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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 July 15, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment 1 and 2 to House Bill 680, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4142; approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 3687; approved for consideration, referred to the Order of Concurrence is House Bill 3686; recommends be adopted, is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3686."

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

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most gracious and most sovereign and holy God, You are the God of power, the God of might, the God of wisdom, and the God of justice. Through Your authority is rightly administered, Your laws are enacted and Your judgment is decreed. Mighty God, assist us today with Your spirit of counsel and fortitude. God, may Your blessings be upon this august Assembly, the Speaker of this House and all of its Members. And God, may they always seek the ways of righteousness, may they always seek the ways of justice, the ways of mercy, the ways of being compassionate. God, I pray that they be enabled by Your power for protection in Your infinite wisdom to lead this great state with great strength

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and with honesty and with integrity. We ask this through Your precious Son's name, Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We should be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Riley."

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

Speaker Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Demmer, Ives, Leitch, Phillips, Sosnowski, Stewart, Sullivan, and Tryon are excused today."

Speaker Turner: "With 103 Members present, a quorum is established. Representative Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Butler: "I... I'm glad to see Leader Lang on the floor, who... who had a nice presentation last week about minions. And he does not know, but my nephew Kyle Welker, who lives in the great City of Chicago, is a mechanical engineer, a proud graduate of Purdue University, and he works for a company that makes Happy Meal toys. And so, Leader Lang, I have a few minions here today and I'd like to present one to you. And I have one of the vaunted WTF minions, so you know, with your concurrence, I would like to present you with the WTF minion. And thank you for the work that you've done for minions."

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Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. On page 4 of the Calendar, under House Bills on Second Reading, we have House Bill 680. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 680, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Bradley."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bradley for Floor Amendment #1."

Bradley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is identical to a Bill that we voted on seven or eight times. This is a real Bill. This is a real vote. This is real property tax relief. This is real property tax relief. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1... For a light we have, Representative Hays."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Hays: "Representative, so it is possible that this is ground that's been covered before?"

Bradley: "I... I can't hear you."

Hays: "I said, is it pos... you're suggesting that it's possible that we've covered this ground before?"

Bradley: "Yeah. We voted on this identical Bill which is identical to the Governor's language. This is a real Bill. It's a real Sponsor. It's a real vote. And it would offer real property tax relief."

Hays: "Now, do... do you anticipate a different outcome this time around, notwithstanding that some Members on both sides of the aisle are... are absent today? But have you... have you

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canvassed the... the Members? And... and you're bringing this again because you assume there's going to be a better outcome?"

Bradley: "I... I'm an optimist by nature. And with your Leadership, I think we can get this done."

Hays: "Have you, in your career, brought a Bill on eight occasions before the chamber?"

Bradley: "I don't know that I've brought one on eight occasions, but I've certainly had them lose worse than this one."

Hays: "The whole situation is looking ominously like a Cub fan deal. I mean..."

Bradley: "Hey, easy. Easy."

Hays: "I'm not suggesting..."

Bradley: "Easy."

Hays: "I'm not suggesting..."

Bradley: "Easy."

Hays: "...from your neck of the woods, you're a Cub fan."

Bradley: "Easy."

Hays: "I... I, in all seriousness, though, I mean, can you help me with the... the strategy of continuing to bring the same Bill repeatedly."

Bradley: "I want to get this done. I want property tax relief. It's a real Bill. It's a real vote. I hope at some point people change their minds."

Hays: "To the Bill. You know, all of our constituents are in this kind of an in-between situation. And when we... when we come back to Springfield, there's an expectation that the people's work will be undertaken. And unfortunately, again, when we... when we bring a notion that is really not even the idea of

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the Sponsor and then suggesting that somebody else supports this, and then running it again, and again, and again, and again, and again, I think this pours fuel on the fire that we are coming here to Springfield, not to do the people's work, but for some kind of political theater. And unfortunately, what I termed a clown show last week has been reinforced here today. So I find it unfortunate. The Sponsor is a serious Legislator. He has brought very serious matters repeatedly before this chamber that we are engaged in this repeatedly and... and for what may be a record eighth times. We'll have to have staff do some... some research on that. But I... I think it's entirely unfortunate that while the people that are here today are expecting the people's work to go forward, this is yet another example of theater that is fruitless, that is meaningless, and that, frankly, will result in us not getting any closer to what the people of the State of Illinois need. You know, we are kind of at this day where some state employees have been paid. We are probably headed towards the Appellate or the Supreme Court looking at the rest of the good people that work for the State of Illinois getting paid. We continue to talk about a revenue situation or... or, frankly, a spending plan that... that was sent to the Governor and largely vetoed that was \$4 billion... 4 billion with a 'b' out of balance. I think that in and of itself kind of highlights how disingenuous this entire process has been. You know, in my tenure, every year until this year, at minimum, there would have been a... an agreement on what the amount of money coming into the State of Illinois would be. That's largely been driven from this very chamber. In my tenure, every year until

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this year it would have been passed on a nearly unanimous basis on certainly a bipartisan basis. So here we are rounding the corner, middle of July, we still don't even have agreement on the money that can be appropriated from this chamber. So I think, unfortunately, going through this exercise, yet again this week, is unfortunate. I think it... it's illustrative in... in exhibit A to wasting more of the people's time, more of the people's resources, when they are desperate for this Body to move forward with serious discussion. And I think that's what we should do. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative DeLuca."

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates that he will."

DeLuca: "Representative Bradley, did you say this is the eighth time we're voting on this Amendment?"

Bradley: "I... I think it's seventh or eighth."

DeLuca: "Seventh. You know, I've supported it every time and I... I support the concept, but every time this issue comes up for a vote in the current form, it crea... it causes great concern for our units of local government, because as I've argued on the floor before, this Bill is incomplete. This concept is incomplete unless there's going to be some relief provided to our units of local government on these mandates that we impose on them. Has anyone suggested to you or have you thought yourself of maybe improving this Amendment so that it has an opportunity of passing?"

Bradley: "This is identical to the Governor's property tax relief plan which has been stated repeatedly as a condition of doing

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a budget. And so, I continue to offer it as an opportunity to move forward on all fronts."

DeLuca: "I didn't hear all that. I heard you say it's identical to the Governor's."

Bradley: "Correct."

DeLuca: "Well, that's okay. That's okay. We've... we've attempted it enough now that we can build off of the Governor's proposal. And I'd just like to make that suggestion that if we can improve this Amendment maybe it'll have a real chance of passing. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And a question of the Sponsor on the Amendment?"

Speaker Turner: "Indicates that he will yield."

Harris, D.: "This is the eighth time, right?"

Bradley: "Seven or..."

Harris, D.: "Seven or eight."

Bradley: "...seventh or eighth, I think. Yes."

Harris, D.: "Seven or eight with probably no... no prospect that it's going to... going to end up on a Bill that's going to pass, do you think?"

Bradley: "I... I don't know how people are going to vote today."

Harris, D.: "There is... and is Amendment 2 also... you expect to offer Amendment 2, as well."

Bradley: "It's my intention, yes."

Harris, D.: "Okay. Well, Ladies and... To the Amendment, Ladies and Gentlemen. I'm concerned that the distinguished chairman of the Revenue Committee is... is really somewhat demeaning the process here. The folks back in the districts, whether they're

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individual property taxpayers who are concerned about high property taxes, or whether they're units of local government, or school districts that have a concern about how does this impact a potential source of revenue that I need to fund my operations, at this point they're saying, you guys are silly. You folks down there are silly. We know that if there's any property tax change, freeze, whatever it may be, it's going to come as a result of some sort of compromise that's going to be reached between the Governor and the General Assembly. This individual Bill, in my estimation, it's not going to move. Vote how you want on this Amendment because, quite frankly, with all due respect to the Sponsor, it's not going to mean a whole heck of a lot at this point. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Thapedi."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Thapedi: "John, just want to get a little clarification about exactly what the budget impasse is. It's my understanding that the reason why that we've been coming down here for all of this time after the 30th of May was because, prior to enacting a budget, the Governor was requiring us to first look at aspects of his Turnaround Agenda. Is that accurate?"

Bradley: "That's correct."

Thapedi: "All right. Now, if it's my understanding.. if my understanding is correct, we just recently received a portion, if not all, of the Governor's Turnaround Agenda. So it's my understanding that the first component of the Governor's Turnaround Agenda is House Bill 4246, which deals with Tort reform. Is that accurate?"



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Bradley: "I... I don't know if that's the first part, but I know that's something that he's brought up."

Thapedi: "Well... well, I'm just saying as far as the component..."

Speaker Turner: "Just one moment, Representative. Thank you, Members. Can we please keep the noise level down in the chamber? There is a debate going on."

Thapedi: "I... I apologize, John. I was just trying to establish what are the components of the Governor's Turnaround Agenda that has led to this impasse? So, my question initially was... was it's my understanding that the Governor filed on July the 8th, a couple weeks ago, House Bill 4246 which dealt with Tort reform. Is that accurate?"

Bradley: "I'll take your word for that."

Thapedi: "All right. And then, he also filed on the same date... and again, he wasn't actually filing the Bill because, again, he's not a Member of the General Assembly. So he would have to encourage someone to sponsor this legislation on his behalf. So having said that, the next component is Turnaround Agenda, from my understanding, is House Bill 4247, which is essentially a antiunion collective bargaining prevailing wage Bill. Is that accurate?"

Bradley: "It sounds accurate."

Thapedi: "All right. And then, the next component to the Governor's Turnaround Agenda is House Bill 4248, which appears to be some type of worker's compensation reform legislation. Is that accurate?"

Bradley: "Again, I'll take your word, Representative."

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Thapedi: "All right. And then, he filed two separate Constitutional Amendments, HJRCA 41, which was term limits and HJRCA 42, which dealt with redistricting, correct?"

Bradley: "Yes."

Thapedi: "Okay. So, then, the next component that, it's my understanding to the Turnaround Agenda, is property tax reform, correct?"

Bradley: "Yes."

Thapedi: "And that's what we're doing here today is that we're knocking off at least one aspect of the Governor's Turnaround Agenda to try to relieve this impasse for the people of the State of Illinois. Am I accurate?"

Bradley: "Yes, in part. And also to provide real tax relief on a real Bill to the people of the State of Illinois."

Thapedi: "Understood. And... and that's one of the reasons why we're down here at an impasse because this is a component, referring to the tax relief that we've got up on the board right now, House Bill 680, to provide a certain component of the Governor's Turnaround Agenda so that we can relieve this impasse. Correct?"

Bradley: "Correct."

Thapedi: "So, I don't understand, what is the problem in having the entire Body supporting this particular piece of legislation. If this is a piece of legislation that's an inevitable... a vital component to the Turnaround Agenda, everybody on the left side of the aisle, of which I'm a Member, is voting for the Bill. Everybody on the right side of the aisle, for some reason, is not voting for the Bill. I'm perplexed. I'm perplexed. John, can you give me any

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insight as to why this is happening? Why are we being held captive by trying to vote and pass a component of the Turnaround Agenda?"

Bradley: "No."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Chair recognizes Representative Kay."

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates that he will."

Kay: "Representative, is it seven or eight times that we have considered this Bill?"

Bradley: "I think that's accurate."

Kay: "Have you been to the Great Wall of China?"

Bradley: "No, Sir."

Kay: "How about the Iron Curtain? That's no longer there, I guess, but..."

Bradley: "I don't believe so."

Kay: "You've never been there?"

Bradley: "No."

Kay: "How about the 23rd parallel? How about the 17th parallel?"

Bradley: "Where are you located?"

Kay: "Well, I'm in a district that makes some common sense and you're in a district that apparently doesn't."

Bradley: "What parallel are you on?"

Kay: "Well, I'm just... I... I guess..."

Bradley: "I'm just curious..."

Kay: "...when you... I know you..."

Bradley: "I want to orient myself."

Kay: "You're always curious, John."

Bradley: "I want to orient myself to where you're at."

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Kay: "Of course. And you're always welcome to come to southern Illinois because southern Illinois has some real common sense. They wouldn't bring this Bill back eight times."

Bradley: "I missed you at the All Star Ballpark last night in Marion. I didn't realize you were there."

Kay: "No, I... No, I was further south than Marion."

Bradley: "I didn't... I didn't see you there when I was watching my son play all-star baseball. Sorry."

Kay: "Well, congratulations to him. He's probably doing better than you. Now, it seems to me like you're trying to climb a hill that's just a little bit too high. Wouldn't you say so?"

Bradley: "I've been told that my whole life..."

Kay: "Well, I understand that."

Bradley: "...being from southern Illinois."

Kay: "And look where it got you. I guess, my point is if you want a walk piece that says, we didn't support a Bill 6 times, 7 times, 8 times, 9 times, 10 times, you got it. Why waste the time? Why waste, I guess, the reputation of this Body, if it has one left, doing this sort of silliness, Why?"

Bradley: "Let me back up here a minute. You can criticize me all you want, but don't criticize my district."

Kay: "I'm sorry?"

Bradley: "I live... you can criticize me all you want, but don't criticize my district. I live a hundred miles south of you, Dwight. And don't say that the people of my district don't have common sense or don't know what's going on. Now, if you didn't say that, then I misheard you and I apologize. But if you said that, you can take any shot you want to at me..."

Kay: "Okay."

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Bradley: "...but don't criticize the 110 thousand people..."

Kay: "No. I think what I..."

Bradley: "...that I represent."

Kay: "...I think what I said was that the people in my district have common sense, but if you took that the wrong way I understand. I..."

Bradley: "By implication, I didn't appreciate that. I don't take personal shots. We disagree on this. Give your speech, disagree on it. This is real reform, real tax relief."

Kay: "Okay. Well, let me just do this."

Bradley: "You don't agree with that."

Kay: "Let's... let's just say that there was a misunderstanding and I will apologize, but I still will tell you the people of the 112th have a lot of common sense and they wouldn't do this. Now, you can go ahead and respond, if you want to finish your comments."

Bradley: "I respect the people of your district."

Kay: "Thank you. I guess the comment I have for you, John, is I've heard about how many of the initiatives that you picked up that belong to Governor Rauner, not you personally, but other Representatives on your side of the aisle. And the truth of the matter is, all of the initiatives picked up, they didn't do better; they did worse. So let's not continue this charade, and that's exactly what it is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bradley to close."

Bradley: "This is real reform. It's a real Bill. It's a real Sponsor. It's a real vote. Vote 'aye'."

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 680. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Members, please record yourselves. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 39 voting 'yes', 23 voting 'no', 28 voting 'present', Floor Amendment #1 is adopted to House Bill 680. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Bradley."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bradley."

Bradley: "This is the second piece of the Governor's proposal regarding collective bargaining, prevailing wage, as Representative Harris had asked me previously if we would vote on it. Here it is. It's identical to the vote we had last week."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Sandack."

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates that he will yield."

Sandack: "Same set of questions, John."

Bradley: "Go... go ahead, if... if you need to finish chewing. Go ahead."

Sandack: "Thank you. What number attempt is this?"

Bradley: "I think this... this is as many as the other one, but I think this is half dozen, maybe."

Sandack: "And this is the one where you regularly recommend a 'no' vote."

Bradley: "Correct."

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Sandack: "Why are we doing this, seriously? I mean, are we going to, next week, do the same thing?"

Bradley: "I don't know. I'm going to... my intention would be, and my hope would be, to keep calling this until it breaks something loose for people start supporting it."

Sandack: "Well, the... the previous Bill actually... I think we actually... you're... you're losing votes by my recollection. Now, we could pull out eight or nine Roll Calls and compare them. And I don't know if this is actually gaining any steam. I would suggest, humbly, that this is actually kind of becoming a caricature of the process. It is, yeah, in and of itself, unfortunately, becoming a joke. So I would ask that you consider pulling this and then let's have a real... I mean, we're going to have a Committee of the Whole, which I'm sure will be every bit as genuine as the previous instances. Come on. We know this isn't going anywhere, John."

Bradley: "First of all, let me say, welcome to the Revenue Committee today. I appreciated your input there. You were very helpful..."

Sandack: "I enjoyed it."

Bradley: "...in the discussion of the investment managers and our issue at cost savings there. Secondly, sometimes it's darkest before the dawn. And even though this is losing, at some point, maybe this will be part of breaking this whole thing loose."

Sandack: "To the Gentleman's Amendment. I appreciate his comments in response and I... I will take him at his word that he's hopeful that this helps break the deadlock. I would humbly suggest that, unfortunately, none of us in this room right

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now have that ability and that this exercise is simply buying time. And I... ostensibly a show for those listening and watching at home that we're undertaking the people's work. I would suggest to them that this is not the people's work. It is an unfortunate use of our time, resources and energy in an endeavor that really means nothing. So, to my colleagues, you know, vote 'present', vote 'no', take a walk. This vote doesn't matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bradley to close."

Bradley: "This is part of compromise. So I present a Bill for a vote which I'm not going to vote for and I don't think we should support. But this is part of the Governor's Turnaround Agenda and part of what's been put forth as necessary to break the logjam loose. So this is a real vote on something the Governor considers to be real reform. I don't agree with it, but in the spirit of democracy, I believe that we should have a vote. I would vote 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 680. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Members, please record yourselves. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 1 voting 'yes', 66 voting 'no' and 20 voting 'present', Floor Amendment #2 fails. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans request an immediate caucus in Room 118 for half an hour."



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Speaker Turner: "The Republicans will caucus in Room 118. Democrats will caucus in Room 114, immediately. Thank you. House will recess 'til the call of the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Mr. Sandack, anticipating your next question, Sir... Are you going to let me just do it? Anticipating your next question, Sir, the House will be in Session next Tuesday, the 21st at noon for one day. Is that helpful to you?"

Sandack: "Wonderfully helpful. Thank you for anticipating my obvious question and I'm still waiting for the letter."

Speaker Lang: "I told you it's at my desk, Sir. In fact, I have it up here. Why don't you just come on up here?"

Sandack: "Wooo. That's kind of enticing."

Speaker Lang: "You ever been up here?"

Sandack: "Nope."

Speaker Lang: "Sorry. Chair recognizes Representative Cassidy."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Cassidy: "I want to introduce today my niece, Erica Collins, who is here with us. She's been living with us this summer, working on an internship. She's a senior at Florida State University, go Seminoles, and is serving her internship at the Resource Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. And she got a little more than she bargained for this year in this internship as she worked with families every day who are faced with the loss of services. So we thought perhaps letting her come and see us work on these issues firsthand could help enhance the experience of her internship and help her help those families a little bit more.

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So I just wanted to welcome Erica and thank you all for indulging me."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Welcome to the House. Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Gabel: "I would like to invite all my colleagues to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please join the parade downtown Chicago this Saturday, July 18. It starts at 11 and it ends at noon at the Daley Plaza where there will be a big celebration. I'd also like to recognize my friend Marca Bristo, CEO of Access Living, who was a major player in the passage of the ADA and it's helped so many people live full and active lives. So there were many barriers for people with disabilities that undermine their efforts to receive an education, become employed and be contributing members of society. By breaking down these barriers, the ADA enables society to benefit from the skills, talents and purchasing power of individuals with disabilities and leads to fuller, more productive lives for all Americans. So the ADA gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities similar to these provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. It guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, state, and local government services, and telecommunications. So, please join us on Saturday. It's a great opportunity to support the disability community. There

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will be people there from all over the Chicagoland area. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Bellock is recognized."

Bellock: "Oh. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to say thank you to Representative Gabel for making that presentation because it's so important, the 25th anniversary of the passing of the, Americans for Disability Act. And I don't think anybody really realizes how things have changed since then. And how much more we need to change. So thank you very much for bringing that out and I hope that as many people can be there as possible. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. The Chair recognizes the Majority Leader for a Motion."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of a subject matter hearing on the fiscal 2016 budget in accordance with guidelines that have been established by the Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "We're in the middle of a Motion, Representative."

Bellock: "Oh, okay. Sorry."

Speaker Lang: "We'll get back to you. You heard the Lady's Motion. Those in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. And the House hereby resolves into a Committee of the Whole."

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DO NOW ARISE

Speaker Lang: "We return to regular session. Chair recognizes Mr. Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Butler, Unes, McSweeney, Poe and David Harris are excused for the remainder of the evening."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Members, on Supplemental Calendar #1 under the Order of Concurrence, there appears House Bill 3686. Representative Wallace on a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1. Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you. This particular Bill is one that will create a veteran's discount card for the over 700 thousand veterans we have in the State of Illinois. The Concurrence Motion, it simply states that this will occur when the Department of Veterans' Affairs has the appropriate resources."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Arroyo, Davidsmeyer, Harris, Jones, Reis. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 87 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3686. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, House Bills-Second Reading, page 6 of the Calendar, House Bill 4142. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4142, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. The Bill was read for a second time on a

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previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie on the Amendment."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker and Members of the House. This would add appropriations, one month's worth of appropriations, for some of the programs we heard about today and some of the programs that many of the people on this floor, both on this and the other side of the aisle, have brought to our attention as programs that really do need and are worthy of funding for the month of July while we sort through a budget for the full fiscal year. The programs under consideration are the Lincoln's Challenge program, which we heard about today, breast and cervical cancer, drug assistance for victims of AIDS, domestic violence shelters, the autism project and its 19 individual centers, early intervention, homeless youth, and summer programs for teenagers, and young adults. I'd be happy to answer your questions. This, I think is important to all the people on this floor and, certainly, it's very important to the people who are the... those who benefit from these programs across the State of Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representative Reis for the rest of this evening."

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

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Lady yield for some questions?"

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

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Sandack: "Thank you. Leader Currie, how many votes are needed to pass your Amendment?"

Currie: "To adopt the Amendment?"

Sandack: "Right."

Currie: "The majority of those who are voting on the Amendment, Sir."

Sandack: "And then, if we were to vote on Third Reading, how many votes... well, whether it's today or next week or whenever, how many votes will be needed to pass..."

Currie: "Well, it..."

Sandack: "...this Bill?"

Currie: "Until January 1. It would take 71 votes."

Sandack: "Okay. So, obviously, because I think there's 86 people here right now, give or take one or two, I assume it's not your intention after the... the matter's adopted, assuming that it is, that you'll then turn and vote on Third Reading?"

Currie: "Representative, I fully expect 71 Members of this chamber to stand for what they talked about last week, people who said, on your side of the aisle as well as this side of the aisle, that these are critically important programs. In fact, I am sorry that Representative Demmer is not here today because he pointed out to the chamber how very important it was to cover programs like breast and cervical cancer screening and assistance, domestic violence shelters, the autism project, early intervention. He was not the only one on the Minority side of the aisle to speak to the importance of these... all of these programs."

Sandack: "Well, Leader, thank you for your..."

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Currie: "But he certainly was one of them. I can't imagine that on your side of the aisle there are not plenty of people who understand, especially having heard this testimony today, how critical these resources are to needy people across the State of Illinois, vulnerable people, people who are fragile who need our help."

Sandack: "So... and thank you for that expansive answer to my question. I think Representative Demmer, who's not here, along with about 30 other Representatives, mostly on your side absent, let me suggest that his representation about what was absent from last week's one-month temporary budget, now that you've put in, was still within the confines of a balanced budget. I think everyone in this room heard and saw compelling testimony from people about... about important programs, community programs that matter and we agree on that, Leader. But where I apparently we disagree is we want those paid under the confines of a balanced budget, something you maybe not understand..."

Currie: "Hey..."

Sandack: "...given the last 12 or so years of continually passing unbalanced budgets. So, let's agree..."

Currie: "How... how can it be unbalanced..."

Sandack: "...to get rid of the hyperbole."

Currie: "...to provide funding for one month for a limited set of services. How can you possibly call that unbalanced and by no means is?"

Sandack: "Well, I'm glad you asked that question."

Currie: "We're talking a one-month budget for funding really critical..."

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Sandack: "Because..."

Currie: "...state services."

Sandack: "I'm glad you asked that question. Did you happen to get today's memorandum from Director Nuding?"

Currie: "I didn't."

Sandack: "Well, because well..."

Currie: "I mean, maybe I'm not on his list."

Sandack: "Welcome to my world, Ma'am. I'm asking for things on your side I never get. So I'm happy to share with you, however... Here's the difference. I'm going to share with you Director Nuding's memo. The Governor's au... and it's dated toda... today, Representative. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget reviewed Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4142 and concludes this proposed one-month FY16 budget Bill puts the state on the same path to an unconstitutional and unbalanced budget as House Bill 4190 with Floor Amendment 1. House Bill 4142 with Floor Amendment 1 impacts four agencies and has an annualized GRF cost of 177.5 million. The... the Governor's Office of Management and Budget analysis assumes all programs would receive the same one-month funding level for each month in fiscal year 2016, except for the Youth Bill which assumes three months of funding. Therefore, House Bill 4142 with Floor Amendment 1 continues the one-month plan which will ultimately require an annualized expenditure... expenditure level of over 36 billion of GRF taxpayer resources in fiscal year 2016, leaving this plan an estimated 4 billion out of budget and, therefore, unconstitutional. So, Ma'am, same inquiry. I love the additional funding for important services and we Republicans, including Representative Demmer,



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who pointed out the infirmaries of your past one-month budget, wished to fund in the confines of a balanced budget. Ma'am, do you... are you against balanced budgets?"

Currie: "I... I would just have to say that I think that the Office of Management and Budget needs to go back and find a new green eyeshade and perhaps sharpen its pencils. Since that what we're talking about today is a limited spending plan in this Amendment, Amendment 1 to House Bill 4142, it is by no means funding all of State Government. It isn't even an algorithm that says that what this is, times 12, is what we've spent on that... those programs last year. So I just think that... let's talk a one-month budget. This is not meant to say we can extrapolate. I fully expect that there will be further discussions about a 12-month spending plan. And obviously, this 12-month spending plan may mean very different allocations across these and all the other programs in Illinois State Government."

Sandack: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, my... my friend to my right just handed the Clerk Mr. Nuding's letters. So for purposes of the record, it's been handed to the Clerk for purposes of record. We're not handing it to a parliamentarian. You now have on... on... you know, in the official record, Mr. Nuding's letter. To the Amendment, Ladies and Gentlemen. It... it is astonishing that we're continuing this process which is so wrong. We got to hear from some people today about some programs that are important to them, but instead of actually working on a balanced budget, we get a one-month temporary budget that has the same trick bag in it. It repeals, by its own terms, on August 1. We now know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, the

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Governor has no intention of signing this unbalanced, unconstitutional budget because it's unbalanced and unconstitutional. So nothing we're doing here right now is moving the needle in a meaningful way for our constituents. Our time could be so better used productively. This, unfortunately, is more of the same. I know we're coming down next week and I expect, unfortunately, we'll do continual, you know, fruitless, futile things rather than advance the peoples' cause. Vote 'no', vote 'present'. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Kay."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor's happy to yield, Sir."

Kay: "Thank you. Representative Currie, I'm... I guess to say the least, bitterly disappointed in this. We've had no budget because this Body hasn't done its job, and I think it's time that we do it. You can't do half a job and call it whole. That's kind of simple math. I... I think it's fair to say that the eyes of Illinois, and maybe the eyes of the nation, look and are looking, at this Assembly and what we do. And you know the reason why they're looking at us, not only the eyes of Illinois, but the eyes of this nation? It's because we're broke. Chicago, broke. Illinois, broke. Cities, broke. And that's after we had \$31 billion worth of tax increases. Where did it go? It paid for indebtedness. So you come to us today with a piece of the pie which we can't pay for. That's very interesting. Representative, I'd say to you, and I know everyone gets tired of hearing about business 'cause they don't like it, but I will just say to you today that you put

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three businessmen in a room that have responsibility or board of directors, and you'd have a budget with revenue and expenses. And what do we have today? Anything but. What are you going to do... what are you going to do about our pension obligations? Well, we don't know about that. What are we going to do about our past bills? Ah, we don't know about that, so here we go again. What are we going to do about the fact that we can't fully fund our schools? So there we go again. What are we going to do about our colleges and educating our kids at the secondary level? Well, there we go again. And on, and on, and on to the point that now we've not had a balanced budget since 2000, and the eyes of Illinois, and the eyes of the nation watch what we're doing. Because somebody, at some time, is going to have to pick up the tab for what's happened, if you will, the sins since 20... or, I'm sorry... since 2000, the sins of this Body. And I'm sorry, I'm not picking on you, you're just carrying the Bill. I understand that. But this is the wrong time to bring one-twelfth to the table with no revenue. I ask this Body to vote 'no'. Send the right message. Let's come back, and as I say, you put three responsible businessmen in a room and they'd have this done within three to five days and it would be right. It would be correct and it would be responsible. And that's exactly what we're elected to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Martwick."

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

Speaker Lang: "Leader yields."

Martwick: "Leader Currie, you know, I... I have a couple questions. Some of the things that have been said by our colleagues

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across the aisle, you know, they do... they do kind of hit home. And last week we talked about the words that we use and the way that we interpret them and I want to sort of continue on that discussion. Because, you know, we heard today that... that our colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to make sure that we provide these programs for these people. And they talk much about our unconstitutional budget that we passed and so I want to direct your attention, Leader, to 'cause... you know, I've been hearing this talk of this unconstitutional budget. So, Section 2, State Finance of the Illinois Constitution... Would you mind, Leader Currie, if I read that to you?"

Currie: "I'd be delighted."

Martwick: "Thank you. So, Sec... Section A... I mean, Section 2(a) says, the Governor shall prepare and submit to the General Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a state budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the estimated balance of funds available for appropriation at the beginning of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts and a plan for expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of every department, authority, public corporation, and quasi-public corporation of the state, every single college, and university, and every other public agency created by the state but not of units of local government or school districts. The budget shall also set forth the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of the state and such other information as may be required by law. But here's where it gets perport... important. Proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be available for the fiscal year as shown in the budget. Now,

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did you hear anything about the Legislature on that subsection? I heard..."

Currie: "I..."

Martwick: "...that was all about the Governor."

Currie: "That's what I heard. I heard it was about that businessman, our Chief Executive Officer."

Martwick: "Right, right. And I suppose if he's one of three, and I know he's hired some people, so I imagine there's more than just him in the room. I... I know that our DCEO director comes from a very strong business background. I'm sure there are others. But it says that the Governor shall propose a budget where proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be available for the fiscal year shown in the budget. Did that happen this year, Leader Currie?"

Currie: "No, it did not. In fact, I think most of us would agree that the Governor's proposed February budget was totally out of whack, totally out of balance."

Martwick: "So, you know, I... I'm wondering because it says that it's his responsibility to do this? And... and I'm wondering why. I mean, do you know what like... Jus... Just on our side, and I don't know exactly, I was kind of going through my head and names, what our total House Democratic budget staff... Do you know how many Members there are? Is it 4 or 5, about that?"

Currie: "Did you..."

Martwick: "Maybe Jessica would know. She's standing right... How many... how many total budget staffers do we have?"

Currie: "Staffers, you're asking?"

Martwick: "Yeah."

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Currie: "About 20... more than 20."

Martwick: "Okay. Do we know how many people are in the Governor's Office of Management and Budget?"

Currie: "We think approximately the same, but we don't have an actual number."

Martwick: "But he also has a budget director and a deputy budget director. He has heads of departments. Most of those departments also have their own people that work on their budgets. Like IDOT has their own budget..."

Currie: "Right."

Martwick: "...person and so..."

Currie: "Each agency."

Martwick: "And... and so... and it is his budget, so he has people that are intimately aware of the numbers and putting them together. And so maybe that's why in the Constitution that is... we're being told we're in violation of all the time, that they gave the Governor the responsibility of proposing a balanced budget."

Currie: "Yes."

Martwick: "And yet, he didn't."

Currie: "Correct."

Martwick: "Okay. Now, another thing that happened recently was that the Governor signed a portion of the budget. Did he not?"

Currie: "He did. He signed the Elementary and Secondary Education Budget."

Martwick: "And forgive me for repeating this line of questioning, but maybe some friends who repeated the same argument that we made last week, maybe they weren't listening. So maybe this time they'll listen. So in your knowledge and your vast hours

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down here, can... can something be anything other than constitutional or unconstitutional?"

Currie: "I... I don't think so. I think it's a little like either you're pregnant or you're not. You're not sort of."

Martwick: "So you can't be sort of constitutional?"

Currie: "I believe that would be a fair thing to say."

Martwick: "Kind of constitutional, a little bit constitutional. It either is or it isn't."

Currie: "Right."

Martwick: "And yet, he signed this portion of the budget. So if he signed it and it's now law, oh, how can it be unconstitutional?"

Currie: "Well, we... we could find out."

Martwick: "Yeah. I think it's... I think it's pretty rich to say that you get to choose what is constitutional and what is not constitutional. Because last I checked, those decisions were left to the Supreme Court."

Currie: "Right."

Martwick: "And I certainly think it's pretty hypocritical to sign a Bill, take the credit for increasing funding for education and then claim the rest of the process is against the law and illegal. To the Bill... or the Amendment. And I'm going to go back to something that I said last week. We're in a tough situation and I do believe that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, I do believe, that you want to fund these things has... that has been said. You want to provide these services for our most vulnerable citizens. And like you, I want to do it in a responsible fashion with an entire budget. But... and... and like you, I'm frustrated that we come down here

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week after week and we're unable to do it. I agree with you. I agree with you. But how can you say that you care about these services if you're not willing to do what it takes to provide for them? Yes, we have issues. Yes, we need to work on reforms. I will work with you on reforms, but we're not going to get that done in time. We need to straighten out this financial situation. And if we can't do it on a full basis, if you're not willing to talk about the steps necessary to provide funding for these programs, then either do it on a temporary basis so we can continue the talks or stand up and say... have the courage to say that we shouldn't provide funding for these services. That is a legitimate argument to make. I'm open to hearing it. I don't mind if you say we should not be in the business of caring for children with autism. I do not mind if you say that we shouldn't be in the business of providing relief for people who are victims of domestic violence. I'm okay with that. That is a legitimate discussion to have. I disagree with you, but don't say that you want to provide the service unless you're willing to do what it takes to provide the service. Until then, vote on this Amendment, provide the temporary relief and when you're ready to talk about what we actually should provide or what we shouldn't, we'll have that discussion."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Wheeler."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Wheeler, K.: "Leader Currie, great to see you. Last week when we were here I asked a question. I'm going... going to go on that same vein here for a moment. In following upon the previous



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speaker's discussion regarding the State Constitution, he stopped in Section 2 of State Finance with paragraph a. I would like to, if you would... would your indulgements, read paragraph b, it is much shorter. Here it goes as follows: The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the state, appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year. Leader Currie, have we adopted a revenue estimate for this fiscal year?"

Currie: "We did not as a Body. We did not. But as we didn't do as we some years do, but we haven't always done, we did not adopt a Resolution stating available revenues and likely expenditures."

Wheeler, K.: "Are you familiar with a portion of the COGFA Act as it pertains to the revenue estimate for the General Assembly?"

Currie: "Yes. I'm familiar with the responsibilities of the COGFA."

Wheeler, K.: "And the paragraph of Chapter 3, paragraph 344 that says, the House and Senate by joint Resolution shall adopt or modify such estimates as set forth by COGFA."

Currie: "I... I believe that's in the COGFA mission statement not our own. Is that right?"

Wheeler, K.: "I'm just looking at a piece of the... of our state statute here that..."

Currie: "Yeah."

Wheeler, K.: "...that begins with on the third Wednesday in March after the Session convenes that the commission shall issue a revised and updated set of revenue figures reflecting the latest available information. After which our responsibility,

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the House and Senate by Joint Resolution, shall adopt or modify such estimates as may be appropriate. I don't believe we have done that part of our job."

Currie: "I don't believe we did that this year. There's still, of course, time as we seem to be in continuous Session."

Wheeler, K.: "Could you give me some estimate or at... when we can anticipate addressing that issue since that is the pri..."

Currie: "How long we'll be here. Can I tell you how long we'll be here? Until cooler heads prevail, until grownups decide that it is time to settle our hash, until we figure out how to fund fiscal year 2016 for State of Illinois operations and programs."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Leader Currie, but my question really remains, the... the Constitution tells us that we have to fix our appropriations to that revenue estimate, but we haven't adopted a revenue estimate yet, which we should have done according to our state statute. I'm... I guess I'm confused as to why we don't address that first."

Currie: "I... I would just say that... that our revenue estimate is reflected in the budget we adopt. And at this point, we haven't finished the budget because we don't know whether there will be any... any change in the Governor's Vetoes. We do know he signed the Education Budget and, again, I don't know whether he thought when he signed it that that was within the balance that you seem to think is so very important. Perhaps we should ask him."

Wheeler, K.: "Well, I... I'm actually not as concerned about what happens on the second floor as what it concerns, you know, on the third floor here. Because our responsibility..."

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Currie: "Well, you know what, I'm concerned about both. And I think it's time for us to... to have a vote on Amendment 1 to House Bill 4142 and begin serious discussions about how to fund, how to finance, Illinois State Government for all of fiscal 2016."

Wheeler, K.: "That's fantastic but, I again, I just... I just... can you please give me an idea of when we will adopt a revenue estimate?"

Currie: "When... when we adopt budgets for full finished fiscal 2016 and I can't tell you when that's going to be. We seem to be in continuous Session and with luck it will not be July 1, 2016, itself."

Wheeler, K.: "Leader Currie, by... let's just go to the Amendment. At this point, we are being asked to, again, spend more money that we haven't adopted a revenue estimate for to show that we have coming in. My friends on the other side of the aisle have already put forth a spending plan in excess of \$36 billion. We don't have a revenue estimate yet. I think that's a reasonable approach for us to take since it's in state statute and it is part of our State Constitution. At this point, I again urge a 'no' vote until we have our House in order."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker and Members of the House. Wake up, smell the coffee, stopgap funding, one-month funding for a limited set of critical services. You heard the testimony today. You heard what happens to parents who have children with autism, who don't have the services, the support they need to make a go of it. You heard what's happening to

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the domestic violence programs across the state. Care, I hope you do. I think it does matter whether you care and how you show that you care. But all the talk, all the palaver about balance this, Resolution that, before you today, is stopgap, one-month, keep the lights on funding. It is by no means out of balance, by no means out of whack, but it did say... does say to the people who depend upon these programs, absolutely depend upon these programs, that we're willing to see you through while we figure out what needs to be done for the full fiscal year. Help the families, help the children, help the victims. Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's 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 yourselves, Members. Have... Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 55 voting 'yes' and 23 voting 'present'. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 642, offered by Representative Leitch. House Resolution 643, offered by Representative Butler. And House Resolution 644, offered by Representative Unes."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, pursuant to House Joint

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Resolution 85, the House is adjourned until Tuesday, July 21 at the hour of noon or until the call of the Speaker."

Clerk Bolin: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Messages from the Senate. A message from the Senate by Mr. Anderson, Secretary. Mr. Speaker, I'm directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has passed a Bill with the following title, the Veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, and the passage of which I'm instructed to ask the Concurrence of the House, to wit; Senate Bill 2031, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. I am further directed to transmit to the House of Representatives the following copy of the Governor's Veto message to the Senate. Passed by the Senate, July 15, 2015, by three-fifths vote. Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate. Like messages have been received for Senate Bill 2032, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations; Senate Bill 2034, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations; Senate Bill 2036, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations and Senate Bill 2037, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Committee Reports. Representative Golar, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on July 15, 2015: recommends be adopted House Resolution 572, House Resolution 609 and Senate Joint Resolution 21. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on July 15, 2015: recommends be adopted House Joint Resolution 88 and House Resolution 627. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges

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reports the following committee action taken on July 15, 2015: recommends be adopted House Resolution 548 and Senate Joint Resolution 12. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on July 15, 2015: recommends be adopted House Resolution 561. Representative Sims, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal Law reports the following committee action taken on July 15, 2015: recommends be adopted House Resolution 569. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 641, offered by Representative Lang. This Resolution is referred to the House Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."