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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 679, offered by Representative Williams, is referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 162, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 317, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 318, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2039, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2042, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on August 05, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 682 and Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4145."

Speaker Lang: "Good afternoon. The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Padget."

Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. Bless this House and all who serve here, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "You may keep that job. Be led in the Pledge today by Representative Ives."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Mr. Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that the following Members are excused today: Bellock, Fortner, Leitch, McAuliffe, Pritchard, Sommer, Sosnowski, Stewart, and Tryon. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. We have 100 even Members of the House present, and we do have a quorum. The Chair recognizes Mr. Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Please join me in wishing Representative Mary Flowers a happy birthday. She celebrated her birthday while we were away. Happy 21st birthday."

Speaker Lang: "Representative, we're happy to have you here, and we're ready for cake. Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Hernandez: "I just... I'm asking if all Latino Caucus Members meet in the back room. Just 10 minutes of your time. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "You didn't say when, Representative."

Hernandez: "Right now."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brown."

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

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Representative Hurley, for an introduction."

Hurley: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

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Hurley: "I'd like to introduce my intern from your Find Your Futures (sic-Kaleidoscope) campaign, La'Rie Suttle. She's here for the day. Give her a warm hand if you would."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. We're glad you're here with us today. Representative Willis."

Willis: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Willis: "I would bear indulgence of the floor and all Members. This past weekend in my district we had a tragedy take place, and I'd like to ask for a moment of silence, please."

Speaker Lang: "Members will rise."

Willis: "In Wood Dale, during their Prairie Fest, there was a microburst. Tragically, it hit a young man of 35, Mr. Steve Nincic and a... a father of two, who had been there at the fest with his children enjoying it. Tragically, the tent fell and hit him, and he was killed instantly. So I ask for a prayers in remembrance for his family, Nicole... his wife, Nicole, and his two young daughters, and the town of Wood Dale as they heal during this tragedy. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you, Representative. Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Harris, D.: "I had to leave early at the last Session and was not here for the Resolution, the Death Resolution, on behalf of former Representative Woods Bowman. And I just want it put into the record that I served with Woods Bowman. He was a creative, intelligent and bright Legislator. His... his death was a real tragedy the way that it occurred, and just wanted

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to put in the record that many of us who served with him will remember him for years to come. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Bourne: "Thank you. Today, in the gallery, we're joined by my cousin, who's up here to see what we do in Springfield, accompanied by our grandma. So I'd like to welcome them to the Capitol."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Up from where, Representative?"

Bourne: "Up from southern Sangamon County, Pawnee."

Speaker Lang: "Oh, you made it sound like up from Uruguay or something. Mr. Yingling."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Yingling: "As many of you know, a tornado touched down in my hometown of Grayslake on Sunday night and swept through the neighboring communities of Round Lake Park, Hainesville and Wildwood. Miraculously, no one was hurt, and although our early warning systems failed because the storm came on so quickly, but there was significant damage done. As I spent Monday and Tuesday visiting with those affected, what really stood out to me wasn't necessarily the damage to these communities, but the way the communities came together to... to help each other out on... in what could have been a moment of helplessness for so many. The strength of our community shown... came through, and I think that's an example we can all learn from. So I want to take a moment to thank everyone who came

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out to help... to help out with the... with the storm damage, and... and I think it really highlights what it means to be part of a community. I would like to ask everyone keep... keep those affected in your thoughts and prayers. They're going to have a... a difficult upcoming weeks and months. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on August 05, 2015: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 373. Representative Golar, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on August 05, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 800. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on August 05, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1054. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on August 05, 2015: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 372."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk... on Supplemental Calendar #1, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 373, Representative Wallace. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 373, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Page 4 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 682, Mr. Bradley. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 682, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 & 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Bradley."

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

Bradley: "This is the property tax proposal of the Governor. It's identical to the Governor's property tax proposal. We voted on it before. I would ask for an 'aye' vote on this Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the... Mr. Thapedi is recognized."

Thapedi: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Thapedi: "John, I... I've had a couple conversations with the Governor's Office, trying to get some clarification as to how this particular Bill differs from theirs. They insist that it's not the same thing. Could you please shed some light on how this Bill differs from what the Governor's proposal is, 'cause I'm thoroughly confused on this... on this topic?"

Bradley: "This is the property tax portion which is identical to the property tax portion. Amendment #2 is the collective bargaining/prevaling wage portion, which is identical to the prevailing wage and collective bargaining proposal of the Governor."

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Thapedi: "So... so again, this portion, this Amendment that deals with the property tax freeze component of the Turnaround Agenda, is exactly what the Governor is asking us to do and exactly what he's asking the Legislature to consider. Is that accurate?"

Bradley: "That portion, yes."

Thapedi: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Amendment. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I think we should all act in moderation. I don't think we should continually bring something up time and time again. I would think that's the definition of extreme. How about we actually address the budget, rather than come here and continue to tread water, waste time, and... and frankly, just continue to agitate the people of the State of Illinois? My colleagues, this is maybe the 10th, maybe the 20th... who knows? Maybe it's the 100th time that we've done this exercise in futility, and I would suggest the same vote is required of you. Vote 'present' or vote 'no'. This isn't the Governor's Bill. No. Don't vote 'no', vote 'present'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch. Mr. Welch does not care to speak. Mr. Bradley, do you wish to close?"

Bradley: "Identical to the property tax portion of the Governor's proposal. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote on this Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? One last time. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take

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the record. On this question, there are 37 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no', 26 voting 'present'. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Bradley and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley."

Bradley: "This is the prevailing wage/collective bargaining portion of the Governor's proposal. It is identical to that portion of that proposal. I do not support this."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there is 1 voting 'yes', 62 voting 'no', 16 voting 'present'. And the Amendment fails. Mr. Clerk."

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 672, offered by Representative Kelly Burke. House Resolution 673, offered by Representative Currie. House Resolution 674, offered by Representative Gabel. House Resolution 675, offered by Representative Gabel. House Resolution 676, offered by Representative Yingling. House Resolution 677, offered by Representative Butler. House Resolution 678, offered by Representative Dunkin. House Resolution 680, offered by Representative Moffitt. House Resolution 681, offered by Representative Dunkin. House Resolution 682, offered by Representative Costello. House Resolution 685, offered by

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Representative Meier. House Resolution 686, offered by Representative Scherer."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. The Chair recognizes Mr. Brown."

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

Speaker Lang: "Would that be immediately, Sir?"

Brown: "That's correct."

Speaker Lang: "Now?"

Brown: "Right now."

Speaker Lang: "The Republicans will caucus in Room 118 immediately. The Democrats will caucus in Room 114 immediately. That's immediately. And the House will be in recess 'til the call of the Chair. The... the House will be in order. Leader Currie moves that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for purpose of a subject matter hearing on the FY2016 budget in accordance with guidelines established by the Speaker. All those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. And the House hereby resolves into Committee of the Whole."

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DO NOW ARISE

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order in regular Session. On page 6 of the Calendar, under the Order of House Bills-Second

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Reading, appears House Bill 4145. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4145, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This Amendment deals with testimony that we heard today dealing with the needs of our youngest children, and also with our... our older population. It provides two months of funding, just two months of funding. This is not the full-year budget, just from July 1 to August 31. First, it would appropriate fifty-one and a half million federal dollars for the program that serves the needs of women, infants, and children. Second, it would appropriate nine million in federal funds and a little under two million in state funds for the senior program that we'd most recently have heard about. The program that doesn't just provide meals, but it provides extra pairs of eyes, extra pairs of hands, and helps the elderly in our communities have access to a quality life, as well as quality nutritional programs. I'd be happy to answer your questions. I think this is a great opportunity to do the right thing for our vulnerable, fragile populations."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

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Sandack: "Thank you. Leader, other than the Bill, the one Bill that went to the Governor, how many Amendments is this now two, you know, the one-month budgeting process? Which Amendment is this now?"

Currie: "Well, this... this is Amendment 1 to House Bill 4145. Were this Amendment to succeed, then I think the only thing in the Bill would be what I've just now described..."

Sandack: "Well, it..."

Currie: "...two months funding for the programs that serve women, infant, and children, and that serve the elderly through meals and other kinds of support."

Sandack: "...you're... you're aware that the Senate passed a Bill, basically passing through federal dollars, so that much, if not all, of what you have now on the board would be encompassed in that Senate Bill, yes?"

Currie: "Yes, except that there's some money in this proposal that is not included in the Senate Bill. Let me also remind you and the rest of the Members of the chamber that that Bill, although it has passed the Senate, has not yet passed the House."

Sandack: "Thank you for that reminder, but that Bill that had passed one of the... the chambers and will be here, and I assume we'll take it up next week, yes?"

Currie: "We'll find out next week. Stay tuned."

Sandack: "Right, right. Is it your intention, should this get the necessary votes to pass, will you be calling it on Third Reading today?"

Currie: "Yes."

Sandack: "Oh, okay."

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Currie: "Well, if... if it... yeah."

Sandack: "So we have the potential of having a... a Bill that actually is very different than what the Senate's bringing to us?"

Currie: "Frequently that happens, Representative. I don't see that there's a... a tension or a problem with different approaches, from different chambers, on different days."

Sandack: "No, I don't... I'm not necessarily saying there's a problem, but you know, obviously, we're in continuing Session, and there is a clear Bill which talks about not just these items, but all federal pass-through items as being now, essentially, legislated, and I understand the Governor has vocally given his support of that. So my guess is that this is a piecemeal approach, while the Senate's Bill, which has passed the Senate, is holistic. Isn't that the better way and the better process?"

Currie: "We already have hearings scheduled on the Senate Bill. You're invited to both of them. One will be next Monday in Chicago."

Sandack: "Thank you for that, but would you answer my question, please?"

Currie: "The other will be Tuesday here in Springfield."

Sandack: "Again, thank you for that."

Currie: "You're welcome."

Sandack: "Would you answer the question, please?"

Currie: "Well, I... I don't get the point of your question."

Sandack: "All right, 'cause you were answering something else, so perhaps your mind was elsewhere."

Currie: "Well, no, no..."

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Sandack: "What I asked you..."

Currie: "...you... you asked... you asked about different approaches.

I said we often have different approaches..."

Sandack: "...no, I didn't. I asked you... no, I didn't ask you about the different approaches. That was two questions removed.

What I asked you is, isn't it a better..."

Currie: "Two questions, twice removed, like... like relationships with cousins. Right. What was your question, Sir?"

Sandack: "I'd like to get to it, but I'm waiting for you to finish whatever you're saying. What... what I... what I asked, and what I'd like an answer to, was isn't it better process to address the Senate Bill, which is holistic, in as much as it addresses all federal pass-through dollars, rather than piecemealing it, which is what this Bill does?"

Currie: "Well, of course, so does the Senate Bill. The real point is that we do not have possession of the Senate Bill in the sense that we can act upon it today."

Sandack: "Thank you."

Currie: "Today, we are here. The Senate Bill hasn't yet had a chance to be read into the record, so we can't discuss it today. I think it's important for us to respond to what we heard, today, in this chamber from very vulnerable, needy populations that we can offer help to this very afternoon, if we..."

Sandack: "Wait a minute."

Currie: "...adopt Amendment 1."

Sandack: "We can offer them help today? Is that what you're saying, Representative?"

Currie: "We... we can do our..."

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Sandack: "We can give them relief today?"

Currie: "...our part. Representative, we can do our part to help them today."

Sandack: "Oh, okay. All right."

Currie: "And I invite you to help me help them."

Sandack: "To... to the... the Lady's Amendment. And we just actually got a... a glimpse of how disingenuous this process is. The idea that we can offer anyone relief today is folly. We know we can't. It takes two chambers to pass a Bill, and it goes to the Governor for signature. There is a Bill that's passed one of the chambers, and it will be here next week. And it is comprehensive and macro in scope in as much as it addresses all pass-through dollars, not a piecemeal Bill, which is what is on the board. The idea that this offers any real relief is absolutely disingenuous. It's not true. Vote 'present', vote 'no', and wait for the real Bill that comes here. The real Bill that offers citizens the programs that are... that we... that we administer from the Federal Government. That's the comprehensive Bill. This is not."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Is this Bill going to be voted on... do we know, is this Bill going to be voted on in... on Third Reading today?"

Speaker Lang: "The Chair doesn't have that information. That would be up to the Sponsor, Sir."

Harris, D.: "Well, my question then of the Sponsor, if I may?"

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

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Harris, D.: "It would... appropriate to debate this now, or debate it on Third Reading, if it's going to be..."

Currie: "I thought we'd go ahead and debate it now. Sometimes we don't, and I didn't ask for the opportunity to avoid debate on Second."

Harris, D.: "Okay, if I may then. To the Bill. So this... or to the Amendment. So this Amendment covers funding... some funding from other funds for the women and... women... the WIC program, women, infant, and children's program, as well as the senior meal program we... Meals on Wheels?"

Currie: "Yes. For the WIC program, all the dollars are federal. For the Meals on Wheels program, the bulk are federal, but there also are some state funds."

Harris, D.: "Right. And last week we did epil... epilepsy treatment services and Workforce Investment Act. We did that in that..."

Currie: "Correct."

Harris, D.: "...Amendment last week. And I think the week before that, didn't we do county fairs, and horse racing, and Immigrant working centers... Welcoming Centers, and Immigrant immigration services... Integration Services, and the Office of Energy Assistance. Did we do that the week before that?"

Currie: "Right."

Harris, D.: "Right. And the week before that, we did... I think we did Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening, and Domestic Violence Shelters, and the Autism Program, the Early Intervention Program, and the Homeless Youth Services, and a number of others as well. Is that... is that correct?"

Currie: "I... I think Lincoln's Challenge was also covered in that."

Harris, D.: "And Lincoln's Challenge was in there."

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Currie: "Yep."

Harris, D.: "So we are selectively choosing what we are funding on a... on a week-by-week basis?"

Currie: "We are responding to the fact that while we adopted a one-month budget that covered everything, we did it without your support. And the Governor, as I understand it, didn't act on that budget. It has now become moot. So in response to the issues that were raised frequently by Members of your caucus on this House Floor, we have adopted a different approach, one that we are hopeful will command your support."

Harris, D.: "Why... why don't, as a change, we just do a... it might come as a surprise, a 12-month budget?"

Currie: "We tried that, and we sent it to the Governor, and he vetoed portions of it. Not, of course, the education budget, which I, myself, was quite pleased to support."

Harris, D.: "And why couldn't... if... if we're doing it on a piecemeal basis, let's do a... a budget once again on a... on a full fiscal year."

Currie: "And when we do that, Representative, can I count on your 'aye' vote?"

Harris, D.: "Well, I will tell you that you might be able to count on my 'aye' vote, depending on what's in the Bill."

Currie: "Oh, phooey."

Harris, D.: "And you know, if... if I may, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it... it is said that we're in this impasse, because... because the Governor wants certain policy changes before he will consider other revenue issues. And those policy changes are being labeled as extreme, that they shouldn't... they shouldn't be mixed in with the budget. Anyone who has been in

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this chamber, or involved with the legislative process, to say that everything other than numbers are extraneous to the budget proj... process doesn't understand the legislative process. I mean, there is clearly compromise on lots of issues. Can any of my friends on the other side of the aisle say that Illinois is in a better position now than they were 12 years ago... than we were 12 years ago? I don't think so. So maybe the Governor's on to something. Maybe we ought to have some policy changes. You know, when did we enact the Illinois Labor... the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act? I think it was around 1985, and... and guess what? There have been, except for the Chicago Public Schools, virtually no changes to labor relations in this state in 30 years. Maybe it makes sense to have some changes on labor relations, which is the kinds of things that the Governor is talking about. So yeah, to answer your question, Representative, come up with a budget Bill, and... and indeed, I might be able to vote for that budget Bill, which might even include, dare I say it, dare I say it, revenue. I might be able to do that, but I think it's fair to ask that there be some policy changes that are incorporated as part of those negotiations. So rather than do one by one, week by week, pick... pick those items which we/you think, the Majority Party thinks, ought to be funded on a... on a basis, let's somehow break the logjam, say we each have to come to the middle, and let's get ourselves a 12 ye... a 12-month budget. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie, to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd love to have a 12-month budget, one that could pass and be signed by the Governor, but I don't

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think selling out values that are important to middle-class families in the State of Illinois is the best approach. There's been some discussion of piecemeal versus doing the whole thing, and I certainly appreciate the most recent speaker's suggestion that we try, again, the 12-month approach. I, myself, will take that suggestion under advisement, but I would also remind the chamber... Members of the chamber that the Bill that is on its way to us from the Senate is by no means comprehensive. It's a piecemeal approach. It says let's deal with some, not all, let us deal with some federal funding for some important programs. Doesn't mean it's a bad idea, but the idea that Amendment 1 to House Bill 4145 isn't good enough, because it doesn't do the whole shebang, certainly applies to the Bill that is on its way to us from the Senate. You heard the testimony today, compelling testimony, from people who are helping children, babies, toddlers in need, desperate need of help, from seniors who need some way to stay healthy and well at home. I urge your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Last time. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 56 voting 'yes', and 23 voting 'present'. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Representative Kifowit is recognized."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Speaker. A matter of personal privilege."

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Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Kifowit: "Thank you. I... in sitting here, we've had a long summer, it's been very stressed, and I just want to appreciate the professionalism of the discourse from my distinguished, veteran colleague that he just gave. I... I appreciate his facts. I appreciate his demeanor and his respect for the process, and the dialogue that went on in that last Bill. And I just wanted to point out how much I think professional discourse means so much more than some of the non-professional discourse that we have seen recently. And I appreciate you for allowing me to take the time to express my appreciation for thoughtful and very well-done debate. Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Wehrli."

Wehrli: "Personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Wehrli: "So on Monday, one of our colleagues celebrated a birthday. And this Member is often still carded when he goes out, and even though he's been a two-term Member of this august Body. Representative Demmer, happy birthday."

Speaker Lang: "You want to tell us your age now, Sir? No. Page 4 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 800, Representative Conroy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 800, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Conroy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Conroy."

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Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. This Bill is a trailer Bill to House Bill 4025, which was our civics legislation. This simply clarifies the effective date for this legislation, which is going to apply to incoming freshman students as of the beginning of the 2016-17 school year."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 800, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "And again, this just clarifies the effective date for our civics education."

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. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 87 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 5 of the Calendar, there appears House Bill 1054, Mr. D'Amico. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1054, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative D'Amico, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. D'Amico."

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D'Amico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Amendment 1 to House Bill 1054 is merely clean-up language that would bring Senate Bill 627 in compliance with Federal Law."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1054, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Amendment 1 to House Bill 1054 is merely clean-up language that would bring Senate Bill 627 into compliance with Federal Law."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Unes."

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, we had discussion in committee this morning on this Bill, and I think everyone would agree this language is needed, but there was a little bit of discrepancy in the actual verbiage itself that I know IDOT had some problems with. So we discussed that this would probably be cleaned up in the Senate, and we will see this again here. Is that correct?"

D'Amico: "Yes. That's what they said, and now... and... and IDOT did not oppose this Bill either, though."

Unes: "Very good. So we'll probably see this Bill on Concurrence."

D'Amico: "Most likely, yes."

Unes: "Thank you."

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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. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting 'yes', 23 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 11 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, House Joint Resolution 88, Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris. Out of the record. House Resolution 241, Representative Gordon-Booth. Representative Gordon-Booth. Out of the record. House Resolution 572, Mr. Mitchell. Please proceed, Sir."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This is a Bill asking the Illinois State Board of Education to study the efficacy of doing a cap on the number of standardized tests, combined state and district testing burden, here in the State of Illinois. This is an issue that's been brought to light in various capacities, one I've been interested in in a long time. Representative Guzzardi had a Bill dealing with this, or a version of this, earlier in the year on opt-out. I think this is potentially a more comprehensive solution, and one that asks ISBE to use its considerable resources to help us figure out what number makes the most sense. I want to thank Leader Sandack for his leadership on this issue as well. I welcome any questions, and would ask for the adoption of the Resolution."

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

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adopted. House Resolution 609, Mr. Evans. Please proceed, Sir."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 609, I was just giving an opportunity for the students in my community to communicate with us directly. And when we talk about referendums and we talk about getting input, I wanted my students in my community to feel empowered, and to have an opportunity to tell us what their priorities are. The priorities are listed within the Resolution. I'll be presenting it, either with the principal or one of our students, to the Governor, and hopefully we can use ideas like this. Please, if you are inspired by or reach out to either the students in your community, let them speak, and let's continue to encourage civic responsibility and civic involvement."

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

Speaker Riley: "Next, we have House Resolution 641. House Resolution 641, Leader Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, this Resolution congratulates Vision 20/20 on its work, particularly, in the area of technology. There are many cosponsors on both sides of the aisle. I ask your support."

Speaker Riley: "House Resolution 641 needs a Roll Call vote. Therefore, 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 measure, with 92 voting 'yea', 0 voting

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'nay', and 0 voting 'present', House Resolution 641 is hereby declared passed. Senate Joint Resolution 12, Representative Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Joint Resolution 12 designates Route 133, as it passes through Douglas County, as the Ghere Brothers Memorial Highway. The Ghere brothers, all five (sic-seven) of the brothers, actually, served overseas during World War II in the foreign theatre on active duty. So it honors their memory. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "All those in favor of Senate Joint Resolution 12 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 94 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present', House Joint Resolution 12 is hereby declared passed. I'm sorry, that was Senate Joint Resolution 12. Representative Zalewski, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Riley: "Make your point."

Zalewski: "While we're in ease here, I've been asked by former Member Lyons to let everyone know that this year's White Sox Caucus event is sold out for Monday night. So we look to see... we hope to see everybody at White Sox Caucus. Thank you for the support. It's been a rough year. We thought we had some momentum, but it's not looking good these days. So, thanks. We'll... we'll try to turn it around again on Monday the 10th. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Riley: "You're welcome. Important information. Mr. Clerk, please read House Resolution 191."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 191, offered by Representative Wallace.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 on August 6, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State of Illinois honors all of the individuals and organizations that helped fight for and pass this legislation, as well as the memories of those who died in peaceful protests for their right to vote."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Winnebago, Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. As the Clerk stated, we rise today in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, which was signed into law by President Johnson on August 6, 1965. Many of us do understand the history of our nation and even though... even though, following the Civil War, enslaved individuals were granted their freedom, and during the 14th and 15th Amendments, they were granted particular rights: equal protection under the law and the right to vote. However, for another almost 100 years, the right to vote eluded individuals of African descent in this country. And so, I think that it's very important that we would always understand our history, and that we always understand that citizens in our nation should have and hold the right to vote as a precious right, an unalienable right. And we, as legislators, should always work to protect that right. So, thank you. I would also like to add that everyone in this chamber be listed as cosponsors to this Resolution, and again, thank you for

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the recognition of this important and monment... monumental moment in history."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you, Representative Wallace. House Resolution 191 has been approved previously. Announcement for the next time we meet for Session. Next Tuesday at 4 p.m., Session will convene. Next Tuesday at 4 p.m. And next Wednesday at 11 a.m. Next Wednesday at 11 a.m. So we will reconvene in Session next Tuesday at 4 p.m. and next Wednesday at 11 a.m. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, pursuant to House Joint Resolution 85, the House will adjourn until Wednesday, August 11 at the hour of 4 p.m., or until the call of the Speaker. Tuesday, or the call of the Speaker. Have a safe trip."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4261, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4262, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4263, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4264, offered by Representative Hurley, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4265, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4266, offered by Representative Breen, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4267, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 671, offered by Representative Ives. House Resolution 683, offered by Representative DeLuca.

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House Resolution 684, offered by Representative Hurley. House Resolution 687, offered by Representative Bradley. These are to be referred to the Rules Committee. A letter from Secretary of State Jesse White, dated August 05, 2015. To the Honorable Speaker of the House, in compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewithin the enclosed House Bill from the 99th General Assembly, as vetoed by the Governor, together with his objections. House Bill 2915. Respectively signed, Jesse White, Secretary of State. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."