget. And again, I'm going to bring out the issues about that is that I don't know down the line, two weeks from now when we've got everything on the table, if that's going to mean we're going to have to take a cut in education or corrections or roads, one of those other issues. And the other issue I'm saying is I don't know if that's going to make a difference in cutting out jobs because we don't really have the number in there for the headcount. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment 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 71 voting 'yes' and 41 voting 'present'. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, my understanding is the Gentleman does not wish to move Amendment 12. Mr. Clerk on Amendment 13."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #13 is offered by Representative Greg Harris and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, G.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this line item deals with the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. This is a program that provides detection and screening to thousands of women who may have breast cancer and refers them into care. This is a line where, actually, we do have a reduction from the FY15 budget that's fairly large, but it is a line that is also higher than the Governor's introduced budget. Upon working with the advocates, we decided that as more women transfer

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into the Affordable Care Act, into the insurance exchanges and into Medicaid, this number will go down over the years. But we need to be sure, for women who may find themselves at risk for breast cancer and cervical cancer, that we maintain a very sizeable fund and cushion as years go by until experience teaches us that we can eliminate this line when all women are at transition. And we also have to keep in mind that there are many women, particularly those who might not be documented persons, who would not be eligible for Medicaid and in this state, no woman, regardless of her status, should be denied breast health care. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Drury."

Drury: "Inquiry of the Chair."

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

Drury: "Are we on Floor Amendment 13 or 14, 'cause the board is showing 13?"

Speaker Lang: "It is 13, Sir."

Drury: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Amendment 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. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 72 voting 'yes' and 27 voting 'present'. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, my understanding is the Sponsor does not wish to move Amendment 14. Mr. Clerk on Amendment 15."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #15 is offered by Representative Greg Harris."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris on Amendment 15."

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Harris, G.: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this pro... program deals with the low-income housing.. or low-income heating assistance program. If we level funded, this is the program that provides heating and cooling assistance to persons who have financial needs. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will vote 'yes'; opposed will vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourself. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting 'yes' and 36 voting 'present'. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr... Mr. Clerk, Amendment 16."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #16 is offered by Representative Greg Harris."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is the Franklin County meth project. And if you live in southern Illinois, this is the only program that provides deten... deterrents from the criminal justice system for persons involved in meth use. It is a program that even though it is called the Franklin County Meth Pilot Program, it serves 41... that's 41 counties in southern Illinois. It's a great program. It's showing great results and we are hoping that it can be used as a model and expanded to the rest of the state. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley."

Bradley: "I rise in support of this. There's 50 people that work in this program. This is an internationally recognized

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program. It's been around for a long time doing great work.  
I just beg you for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment 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 72 voting  
'yes', 38 voting 'present'. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr.  
Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on the Order of Second  
Reading. On page 12 of the Calendar, under the Order of  
Resolutions, appears House Resolution 11, Mr. Thapedi. Please  
proceed, Sir. I understand this Resolution has an Amendment,  
Mr. Thapedi."

Thapedi: "It does, Mr. Speaker. And I move..."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed on the Amendment."

Thapedi: "House... the Floor Amendment #1, I move for its adoption.  
Essentially, it removes all of the opposition that was there.  
And I'd like to talk about the Resolution in depth after its  
adoption."

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

Thapedi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 11 is about  
world economic harmony. While we all know that Illinois  
suffers from huge financial pressures, the fact remains that  
Illinois is a major player in the global investment and trade  
arena. We rank fifth in the United States as far as GDP,  
population and jobs related to exports. Even counting the



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economies of all 28 European Union countries, all 10 Canadian Provinces, and even China, and we actually heard from the Counsel General today, Illinois still ranks in the upper echelon. Just a few weeks ago, Mr. Speaker, on the House Floor, we heard testimony regarding the atrocities committed against the Armenian people. A few weeks before that, we honored the survivors of a genocide perpetrated by the Nazis in Europe, the Middle East and Northern Africa. Not long ago, we addressed the inhumane and brutal treatment of black and colored South African people by the apartheid regime. That conflict is very personal to me, Mr. Speaker, because my father was born and raised in the apartheid system in Sharpeville, South Africa. Now, Mr. Speaker, if you were to ask the Turks about the Armenian conflict, they would give you their perspective. If you were to ask the people that reside in the largest economy in the EU about Adolph Hitler and what happened in the late '30s and in the '40s in Middle Eastern Europe, as well as Northern Africa, you would hear their perspective. But finally, for me, if I were to ask the Boers or the Afrikaners as to why, in my father's birth town in Sharpeville, a massacre at the hands of the South African Police took the lives of 69 black South Africans, I would hear their perspective. But the goal in 2015, Mr. Speaker, and moving forward, has to be world peace. And as a component of world peace is world economic harmony. A few days ago on this very floor, I listened to the debate from the Gentleman from the Quad Cities as he discussed Illinois' role as a major international trade player. We discussed and voted on global investment and trade policy relative to the auto industry.

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So, as a major player in an international trade, the Illinois House has established its global trade position on auto purchasing and leasing. During that debate, I also recall the Lady from DuPage asking whether or not our actions were contrary to U.S. federal trade policy including Free Trade Agreements. Members should note that there is a current bilateral trade agreement with Australia. That deal was ratified in 2005, moreover, Australia is actually our current trading partner in current TPP negotiations involving Pacific Rim countries. Now, if I understood the Lady from Cicero correctly during that same debate, she addressed concerns that the United States of Mexico was expressly excluded from discussions regarding auto buying and leasing with the State of Illinois. That action could clearly have ramifications under our current Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada which is NAFTA. I do understand that both labor and business are not pleased with certain aspects of NAFTA, but that deal still remains a significant part and component of U.S. trade policy. It should also be noted that Mexico and Australia are members of the World Trade Organization, further complicating the issue. Nevertheless, soon, on this very floor, the Illinois House will declare its Illinois global trading policy. Once again, we'll be taking a position on anti-boycott laws. Anti-boycott laws are firmly entrenched in U.S. trade policy as they were first enacted in the 1970s following certain actions taken by the Arab League against the relatively new State of Israel. In fact, just a few days ago, in House Resolution 173, we affirmed our close relationship with Israel. On another note, even though the President and

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environmentalists oppose the completion of Keystone XL Pipeline to import and export vast amounts of Canadian crude, we passed House Resolution 243 with no debate which supports the project. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have definitely injected ourselves into the international trade market. So, today, by House Resolution 11, we are sticking up for our farmers, we are sticking up for our cattlemen, we are sticking up for our pork producers, we are sticking up for our manufacturers and we're also sticking up for our businesses. And finally, we are sticking up for our labor folks who all support this Resolution at this time. By supporting House Resolution 11, we are supporting those entities that keep Illinois in the upper echelon of global trading and investment partnerships and deals. All of these Illinois citizens and businesses want the opportunity to grow and prosper in this global economy. Free Trade Agreements like T-TIP, which is the subject of this Resolution, give them that opportunity. Please send a message to our global trading partners that Illinois wants to do business with them. I ask for an 'aye' vote on this Resolution."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Costello."

Costello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to thank the Sponsor for his hard work on this Resolution. We had some issues in committee and with the Amendment, he's resolved that. So, André, thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're moving to page 8 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading. If you have a Bill that appears

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there, please be prepared to tell the Chair your preference. First one we're calling is Senate Bill 54, Mr. McAuliffe. Out of the record. Senate Bill 67, Representative Fine. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 67, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 82, Representative Hammond. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 82, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 621. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 621, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. The Chair recognizes Representative Monique Davis. Please proceed..."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr..."

Speaker Lang: "...on a point of personal privilege."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker for my point of personal privilege. Today, May 13, 2015, we're asking that it be called the Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in the State of Illinois in honor of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. This sorority was founded in 1908 at Howard University. Alpha Kappa Alpha is the nation's oldest African-American sorority. The group's core mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical

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standards, promote unity and friendship among college women, help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social status, maintain a progressive interest in college life and to be of service to all mankind. Currently, Alpha Kappa Alpha is participating in their 'launching new dimensions of service initiative', which focuses on educational enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership and global impact. Ladies and Gentlemen of this Body, some of the notable alumni of the sorority include: Eleanor Roosevelt, Rosa Parks, poet, author, actress Maya Angelou, musician Alicia Keys. Alumni currently serving in the Illinois General Assembly include: Senators Mattie Hunter, Senator Toi Hutchinson, and former State Representative Annazette Collins. And a current Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha is State Representative Monique D. Davis. Please welcome those beautiful ladies in pink. The beautiful ladies in pink, won't you stand."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House chamber. We're happy you're here with us."

Davis, M.: "Thank you so much."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. This Resolution will be heard at a later time. Senate Bill 659, Mr. Beiser. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 659, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Representative Lilly is recognized. The Lady changes her mind. Senate Bill 751, Mr. Thapedi. Out

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of the record. Senate Bill 764, Mr. Burke. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 764, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 784, Mr. Bradley. Mr. Bradley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 784, a Bill for an Act concerning land. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 804, Mr. Moffitt. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 804, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 834, Representative Fine. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 834, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Returning to Senate Bill 751, Mr. Thapedi. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 751, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 837, Mr. Zalewski. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 837, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1205, Mr. Zalewski. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1205, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1222, Mr. Hoffman. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1222, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1249, Representative Gabel. Representative Gabel. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1255, Mr. Ford. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1255, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1265, Representative Nekritz. Representative Nekritz. Representative Nekritz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1265, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee

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Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A Home Rule and state mandates note have been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Senate Bill 1308, Representative Gordon-Booth. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1340, Mr. Sims. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1354, Representative Gabel. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1360, Mr. Sims. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1360, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1424, Mr. DeLuca. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1424, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1484, Mr. Batinick. Mr. Batinick. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1484, 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. Senate Bill 1610, Representative Chapa LaVia. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1610, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1620, Mr. Beiser. Read the Bill, please."



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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1620, a Bill for an Act concerning motor vehicle theft. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1688, Representative McDermed. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1688, a Bill for an Act concerning vital records. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1741, Leader Currie. Leader Currie. Out of the record. Page 6 of the Calendar, Members, Senate Bills-Third Reading. First Bill is Senate Bill 650, Mr. Hoffman. Please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 672, Mr. Beiser. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 672, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Beiser."

Beiser: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. 672 simply adds the topic, three things, to Consumer Ed which is already being taught in school. Those three topics are consumer debt, student loans and identify theft security. I cited in committee about a study done by the, amongst others, the Federal Reserve that there are states that have these requirements. It found that... and they track students afterwards they found that they had much better credit ratings, lower incidents of credit card debt. So, I'd ask for your 'aye' vote. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, is that class available to Members of the General Assembly?"

Beiser: "You know, I think it might be worthy to have a separate class just for the General Assembly."

Sandack: "I think an Econ 101, how to balance a budget and maybe some consumer debt education would do this Body really good. Thank you very much for this Bill. I'll support it."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, typically people jump up and down and shout unfunded mandate and how can we do this? Does this... is there any cost to this?"

Beiser: "No, there is not. You know, and I don't believe it's an extra... First of all, let me say I don't think it's an unfunded mandate, Jack, 'cause we're teaching the course. And I would venture to say that probably many instructors see the value of these topics and may, in some fashion, already touch on it. We're just actually trying to bring awareness to these three topics and make sure that they do touch on them."

Franks: "And I appreciate it. And to the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I think this is a wonderful idea and long overdue. Our kids are signing contracts when they get out of high school to encumber themselves with student loans that is our next bubble. There's over a trillion dollars owed on student loans now. And I don't think that people when they get out of high school have the

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ability to make informed decisions. They're just not taught this. So, this will help very much. And I think... I want to commend the Sponsor for bringing it forward. And to the previous speaker who thought that the General Assembly might need it, I may agree except I wouldn't want to have those meetings in secret. I'd like to have those on the House Floor. So, I'd encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "So, were you signing up, Representative, for that? Mr. Speaker, to the... may... would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields. Thanks for not saying the other Gentleman's name, Sir."

Pritchard: "I know."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "That's what I was biting my tongue on. Representative, where did this idea come from? Is there a study or something that talks about the economic knowledge of our young people?"

Beiser: "There's... If you're asking about the study that I referred to... I don't know. Is that's the one you're talking about, Bob?"

Pritchard: "Well, or just what... what was the basis for this and how did you come up with the fact that this was needed?"

Beiser: "This was... Senator Lightford, I believe. This is modeled after a Pennsylvania piece of legislation. And again, like I did mention, they're the Federal Reserve, the University of Wisconsin and Montana State did look at credit behaviors of people that had gone through this type of curriculum and found that those students, once they graduated, were in much better financial shape after having these topics addressed."

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Pritchard: "Don't we already have career in our consumerism in consumer classes in schools?"

Beiser: "Yes. This is... Consumer Ed's already being taught. We're asking that these topics be included, if they're not already, by the teachers."

Pritchard: "And you have evidence that these aren't being included or you're just want to be sure they're included?"

Beiser: "It's more of a just be sure."

Pritchard: "Well, it certainly could help and I certainly support the Sponsor's Bill."

Beiser: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Yes."

Sullivan: "Representative, I know we... we deal with Consumer Ed in high school... where you at? There. Wouldn't you consider this to be a curriculum mandate, then?"

Beiser: "Not if... Since Consumer Ed's already being taught, that's the curriculum. We're asking that these topics be included within that curriculum."

Sullivan: "Okay. So, the topics within your curriculum, you're mandating under this Bill."

Beiser: "We're asked that they be addressed."

Sullivan: "Okay. But if this Bill passes, are these folks... and signed into law... are these people that have these classes, this curriculum, are they going to have to teach these topic... topics?"

Beiser: "Yes."

Sullivan: "So, that would be a mandate?"

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Beiser: "You could look at it that way. I would look at it..."

Sullivan: "Well, should we bring out the Webster's Dictionary for mandate 'cause I think you just answered my question?"

Beiser: "I would... I would not argue with your interpretation."

Sullivan: "Well, thank you. To the Bill. Until the Members of the General Assembly and state officers are going to take this same class, I'm voting 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Beiser to close."

Beiser: "Yeah. I appreciate the feedback and the questions. I... Representative Costello just pointed out a good fact that last year was the first time that student loan debt was higher as a national... on a national basis than credit card debt. So, I think it just further points out the need to be instructed in these types of topics to the young people in high school. So, I'd ask for your '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 record yourself, Members. Mr. Jones. Please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 8 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill... Senate Bill 679, Representative Williams. Out of the record. House... Excuse me. House... I'll try one more time. Senate Bill 718, Mr. Rita. Mr. Rita. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 718, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rita."

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Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is the extension of the sunset of the Elevator Safety Act. It makes some cleanup changes. It just keeps it uniform. There's no opposition to the measure. And it just extends the licensing out for another 10 years."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, can you just elaborate a little bit on what the cleanup changes are, so we have a clean record."

Rita: "Just... just keeps it... just keeps it in line with the new Act, how we've been changing all the Acts for the department."

Sandack: "Okay. Well, my analysis says that this provides the office of the State Fire Marshal, rather than the Elevator Safety Review Board, shall authorize the issuance of elevator licenses. Do I have that right?"

Rita: "What was that again?"

Sandack: "I said my analysis has that a change that says that provides the office of the State Fire Marshal, rather than the Elevator Safety Review Board, shall authorize the issuance of elevator contractor licenses."

Rita: "Yes."

Sandack: "Okay. Is that a change..."

Rita: "Yes."

Sandack: "...from existing law? Okay. So, that's not just cleanup."

Rita: "That's part of some of the changes that... in putting it together."

Sandack: "Are there any other substantive changes in this Bill?"

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Rita: "Not that I'm aware of... for... no. Identical Bill that we passed, the House Bill that went nowhere."

Sandack: "There's no opposition, right?"

Rita: "No."

Sandack: "Thank you."

Rita: "No opposition."

Sandack: "I appreciate your candid answers."

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. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 721, Representative Mussman, who's standing and waiting. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 721, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Body. House Bill 721 actually... or Senate Bill, I'm sorry... is an initiative of the Department of Children and Family Services. It extends the due date on the report by the Illinois Children's Justice Task Force from March 1 of 2015 to January 31 of 2016. They're looking to update current procedures for investigating cases of child abuse and they really feel that they've not had adequate time to produce a thorough report and would simply like more time. I'm happy to answer any questions."

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

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Please take the record. There are 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Lilly."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Lilly: "Thank you. Today I'd like to acknowledge the NAACP State President George Mitchell, He's here with members of the NAACP and the President Teresa Haley, here in the back. They are around the campus..."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome."

Lilly: "...sharing their views of things we have to do on behalf of our communities."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Thank you for all your hard work. Mr. Riley in the Chair."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Scherer, for what reason do you rise?"

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to rise and introduce, again, Teresa Haley, she's the girl up there with the camera. She's our President of our local NAACP. And I would like to have another round of applause. She does a great job."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you so much for your work. We have Senate Bill 735, Representative Lou Lang. Read the Bill, please."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 735, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Leader Lang."



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Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, there was a court case some time ago that held that mortgagees must name a personal representative for a deceased mortgagor in certain foreclosure proceedings. This simply provides some exemptions. I know of no opposition. There was no opposition in committee. Ask for your support."

Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 735 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 115 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. Senate Bill 735, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Ford, for what reason do you rise?"

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a order of personal privilege."

Speaker Riley: "State your point."

Ford: "The House is honored to have a very special guest in the gallery today. And it is Congressman Davis's wife, Vera Davis. If we could give her a warm welcome. Vera Davis is in the gallery. Thank you for coming to Springfield and tell your husband thank you for all that he does."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you. Thank you so much for coming. Representative Lilly, for what reason do you rise?"

Lilly: "Point of personal privilege. I..."

Speaker Riley: "Make your point."

Lilly: "Thank you. I, too, stand to recognize the women of AKA. AKA is the first African-American sorority in our great country. And they had a mission to bring women together to

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make a difference in their communities and throughout our great state. And I, too, want to recognize the AKAs of the 78th District who are here. Ms. Vera Davis, who is the wife of our Congressman Danny K. Davis, Jackie Bright and Anna. Can we say welcome to the women of AKA making a difference in the 78th District? God bless you."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you very much. Thank you for coming to Springfield. Next, we have Senate Bill 749. Senate Bill 749, Representative Rita. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 749, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 749 is the extension of the Geologists Licensing Sunset Act, just extends it out 10 years."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Jack Franks."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Franks: "Thanks. Representative, how many professional geologists do we have in Illinois?"

Rita: "I have no idea. How many there are?"

Franks: "I am wondering too, 'cause I'm wondering why we're extending it. I can't imagine that there are that many. And can you tell me what a professional geologist does?"

Rita: "Did you say geologist?"

Franks: "I mean, I took it in college 'cause I thought it was going to be easy, but it wasn't."

Rita: "They do a lot of things."

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Franks: "For me it wasn't easy anyway. But I'm just wondering what we're licensing here?"

Rita: "You're licensing geologists."

Franks: "Okay. Okay. I just... I'm just wondering if it's necessary, that's all. I'm just, you know..."

Rita: "Well, it was an initiative of the department to make sure this got extended to the Department of Professional Regulation. So we regulate them. And so, it started in '95, when this Act come out and we're just going to extend it out another 10 more years."

Franks: "Okay. Well, I'll bother you later to find out how many we have and what they actually do. So, thank you."

Rita: "They study..."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "I'm going to address Representative Franks, real quick. I believe... oh, I'm sorry. I'm done."

Speaker Riley: "So, are you... are you addressing..."

Batinick: "I'm going to address..."

Speaker Riley: "...the Bill?"

Batinick: "I'm going to sit down."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you. There being no further debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 749 pass?' All those in favor say... I'm sorry. This is a record vote. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 116 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. Senate Bill 749, having received the Constitutional Majority,

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is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 809, Leader Durkin.  
Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 809, a Bill for an Act concerning  
criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
House. Senate Bill 809 amends the State's Attorneys Appellate  
Prosecutor's Act and it does a few things. It allows the  
State's Attorney of Cook County to designate a person to  
represent the state's attorney on the board of Governors of  
the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor. It  
permits the director of the state's attorney prosecutor to  
employ part-time investigators. It allows for the issuance of  
shields or other distinctive identification of employees and  
changes from 30 to 90 days the time period in which the office  
of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor board of  
Governors has to allocate county shares of their expenses to  
participating counties in proportion to population. I'm happy  
to answer any questions."

Speaker Riley: "There being no questions, the question is, 'Shall  
Senate Bill 809 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed  
vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have  
all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take  
the record. On this question, with 113 voting 'yea', 1 voting  
'nay', 0 voting 'present'. Senate Bill 809, having received  
the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed.  
Leader Leitch, for what reason do you rise?"

Leitch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did have a question on the  
last Bill that was passed. If I could ask the Gentleman now

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a question. Why in the world would we be giving people who are not peace officers means of identification in the course of their work? I find that to be..."

Speaker Riley: "A... a question... Leader Leitch a question is not in order. But you can make a statement."

Leitch: "I know it's not in order. I think it required some more scrutiny. I think, on the face of it, it sounds ludicrous, but there may be a good answer for it. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "Well, you know, there was... just to let you know, you got to press that button. No one had requested to ask any questions. Of course, you would have been recognized had... had you done so. Senate Bill 1298, Representative Costello. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1298, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Costello."

Costello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Body. Senate Bill 1298 establishes the Illinois Caregiver Advise, Record and Enable Act. It is agreed to language by AARP, the Illinois Hospital Association and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. It is identical to House Bill 2915 which passed this Body unanimously. I thank you. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1298 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. With 116 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. Senate Bill 1298, having received the

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1309, Representative Unes. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1309, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Unes."

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1309 simply clarifies the law to allow records from adult protective services dealing with abuse, neglect or exploitation of a senior or disabled be shared with a public guardian. This Bill passed the Senate unanimously. I know of no opposition. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1309 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 116 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. Senate Bill 1309, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1319, Representative Chapa LaVia. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1319, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Speaker, you look mighty fine today."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you. Flattery will get you everywhere."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Sir. Let's pass it. I don't need to talk. No, I will. It's actually the... an extremely omnibus Bill, if you will, but there are a lot of corrections that the State Board of Education does every year. That's the right word,

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isn't it? Omnibus, thank you, legal counsel. And I'll take any questions."

Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1319 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. With 114... On this question, with 114 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. Senate Bill 1319, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1374, Representative Kelly Burke. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1374, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Kelly Burke."

Burke, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1374 seeks to clarify that limited liability companies, as well as not-for-profits, are subject to the Common Interest Community Association Act. It has come to the attention of some of the advocates that developers are in... are organizing the initial community Act... the community associations as LLCs in order to get around having to comply with the Act. So, this would clarify that both LLCs and not-for-profits are subject to the Act. I know of no opponents. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1374 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 115 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. Senate Bill 1374, having received

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the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1498, Representative Fine. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1498, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. H... SB1498 is identical to HB2628 that passed unanimously off the House Floor. The goal of this Bill is to make sure there are enough trained health care professionals able to help their communities during a public health event, like giving vaccinations during a flu outbreak. What it does is it will allow that members of the volunteer medical reserve corps, these are doctors, nurses, and other health care providers, work with health care departments and have liability coverage."

Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1498 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 115 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. Senate Bill 1498, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1504, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1504, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is the initiative of the Illinois Optometric Association. It accomplishes three



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things: removes a provision in existing law allowing optometry residents to obtain a limited license, allows optometrists to give testimonials and permits optometrists to use the word 'hospital' or 'university' or 'school' provided that the location at which the optometrists actually practices is physically present at the hospital, school or university. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1504 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 113 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. Senate Bill 1504, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Members, we're moving to page 10, Senate Bills on Second Reading. Senate Bill 1354, Representative Gabel. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1354, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No..."

Speaker Riley: "Out... Out of the record. On page 9 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1249, Representative Gabel. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1249, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Gabel, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Gabel on Floor Amen... Amendment #1."

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Gabel: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment satisfies some concerns that DHS had. The Amendment clarifies that mental health system planning should include people with co-occurring mental illness. Appreciate the adoption."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Gabel moves that Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1249 be adopted. All those in favor vote... all those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Riley: "Third Reading. Representative Brown, for what reason do you rise?"

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representative Reis for the remainder of today."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you. The record will reflect that. Representative Mussman, for what reason do you rise?"

Mussman: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Riley: "Make your point."

Mussman: "So, it's just a reminder that tonight is the big night for the COWL Capitol Capers featuring Second City. So, meet us all over at the Springfield Hilton Hotel, cocktails at 6:00, performance begins at 7 on the dot. So, if you are in the show, make sure you are there ahead of time to try and rehearse in the backroom, as best we can. But otherwise, this is the hottest event going in Springfield tonight. Make sure you come out and support a good cause. Wait, what?"

Speaker Riley: "Thank you."

Mussman: "Oh, standing room only. Woo."

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Speaker Riley: "Representative Winger, for what reason do you rise?"

Winger: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Riley: "Make your point."

Winger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, here with me in the gallery, is Alderman Tony Catalano. I served with him in Wood Dale. And please help me give him a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you very much for coming to your Capitol. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 474, offered by Representative D'Amico. House Resolution 476, offered by Representative Lilly."

Speaker Riley: "Leader Mautino... Leader Mautino moves adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Body, just stand at ease for a few minute. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committee was canceled for this afternoon. Substance Abuse was canceled. Meeting at 3:00 is Revenue & Finance in Room C-1, Counties & Townships in 122, Personnel and Pensions in Room 114, Restorative Justice in 413 and the educational tax... task force will be meeting in Room 118."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you. And now, allowing for perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Mautino moves that the House stand in adjournment until Thursday, May 14, at the hour of 1 p.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House will

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stand in adjournment until Thursday, May 14, at the hour of  
1 p.m."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order.  
Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill  
1380, offered by Representative Yingling, a Bill for an Act  
concerning local government. First Reading of this Senate  
Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory  
Session will stand adjourned."