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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 October 19, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 686, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4155, Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 567."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Tim McCormick who is a minister from Kingdom Authority Ministries International in Sherman, Illinois. Pastor McCormick is the guest of Representative Butler. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor McCormick."

Pastor McCormick: "Good morning and thank you for welcoming me... welcoming me back again. Let us pray. Father, I come to you this morning in the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And I set my face toward You, Oh Lord, God to make repair... request by prayers and supplications and fasting. And today, I pray, Oh Lord, my God, and make confession and say that You are the great and awesome God who keeps Your covenant in mercy with those who love You and those who keep Your Commandments. And we, the people of Illinois, Lord, have sinned and we have committed inequity and we have done wickedly and rebelled even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgements. Neither have we needed Your servants, the Prophets, who've spoken Your name to our Leaders, our fathers and all the people of this great state. Oh Lord, righteousness belongs to

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You, but to us shame of face as it is to this day the people of Illinois, those near and far in all the places to which You have driven them because of the unfaithfulness which we have committed against You. Oh Lord, today, the long shame of face to our Leaders, our fathers, our people because we have sinned against Your holy name. To the Lord, our God, belongs mercy and forgiveness though we have rebelled against Him. We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord, our God, to walk in His laws which He has set before us by His servants, the Prophets. Yes, all of Illinois has transgressed Your law and has departed so as to not obey Your voice. Therefore, the curse in the Ob written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, has been put out upon us because we have sinned against You. And You have confirmed Your words, Oh Lord, which You spoke against us and against those who have judged us by bringing upon us such a great disaster for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done in this state, Lord. As it is written in Your law, all this disaster has come upon us and yet we have not made our prayer before the Lord, our God, that we might turn from our inequities and understand Your truth. Therefore, Lord, You have kept this disaster in mind and have brought it upon us, for the Lord, our God is righteous in all the works which He does though we have not obeyed His voice. And now, Oh Lord, our God, who brought this people out of bondage with a mighty hand and made a name for Yourself. As it is to this day, Lord, we confess that we have sinned and departed from Your ways and done wickedly, Lord. Lord, according to Your righteousness, I pray let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from

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Illinois, Your holy people, Your holy mountain because for our sins and the inequity of our fathers, Illinois and all of its people have become a reproach to those all around us. Now, therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant and my supplications for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine upon Your sanctuary which is desolate. Oh Lord, my God, inclined Your ear and hear, open Your eyes and see our desolations in the state which is called by Your name for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous needs but because of Your great mercies. Oh Lord, hear. Oh Lord, forgive us. Oh Lord, listen and act. Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for this people and the State of Illinois who are called by Your name. Father, we supplicate today asking that You would show up and that you would begin to reestablish the righteous foundations in this state and we thank You for it. In Jesus' name."

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

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

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

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the record reflect the absence of Representative Christine Winger, and it's excused, please?"

Speaker Lang: "That's it, Sir?"

Sandack: "That's it."

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Speaker Lang: "Uno? Thank you. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 114 present, the House does have a quorum. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Crespo, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on October 20, 2015: recommends be adopted House Joint Resolution 101. Representative Robert Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses reports the following committee action taken on October 20, 2015: do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 1369. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on October 20, 2015: do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 870; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1381. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil Law reports the following committee action taken on October 20, 2015: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1447; and do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 155. Representative Dan Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on October 20, 2015: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 4305, Senate Bill 377 and Senate Bill 1380. Representative Phelps, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on October 20, 2015: do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 26. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges

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reports the following committee action taken on October 20, 2015: recommends be adopted House Joint Resolution 98. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 787, offered by Representative Phelps. House Resolution 788, offered by Representative Sims. House Resolution 796, offered by Representative Batinick. House Resolution 797, offered by Representative Gabel. House Resolution 799, offered by Representative McDermed. House Resolution 805, offered by Speaker Madigan. House Resolution 808, offered by Representative McDermed. House Resolution 816, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 817, offered by Representative Batinick. House Resolution 821, offered by Representative Stewart. House Joint Resolution 99, offered by Representative Hays. These Resolutions are referred to the Rules Committee."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 786, offered by Representative Ives. House Resolution 789, offered by Representative Evans. House Resolution 790, offered by Representative Kifowit. House Resolution 791, offered by Representative Kifowit. House Resolution 792, offered by Representative Kifowit. House Resolution 793, offered by Representative Scherer. House Resolution 794, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 795, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 798, offered by Representative Moffitt. House Resolution 800, offered by Representative Evans. House Resolution 801, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 802, offered by

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Representative Jesiel. House Resolution 803, offered by
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Representative Acevedo. House Resolution 806, offered by
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Representative Hoffman. House Resolution 810, offered by
Representative Greg Harris. House Resolution 811, offered by
Representative Will Davis. House Resolution 813, offered by
Representative Crespo. House Resolution 814, offered by
Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 815, offered by
Representative Nekritz. House Resolution 818, offered by
Representative Winger. House Resolution 819, offered by
Representative Phelps. House Resolution 820, offered by
Representative Brady. House Resolution 822, offered by
Representative Meier. And House Resolution 823 offered by
Representative Will Davis."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Agreed Resolutions... Excuse me. 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. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on October 20, 2015: recommends be adopted and referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #1 to House Joint Resolution 101."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brown is recognized."

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

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brown, do you think you can keep that caucus down to 30 minutes?"

Brown: "Negative."

Speaker Lang: "Forty minutes?"

Brown: "Potentially."

Speaker Lang: "Okay. So we'll try somewhere between 30 and 40 minutes. The Republicans will caucus immediately in Room 118. The Democrats will caucus immediately in Room 114. The House will be in recess 'til the call of the Chair. Walk quickly. The House will come to order. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 35, offered by Speaker Madigan, is referred to the Rules Committee. Committee Reports. Representative John Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on October 20, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1488 and Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1596."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "The Rules Committee will meet immediately."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on October 20, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the Order of Resolutions is Senate Joint Resolution #35."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes Mr. Zalewski with an introduction."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have, on the floor with us today, former Illini and Utah Jazz star, Dee Brown. He comes

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to us by virtue of the University of Illinois. They're here to fight for some of the higher education funding. As an Illini grad, an Illini fan who grew up watching the '05 team, this guy means an awful lot to me on a personal level. Members have come over and expressed their well wishes, but if the House could just take a moment and welcome, again, former Illini star, former NBA star, Dee Brown to the House of Representatives."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House chamber. Supplemental Calendar #1, House Bills-Second Reading, House Bill 4305, Mr. Moylan. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4305, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bills-Second Reading. Senate Bill 26, Representative Sente. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 26, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 155, Mr. Turner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 155, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 377, Mr. Hoffman. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 377, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 870, Mr. DeLuca. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 870, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1369, Mr. Rita. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1369, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1380, Representative Gordon-Booth. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1380, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. A balanced budget, fiscal note and housing note have been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Senate Bill 1447, Mr. Moylan. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1447, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Members will be in their chairs. Staff will retire to the rear of the chamber, please. Members will be in their chairs. Staff will retire to the rear of the chamber. Supplemental Calendar #2, Order of Resolutions, Senate Joint Resolution 35. The Chair recognizes Speaker Madigan."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this Resolution is concerned with the appointment of Frank Mautino as the Auditor General. And before we begin, I would like to introduce some of the members of the Mautino family who have joined us in the Speaker's Gallery. First, Frank's mother, Joan. Joan, I hope you're there. Frank's wife, Lena. Frank's sister, Julia. Frank's brother, Rich. Frank's daughter, Luciana and Frank's two sons, Peter and James. House Resolution 100 would provide for the appointment of Frank Mautino as the third Auditor General of Illinois and the first Member of the General Assembly to hold this position. The office of Auditor General was created by the Constitution of 1970. It's an office of the Legislature. The occupant of the office is selected by the Legislature without any involvements of the Executive Department. The office serves as a check and balance on all three branches of the government including... including the Legislature. Bill Holland has served as our Auditor General for the last 23 years. I want to compliment and commend Bill for an excellent performance as the Auditor General, always providing independent evaluation and oversight of State Government. I first met Frank Mautino at the funeral of his father, Dick in 1991. Frank was not as poised then as he is now, but under great stress, he delivered

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a beautiful eulogy of the father that he loved so much. Later, Frank was appointed to replace his father, Dick, as the local State Representative. Frank has now served in the House of Representatives for 25 years. During those 25 years he has participated in bipartisan negotiations on issues such as unemployment insurance, fire arm owner rights, business expansion permitting. As the chairman of the House Insurance Committee, Frank negotiated the implementation of the Federal Oxley-Sarbanes Act which provided financial regulatory modernization for insurance and securities in Illinois. As a Member of the Appropriations and Revenue Committees, Frank developed budgets for the state. He carried and passed the legislation to fund the Auditor General's Office. He carried and passed the legislation funding the transfer Bill which allows for the conduct of audits within the agency for the past 10 years. As a Member of the Revenue Committee, the Appropriations Committee and the Economic & Fiscal Commission, Frank developed a profound understanding of the complexity of State Government, budget management and interagency operations. Frank has served for 18 years as a member of the Legislative Audit Commission, 12 of those years as the chairman. During those 18 years on the Audit Commission, Frank worked with four different Governors; some Democrat, some Republican. During those 18 years, the Commission reviewed and interpreted over two thousand audits resulting in more than eight thousand findings. As the chair of the Audit Commission, Frank authorized and approved the audits which were used in the investigation and the eventual impeachment of former Governor Rod Blagojevich. And as

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chairman of the Commission, he defended the Auditor General against attempts by Governor Blagojevich to usurp the power of Article 8, Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution and the Illinois State Auditing Act. For the foregoing reasons and based on my personal experience with Frank as a Member of the House where he has consistently and always demonstrated intelligence, perseverance, integrity and honesty, I strongly recommend the adoption of House Resolution 100 and I move for its adoption."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reis on the Resolution."

Reis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Joint Resolution and thank you to the Speaker for carrying this Bill. I thought it was going to be House Joint Resolution 100, but the Senate took action before we did. I also want to thank Auditor General Bill Holland for his 23 years of bipartisan, fair and thorough work as the Auditor General, and just in my 11 years here in the House, I've seen how effective he's been regardless of the Party. During the Blagojevich years they were very, very thorough in putting together some bad audits of the Governor regardless of Party lines. So he should be commended for his long service to the State of Illinois. As a Member of the subcommittee of the Legislative Audit Commission, there was one Member from each caucus, we began the search this summer, nationwide search, for the next Auditor General. We had applications from North Carolina to California and everything in-between. We went through those applications. We did phone interviews with many of those, especially, the out-of-towners. We were very thorough in getting a basic understanding of their leadership qualities, their management

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experience, their auditing experience and their knowledge of State Government. I also want to thank Jane Strickland for her help in putting together the application process, the grid that we used to evaluate them up front and for guiding us through that process. We had a couple days of Session here a few weeks ago where we brought in seven individuals of the people that applied to do face to face interviews, and there were tough questions asked. As a group, we hoped to trim that down to three or four members, which we did, to think about and move forward with, and I want to say the four people that we recommended or we were really thinking about all could handle the job of Auditor General. All four of them. They all had strengths that were very impressive, but we were looking for that one person to recommend, and I think Frank rose to the top because of all his years of experience on the Audit Commission, 23 years. He understands what goes on and what the duties the Auditor General did. He had a very close working relationship with the staff as well as Auditor General, Bill Holland. He has management skills. He has a basic understanding of the duties of the office and a very good, comprehensive understanding of State Government. And I use the example of the audit when it was being conducted on the neighborhood initiative... Neighborhood Recovery Initiative. It took a good Auditor General to get in there and find out what was going on with all of those groups, and we can make recommendations as well going forward, as the General Assembly, on how to fix those. So with that, I am honored to put my name on the Resolution and recommend Leader Mautino for the next Auditor General. I think he brings

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integrity, transparency, bipartisanship and a commitment to being a very good Auditor General. And I encourage everyone to support Frank's approval for this. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Resolution. As a cochair of the Legislative Audit Commission, as it was just stated, we went through numerous applications, résumés, interviews, and there's one thing that stuck out with Frank Mautino; his unique qualifications for this position and the knowledge of State Government as we move forward. We did this on a bipartisan approach as we went through each interview, each application. As we came to the conclusion, one of the duties of the Audit Commission is to make a recommendation to this Body. And we recommended on a bipartisan approach one Member, one person to fill the Auditor General spot, and that's why I'm in strong support of Frank Mautino being the next Auditor General."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I first got elected in 1990 and took office in 1991. At that time, Dick Mautino served in the Illinois House of Representatives, Frank's father. And I recall the first spring... it was an overtime Session, in the first spring of my first Legislative Session. Frank's father and I made our way to the OTB and I know it shocks you, but there was gambling going on there. We made our way to the OTB and we actually hit a trifecta. From that point forward, Dick Mautino called me Mr. Lucky. Well, let me tell you, I've been lucky because I've been lucky to serve with Frank Mautino. Unfortunately, Dick Mautino had a heart attack in the summer

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of 1991 and Frank came to the Illinois General Assembly. He's been a friend of mine since that point. He was a friend of mine before that at Illinois State University. I can promise you something. He will serve us as the Auditor General the same way he has served in the Illinois General Assembly in a bipartisan approach. He will be nonpartisan in his dealings as the Auditor General. He will serve us with honor, with integrity; he will be a man that we will be able to respect in that position the same as we have respected Bill Holland. I can only say that I'm unlucky today because he's going to be leaving us, but I'm lucky 'cause he's going to serve us as the next Auditor General. Congratulations, Frank."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley."

Bradley: "Leader Mautino's qualifications as a Legislator and professionally are without question. His qualifications as a human being are without equal. The way that he has faced health problems, the way that he has stood at his post through trial and tribulation, the example he's set as a father, as a husband, as a son and brother for all of us. Frank Mautino is a mentor. Frank Mautino is a friend. And in this time of bitterness and fighting when people ask you is there something we can agree on, well, the answer is clear. We can agree on Frank Mautino. This will be the first time in 40 years there hasn't been a Mautino in this Body. The first time in 40 years there hasn't been a Mautino in this Body, but the impression and the legacy they've left here and the legacy that Frank has left with his family will never be forgotten either in this Legislature or in any of our lives that he's touched.

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God bless you, Frank Mautino. You deserve this. You deserve this. God bless you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, this is truly, I think, a sad day for the House as we... I speak for myself, but I think I speak for all my colleagues that we will certainly miss Frank's wisdom, his leadership and his experience and most of all his friendship. But it's a really good day for the State of Illinois as Frank becomes the next Auditor General because he will bring that wisdom, that leadership and that experience to that role. I have every confidence that Frank will fill the very big shoes that Auditor General Holland leaves, and he will do so with integrity and judgment that he has shown as the Chair of the Audit Commission. And we all know, through firsthand experience of watching Frank go through the fight with his health issues recently, that he will be a fighter and bring that same energy and... energy to this new position. So, Frank, it's really been my pleasure to serve with you in the House, to serve with you on Leadership as... in the Democratic Leadership and I wish you all the best. And I know that you will be a big success."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, Frank, when I came... I haven't been here as long or as often as Jay has, but... but when I came it was in the middle of the Blagojevich time which was some of the most tumultuous times our state has had. And as a new person to come in in a good time would have been hard, to come in in a really tumultuous time was incredibly difficult. And one of the first people that I saw in action

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was Representative Frank Mautino, who was one of the, you know, key Leaders in the House on budget, on insurance, on ethics, on all these things. As a new person, I was just in awe of the encyclopedic knowledge you have of our state and its operations, of the minutia, the detail, the history that you had. But more importantly, no matter how busy you were or, you know, how important your assignments were, you always had time to sit down with somebody like me who was a new guy and say let me explain what's going on here. Let me just walk you through this. Let me tell you what's about to happen. I mean, you are such a great teacher not only as a Representative and as a Leader in this House, but you know, obviously, as a human as you've gone through what you've gone through in the last several months. Okay, you've set such a high bar that the rest of us can, you know, hope one day will meet. You know, as Elaine said, it's sad to lose you here, but it will be great to see you on the other side of the bar now testifying as our next Auditor General. Good luck, Frank."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner in the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Joint Resolution. I rise in support of Frank Mautino for the Auditor General. I have served in here a relatively short amount of time compared to some of the speakers here. I'm going on three years, but I want to say while this year the last eight, nine months have been incredibly partisan, the two years before that Frank Mautino showed nothing but bipartisanship. I had the opportunity to get to know him, and I want to say one word right now. I want to say character. The reason why I stand in

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support of him as Auditor General is because I think he has the character to step into that position. Not only the character, but the knowledge, but especially, the character to step into a position as a nonpartisan individual. And I think he wants what's best for the State of Illinois, and I believe that he has the character to do the job and do it well. And I want to say you'll be missed, but we support you. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Soto."

Soto: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Bill. I rise in support of Mr. Auditor General, Leader Frank Mautino. Congratulations to you and your family on your well-deserved position. It's been a pleasure to call you a friend, and you are a good soul. Good luck and many blessings on your new position. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Chair recognizes Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Mautino, I had the pleasure, as you know, of serving with your dad and I remember when you came on the floor I had to do a double take because you look so much like him. It has been my pleasure to serve with you and I remember when you came in one of the first pieces of legislation that you helped me with was the patients right to know about their health care. And that piece of legislation was very important to me for numerous reasons, but I could never forget the part that you played in seeing the success of that legislation through under Governor George Ryan. And I have but a few words to say. You are a class act and you are a very... will be a very difficult one to follow. And I'm happy to say that I was glad to know that you will not be very far. Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "The Chair recognizes Leader Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, and to the family, thank you for being here today with us. It's a wonderful day for you and for Frank. First, let me say that the job of Auditor General is a very serious job. Those who have been around here for a long time know how important that job is, know the important role it plays, and I think it takes someone of Frank's wonderful character and hard work ethic to follow in the steps of Bill Holland. Bill Holland became the Auditor General after he was a staff person in the Senate and became one of the most outstanding public officials I have served with here in Springfield over the years, and I know Frank will follow that very well and even expand the role in an appropriate way. I heard the Speaker say that Frank will be the first Member of the House or Senate to be appointed to this position and that's significant. In a time when we can be very partisan, in a time when we don't agree on much for all of us to agree on one person to take on this important role speaks volumes about who it is we choose. Frank Mautino has a wonderful working knowledge of the history of the General Assembly; the inner workings of State Government, and to do the job of Auditor General well these are required tools. You can't just simply pick these up. You have to be around to know where the bones are buried, what's behind the closet doors. Frank knows that. He has a deep understanding of State Government. He knows what works in State Government, what doesn't work in State Government and a real strong knowledge about how to fix what's wrong with State Government. In his years on the Audit Commission, he developed a wonderful

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background of how that body works and is perfectly suited to pick up the role of Auditor General, because he's worked with Bill Holland for so many years and knows exactly what that office is all about. We've talked on the floor today about Frank's bipartisan and nonpartisan nature, and he's a problem solver. We know that when he gets this position he will still be our friend, but he will be honest, he will be talented, he will be fair and he will also be courageous. He will not hesitate to speak truth to power. He will not hesitate to write a report that needs to be written to tell people exactly what they're doing wrong with the taxpayers' dollars. For all of us this is a bittersweet moment. We don't want to lose a friend on the House Floor, but we're not going to lose a friend. He'll still be around, but the talents that Frank has brought... brought to this floor and to the General Assembly and for... here for the citizens of Illinois cannot go unnoticed, and I'm proud that it hasn't today. Frank will be a loss here, but his work as Auditor General, we all know, will be stellar. We all know will raise the bar additionally for the efforts of State Government to be more ethical, to be more honest, to be good stewards of the taxpayers' dollars. And so, Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to stand to support this Resolution. And to Frank, we're sorry to see you go. Don't disappear, my friend. To us, you're all a big loss on this floor, but we salute you for your new effort and look forward to working with you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "The Speaker moves that the House adopt Sente Joint Resolution 35. This will be a three-fifths... this will take three-fifths of the Majority to pass the Resolution. All

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in favor... all in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 102 voting 'yes', 10 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present', Senate Joint Resolution 35, having received the Constitutional Majority, is adopted. Leader Lang in the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Leitch is recognized."

Leitch: "Thank you. You're a little late. I had my speaker light on to speak in favor of Representative Mautino's elevation to Auditor General. But in any event, thank you for recognizing me and thank the Body for electing a very outstanding Member to serve in that capacity."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Ammons: "I appreciate it. I have, actually, two points if it's okay with the Chair. One of them is I'd like to thank my colleagues... Mr. Speaker, just for a second if we can have attention of our colleagues on the passing of my mother just a few weeks ago. I want to thank the chamber, its Members, certainly, our constituents for the acknowledgement, their well wishes and prayers on the sudden passing of my mother. And now that I know that I'm only here because of her, I will continue to really represent the legacy. At some point, I'd like to share some things that she wrote in her journal, that I didn't know she kept, with this Body because it really speaks to the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities

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and I will bring that and share with you. But on behalf of my family, I appreciate all of the well wishes, the prayers, support, flyers, letters, everything that was sent to us. I really appreciate it, and I wanted to acknowledge that publicly here in the House. Thank you so much."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. I'm sorry, you had a second point."

Ammons: "I did ask just for a second point. We have, in this House, seen all day the representation of student leaders from all over the state. And I would be remiss if I did not say a few words to, not only acknowledge the students from the University of Illinois who are here behind me in the gallery, I want to thank them, every student who has come here today. I want to thank you because as the great Congressman John Lewis told us last night and his colleagues that were with him, what was he doing at the age of 20 years old? He was fighting for equity and justice for you and me so that we would live out the creed of this country. And so I'll say in closing that expanding not contracting resources for higher education, soaring tuition costs are pricing more and more students out of opportunities of higher education, and in 2012 federal student loan debt surpassed all other debt in this country. And as a result of that, our students have come here today to really highlight the need for us to pass a budget that includes MAP funding. This budget impasse, Mr. Speaker, is casting a terrible shadow over our campuses. It is pricing people out who want to go to school. So I implore our colleagues here to think about what the State of Illinois will look like if we have a system in place where only the

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wealthy people can attend. And we're asking today that we take that in consideration as we move forward on our budget. End the impasse. Take off everything that is not budget related, and let's get about the business of the people of the State of Illinois, and let's protect these children and their futures. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes the next Auditor General of the State of Illinois, Mr. Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, thank you, thank you. You guys did know I'm feeling much better and that was not a eulogy? I love you all. I wanted to say thank you to my mom, my brother, Rich, sister, Julie and of course my wife Lena, son Peter, with John and James who are joining us today. And they grew up.. my children grew up on the House Floor here, 25 years. And it's kind of funny that, you know, I think back on those days when the doormen had to keep them from running out, they knew all the candy in the place, Mr. Mapes had to stop me from changing my son, Peter's diapers on the floor. The chamber is.. is full of amazing people, and I've been blessed these last 25 years to serve with you. Speaker Madigan, everyone knows here when you reach your third term that's.. you have to go and see the Speaker or the Minority Leader about your chairmanships and Minority Spokesman position. So after my fourth year here, I got called to the Speaker's Office. And he said Representative Mautino, what would you like to do for your career in the General Assembly? And I said, well, Speaker, I've been here four years and it seems like the best job here is Speaker. And he said, Representative Mautino, that one's not available. I'm asking you what committee you'd like to chair.

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I want to thank him for the opportunities that he has afforded me throughout these years in my career and the appointments to positions of trust and responsibility and Leadership, and for those I'm very, very grateful. Leader Durkin, I wanted to also thank. We've been friends for 20 years and worked together on... on many projects. We have had a lot of fun. There's a great bond between us and Jim, three years ago, when I was still on the podium, you asked me a question, and I have not been back on the podium since then. I don't know whether it was because of your question or not, but I believe the answer is it's under review. To the Members of the General Assembly, thank you for your vote of confidence today and for the help and support that you've given me when I needed something in my district or with the projects that I was working on. You are all here for the right reasons. You are a tremendous group of people and I want to thank you for the confidence that you've expressed in me today. I want to thank also... this Body, we've become a family. I look over at David Leitch, who is going to be leaving us and retiring, and that's a loss to the State of Illinois, but he's the first person that I met when I became a Representative. Eight days after my father passed away, I had to speak at a Chamber of Commerce dinner in Kewanee-Wethersfield at the golf course, and I came up there and I was 28 and single and terrified in my beer distributor truck driving shirt. Just stopped over there and David, basically, took me under his wing and said, hey, this is Dick Mautino's kid and that meeting went a lot better than what I thought it would on there. And since then he... when I came down he introduced me to all of the Republicans, which

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was really cool, so I've had great friendship on that side of the aisle. Art Turner, where's Representative Turner? His father... so at that same time I had to go to... I had been appointed in later in that week. I took my Miller Beer truck to Joliet Junior College, and I walked in in my Miller shirt and jeans and I hid in the back of the room. I wanted to see a committee that they had placed me on, the Housing subcommittee that your father ran. And so I hid in the back of the room of these 500 people who were inside there listening to a Bill and your dad said our newest Representative, Representative Mautino's here. Please come to the front and I was dressed in my work clothes. I walked up and sat down at the table next to a wonderful Republican lady by the name of Janie Barnes. She was older. Toughest woman in the General Assembly. And so I sat down and I said why are so many people here? They said they're here for your Bill, Representative Mautino. And I said, oh, great. He said, no, they're here against your Bill. Welcome to the General Assembly. We've made great friendships and great strides here. We have worked together. I am proud of each and every one of you. As the next Auditor General, with the confidence that you have shown in me, I promise that I will work with the... basically, take on the legacy of Bill Holland, and I want to thank him for his service as well to the Senate, to the... and as President... Phil Rock's Chief of Staff and then the 23 years that he gave to the people of Illinois. And his office had received state and national accolades, but he's set a standard of excellence that's unmatched and it's to be admired and emulated. And my pledge to you is that I will

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continue the office in that... in that tradition as I was asked to by Leader Durkin, and by Speaker Madigan, and by Leader Radogno and by President Cullerton. God bless you all."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations, Frank. Don't leave us so quick though. Mr. Sims is recognized."

Sims: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. In the gallery, behind our newest Auditor General, we have some outstanding students down from Chicago State University. They are here to highlight the challenges that we are facing by not having a budget and fighting for MAP grant funding and fighting to make sure that we have a solid higher education system here in the State of Illinois. We want to welcome them to Springfield. But we..."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. We're glad you're here."

Sims: "Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to take a moment to thank and welcome President Wayne Watson who is retiring very soon as the head of Chicago State University. President Watson is also in the gallery behind our new Auditor General. If we could welcome him and thank him for his service as well."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for being here with us today. Welcome. Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want the record to reflect that Representative Tryon is excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could have the Body's attention for just a second, please. I'd like to urge all Legislators, Democrat and Republican, Representatives and Senators to show unity and willingness to work together to

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solve our budget crisis. In doing this, I'm going to request that everyone wear black on November 10, when we come to Session both in the House and the Senate. We all want the budget problem solved. This might be a small step in the right direction. I urge every single person in this Body to please acknowledge the seriousness of this and show our unity by please wearing black on November 10 and I appreciate it. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Butler."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Butler: "Today, I'm honored to have not only a Page for the day but a young woman who has been shadowing me all day long, Gaby Jones, who's a senior at Williamsville High School here in Sangamon County. So please welcome her to the Illinois House of Representatives."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for being with us today. Thank you very much. Just a little order in the chamber. Page 5 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 686. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 686, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read 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 Lang: "Mr. Bradley."

Bradley: "This is another attempt... this is the property tax portion of the Governor's property tax Bill. I would ask for an 'aye' vote on this."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "John, I... you and I have had a couple discussions about this. I think this is 15 or 16 or maybe it's 25."

Bradley: "And somebody told me the other day I was wrong on the number. I don't know, Ron."

Sandack: "In any case, it's the umpteenth time we've had this discussion. And so my question is... to you is how many times are you going to continue to bring this, John?"

Bradley: "I have no idea. That's an honest answer."

Sandack: "Well, of course you do. It's your initiative. Do you intend to continue to bring this initiative?"

Bradley: "Well, if we pass it... we pass it today... I don't know if we will or not, but yeah, I'm going to continue to call it."

Sandack: "And what's your purpose in bringing it each and every time if it..."

Bradley: "Just continuing it..."

Sandack: "...continually fails to get the vote requirement?"

Bradley: "...continuing attempt to move the ball forward."

Sandack: "John, with all due respect, this appears to be a pure political, partisan attack and abuse of the system by you, and so, I'd ask you to reconsider your process because it's not going anywhere, and it's not highlighting anything other than the partisan divide. And I would suggest if you want a legitimate vote on the Bill that the Governor has put forward that you put the Governor's Bill forward and not cut it in half, which is what you've done, and continue to do and repeatedly do and apparently will continue to repeatedly do

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going forward which I think is for naught and simply a political game. So I'd ask that you reconsider your approach here. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. We did something pretty important on a bipartisan basis with respect to Representative Mautino and I think that was a good, judicious decision and a good use of our time and talent here. This is, however, an abuse of the system and abuse of the time and frankly, the talents that we should be doing utilizing which is to address real reform. This is nowhere near reform. It's a waste, and it's shameful. I'm going to ask my colleagues to vote 'present' or 'no' or stay off the vote."

Speaker Lang: "The chamber will quiet down, please. Can we move all of the extraneous conversation to the rear of the chamber, please? Shall I name names? Mr. Wehrli."

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

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Wehrli: "Representative, does this Bill freeze property taxes in Chicago? As you know, Mayor Emmanuel... it would... you know, had representatives down here today wanting to advocate on behalf of a property tax increase."

Bradley: "This is the Governor's proposal and to my knowledge, it freezes property taxes throughout the state."

Wehrli: "So, you're looking... a fine, downstate Democrat you're looking to go against the City of Chicago here?"

Bradley: "This, I think, reflects the views of a majority of my constituency."

Wehrli: "So if this Bill were to pass, how does Chicago solve its problems?"

Bradley: "I don't know. I don't represent Chicago."

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Wehrli: "So you want to take that tool out of their toolbox?"

Bradley: "What?"

Wehrli: "You want to take the ability for them to raise taxes out of Mayor Emmanuel's toolbox?"

Bradley: "This is the Governor's proposal that he has indicated that this is a key part of getting the budget, moving the ball forward. I continue to call it to try to move the ball forward."

Wehrli: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and very briefly before I address the Bill, I'd just simply like to say that there has been a Mautino in this chamber since 1975. For 40 years, a Mautino has represented Spring Valley, and we're losing that, and the people of Spring Valley are losing that and it's great to have Frank as the new Auditor General. And I should tell you there's about six people left in the chamber who actually served with his dad of which I am one which tells my age. You know, it's so good to be back. I've missed you all for the past month. I've missed this kind of stuff. I've missed Representative Bradley's Amendment that he puts up there that we know is not going to go anywhere. What's happened in the last month, my friends? What's happened? Well, let's... just a couple of things. We know that the Comptroller has said, I don't have enough money to make a \$560 million pension payment. Well, how'd we get into the pension problem of \$108 billion of unfunded liability in the first place? We didn't make the pension payment. You know, we have a \$7 billion pension Bill we have to make every year... every year, so that's

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about \$560 million a month. She can't make the pension payment. Well, how about that? That's happened in the last month. You know, tourism is a big deal in Chicago, a really big deal. Really big deal. There's an organization known as Choose Chicago. They do a great job marketing the City of Chicago around the world. They just laid off 28 people. They just closed two international offices. They just closed their international visitors' center, and they're going to shut down their winter visiting program. The Gentleman who is the Chairman of the General Services Appropriations Committee will tell you tourism is one of the bright spots in Illinois and guess what? We're closing down the efforts of Choose Chicago. And then lastly, just as a highlight, Fitch Credit Rating Agency, one of the big three credit rating agencies in the United States and it's based in Chicago lowered the state's credit rating to triple B- a notch... a notch or two above junk. Barely investment grade, and if it's not investment grade guess what? Those houses can't buy our paper. We can't sell our bonds except at higher rates. Isn't it fun to know that while we've been gone for the past month all this stuff has happened? No, it's not fun to know that. How do we get out of this mess, Ladies and Gentlemen? We don't get out of this mess with Bills like that are up on the board right now. It doesn't solve the problem. I renew my call and some of the Members here, by the way, and I respect them, they call for a Special Session. That we should come down here, Special Session, sit down here and get the issues resolved. Well, there's lots of new Members on the floor and let me tell you that, for the new Members, Special Sessions

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aren't any different than the Sessions we have right here because Special Sessions are dictated by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate and guess what? There has to be an agreement between the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate and the Governor before anything that's considered in a regular Session or a Special Session becomes law. My friends, I renew my call. Gentlemen, come to the middle. Get an agreement to serve our state and the fellow citizens of our state because they deserve better than what they are getting now. This Bill doesn't do them justice. This Bill doesn't help. It's not going anywhere. We know that. It's 15 or 16 times we've voted on it. They've got... the Leaders of this state have got to come to an agreement. They can do it if the will is there. Please move in that direction and vote 'no' on this."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I missed Representative Harris too. I missed him a lot. I missed all of you. Well, we weren't together and we haven't been together and I think we need to spend a lot more time together, but he asked what happened in the last month. I tell you, I enjoyed to see what's happening in Washington. It doesn't make me feel quite so bad what's happening here in Springfield, but I mean, maybe someday they'll get a Speaker of the House. But it's bad all around, and we should not be adding to those problems. I don't know if anybody watched the Republican debates, but I thought they were very entertaining. We'll talk about that at another time I'm sure, but I tell you, what got me the other day in an article on Friday, Jim Edgar, the former Governor and he said

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State Government is probably in the worst state it's been in 47 years that I've been around it. Yesterday, former Governor Thompson said very similar things. These statements should give us all pause and our inability to get a budget agreement with Governor Rauner is destabilizing our ability to govern effectively and long-term damage is done. Representative Harris just alluded to the fact that Fitch yesterday downgraded us. I expect that Moody's will do the same. Last Thursday, the Comptroller indicated that she was not going to make the payments for our pensions. Now, understand, Ladies and Gentlemen, four years ago we passed a law. A law that stated that we had to pay our pensions first and the Governor shall determine available revenue, deduct the cost of essential government services including but not limited to pension payments and debt service, and then assign a percentage of the remaining revenue to each statewide prioritized goal. Many of you on that side of the aisle voted for that Bill and even sponsored that Bill, but now what we're seeing is a Comptroller who is determined not to follow the law. And the reason we passed that law was because we knew we couldn't control ourselves, and we were going to be spending too much money and that we had to pay our pensions first. And the thing that got us in the problem that we're having now with our structural issues are because of our pension issues, and now we have a Comptroller who says she doesn't want to pay those. Well, I don't think it's up to her whether she wants to or not. The law's very clear. She must make those payments otherwise our debt is going to continue to blossom. Now, I heard some folks criticizing Mr. Bradley's attempts

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here again today and making it seem this is never going to pass. Why? Every one of us knows that our property taxes are some of the biggest issues facing our residents back home. I don't know why people are not voting for this Bill... why they're not voting for this Amendment. We need to move this forward. What we're seeing is intransience. It's just stuck and we're stuck in the morass of partisanship that's never going to change unless we change it. So what I would suggest is that we look at each Bill on its own face individually and see where it stands, and if it's something you can support vote for it, regardless of whether it's a Republican idea or a Democratic idea, but don't vote en masse against something 'cause you just want to stay entrenched and watch people that we say that we really care about suffer. Because, let me tell you something, both sides suffer from the delusion that it's okay for citizens to be harmed as long as the other side gets blamed for it. Enough is enough of this madness. We need to stop it. We need to come together, and if we don't want to have a Special Session perhaps we should just... we should have our Leaders call us back here regardless. But I can tell you that we're not going to get anything done if we don't meet. So, I'd encourage us to remain here. I'd encourage everyone to vote for Mr. Bradley's Bill. Let's move the ball forward and let's save the State of Illinois. Let's save it from us."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley to close."

Bradley: "Well, Mr. Speaker, this is the property tax portion of the Governor's proposal. If you vote for this Amendment and the following Amendment, then you will have the Bill in its entirety. There has... This is actually, in my opinion, a better

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way to have an opportunity to get a vote on that because you have this piece which some areas of this chamber would vote for and you have the other piece which will have a different group of potential voters similar to what happened when we did the big, middle-class tax relief Bill and the big tax rewrite back in 2011. So, again, this is the Governor's proposal with regards to the property tax element of it. It allows local governments to make their own decisions. It simply does not allow for the automatic increases which currently take place. On this Amendment, I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 43 voting 'yes', 24 voting 'no', 18 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. I do not support this, but in conjunction with giving the opportunity to have the entire proposal, I call it for a vote."

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

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'yes', 77 voting 'no', 8 voting 'present'. And the Amendment fails. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Mr. Davis is recognized."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead, Sir."

Davis, W.: "One of the greatest assets that we, as Members, have down here in Springfield are the various staffs that we work with whether they be issues, appropriations, the attorneys. You name it; they are our greatest resource. They are able to provide us with explanations and information at the drop of a dime. They know this stuff backwards and frontwards, so whenever we have a question, something that we pretend to know but we actually don't know, we ask our staffs and they are able to supply us with that information. And when they have been able to find something else or have gotten to the point where they're able to fly and leave us and go in other directions is certainly one of the saddest days that we have here in Springfield. Well, I'm sad to say that she's leaving us but happy that she has found pursuits where they will be able to maximize her talents. But this is the last week that my appropriations guru from the K through 12 appropriations staff, Gwen Bowman-Peebles will be with us. She is leaving us to pursue other opportunities. And if you would just join me in giving her a great round of applause for all of her hard work, I would very much appreciate it."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Chapa LaVia."

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Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Chapa LaVia: "I, too, would like to thank Gwen. Gwendolyn, thank you for all the years and expertise you've leant our Education Committee. You've been priceless. I know that you have James over there in your wake and you've groomed him properly. Hopefully, he has you in speed dial because the education gurus in the House are very, very serious about what they do, so James, you better study, a lot. Gwen, I can't wait to see you on the other side of the table. You deserve it. You've been an amazing, stellar staff and hopefully, James can come close to you. Take care and God bless."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hays."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to renew my call for the doors to this building to be locked. The entire General Assembly is here today. The Governor is in this building today. Before the Senate leaves the building, lock the doors and let's get the work of the people done. This has gone on far too long. Nobody's constituents thinks that this is a positive thing for this to go... drag on, and on, and on. Nobody's constituents think that it's appropriate for the State of Illinois year after year, after year, after year, to spend more money than it takes in. And people simply don't understand us coming here one day a month and not really taking up Bills that are of a serious nature. We just heard debate on probably the 20th or 22nd time a Bill where the Sponsor gets up and says I don't support this concept. For the life of me, I don't understand that tactic. That's the

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most absurd tactic I've ever witnessed. It's more obnoxious every time it happens. I say lock the doors. I say tell your family you're not going to be home next week or the week after that or for Thanksgiving or Christmas if necessary. Let's get the work of the people done."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Please show me voting 'present' on House Bill 686. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege. Ladies and Gentlemen, to my right, the young lady there I'd like to... two ladies. I'd like to recognize my district manager, Ms. Alexiaa Jordan. Stand up and wave, Ms. Alexiaa. And an intern who is here with me for 30 days. She's from the great republic of Georgia over in Eastern Europe, Ms. Tamari Jakonia. Welcome to our General Assembly here in Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Happy to have you here with us. Page 9 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 567, Leader Currie. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 567, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. We currently have in place a program that provides for renewable energy, energy efficiency and coal resources development. That

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program expires at the end of this calendar year, December 31 of 2015. This Amendment would keep the program in place. A program that provides important sources of renewable energy, and it would keep it in place for... until December 31, 2020. I don't know of any opposition to the program. I would appreciate your support so that we can continue making... making improvements both in our use of coal technology and in our ability to fund solar renewables."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 567, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Exactly as I described the Amendment, all the Bill does is to retain the renewable and coal efficiency program until December 31, 2020. Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 82 voting 'yes', 24 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 10, Senate Bill 1381, Mr. Verschoore. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1381, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mautino, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Verschoore, can you handle this Amendment?"

Verschoore: "It's Frank Mautino's Amendment, and what it does is it allows the hospital, I believe, that's in... I better let Frank do this. I'm not quite sure what hospital it is and it's going to be in the record."

Speaker Lang: "Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Thank you, Mr. Verschoore. Page 9 of the Calendar, Senate Bills... Excuse me. Page 8 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Third Reading, Senate Bill 219, Mr. Mitchell. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 219, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This is, effectively, a cleanup Amendment. So, this is the Bill we passed on return to learn, return to play on concussions in consultation with the Management Alliance. All we're doing is extending the effective date to a little further out just so that they can have time... all of our schools to implement the protocol. Pretty simple Bill. Ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, why do we need to extend the date of a... what's the delay?"

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Mitchell, C.: "So, there was some concern, Jack, among some of our districts... some of our suburban school districts. They needed a little bit more time to make sure that they could be in compliance with the requirements of the Act. So it's just something that myself and Senator Raoul worked out with the Management Alliance and extended the date out to the next school year."

Franks: "Okay. So, it's just for the next school year and they are working forward on it now?"

Mitchell, C.: "That's correct. So everyone's moving forward. They just wanted a little bit more time. We thought we should be agreeable on that."

Franks: "Okay. Thank you."

Mitchell, C.: "Thanks, Jack."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Flowers, do you rise on this Bill? If you'll leave your light on, I'll get right back to you. Mr. Pritchard has changed his mind. Mr. Mitchell to close."

Mitchell, C.: "Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like for the record to reflect that I would've voted 'yes' on Senate Bill 567."

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Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intentions. Senate Bill 1381. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill once again."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1381, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mautino, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Speaker. Senate Bill 1381, House Amendment 1 is a gut and replace Amendment, and this is necessary. It provides the opportunity for St. Mary's Hospital in Streator, Illinois, to convert to a Freestanding Emergency Center pending approval from the Health Facilities Review Board. Streator's a town of 13,700 and the hospital has been bought up and so... by OSF, and they're looking at discontinuing inpatient services January 1. This would leave one of my largest cities without a hospital. Now, OSF and the Hospital Association have worked together to create a Freestanding Emergency Center for Streator, which would save about half of the unemployments. It would result in about a \$12 million investment, but most importantly, the people of Streator, Illinois, will have access for critical care right inside their hometown. And so I want to thank Representative Verschoore for allowing me to use his Bill in order to solve a problem affecting the people of Streator and the surrounding townships. If you include Otter Creek and Livingston County, there's about 18 thousand people whose lives are affected. With that, I would ask for adoption of the Amendment, be happy to answer any questions. And ask for an 'aye' vote on Third Reading."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you want to debate this at the Amendment or at Third Reading stage?"

Speaker Lang: "It's entirely up to you."

Harris, D.: "Okay."

Speaker Lang: "If the Body is all right with that, we can go to Third Reading. Do you wish to go to Third Reading? Those in favor of the Amendment will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1381, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Verschoore. Yeah. I guess, Mr. Mautino is now the Sponsor of the Bill. Mr. Mautino, is the Bill as you described it, Sir?"

Mautino: "Yes, it is."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. You want to vote for this Bill. It's a good Bill. It needs to be done, but listen to what the Sponsor said. He has to go through the Illinois Health Facilities Planning and Services Review Board to do what needs to be done for health care to the citizens in this area. He's got to jump through that bureaucratic hurdle that does nothing more than cost money, that employs a band of lawyers because they've got to have this antiquated Health Facilities Planning and Services Review Board stamp of approval on what needs to be done to provide health care to the citizens of his district. If

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there's any reason in the world to get rid... You want to save some money for the budget, do away with the Illinois Health Facilities Planning and Services Review Board. Hallelujah is right. It needs to go. It is a holdover from the 1970s era of central planning for health care. Get rid of it, and you wouldn't have to do what Representative Mautino's having to do here, to pass a Bill that needs the approval of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning and Services Review Board. Let the health care marketplace work to provide health care without some bureaucratic intervention. Vote 'yes' on the Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

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

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Demmer: "Representative, does this Bill allow for one permit to be issued or any facility that would wish to go into that community?"

Mautino: "There are cur... one permit. This is one that's been narrowly drafted. It has to be located in a municipality of 50 thousand or fewer, be within 50 miles of a hospital that owns or controls the FEC which stands for the Freestanding Emergency Center. There are five of these authorized in the State of Illinois; one in Yorkville, one in Plainfield, one in Grayslake, Lindenhurst and Homer Glen. This would become the sixth."

Demmer: "So one permit. And would this apply prospectively? So if a hospital meeting those criteria would close in the future or is this only those that are currently in the works?"

Mautino: "It is specific to St. Mary's."

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Demmer: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative McDermed."

McDermed: "Thank you. I would like to speak to the Bill. I'm a member of Health Care Licenses, and we've had the opportunity throughout this Session to listen to the application for another Freestanding Emergency facility in Representative Reaves-Harris' district. And while I do support this Bill, I don't like a system that's so arbitrary and capricious that the Legislature has to intervene to make the process work. We cannot have a system where whether a hospital comes or goes in your particular district has to do with your influence. This is not okay. We have to have a better system. I am being a 'yes' vote on this, but we need to revisit the Freestanding Emergency Center in Representative Reaves-Harris' district. And with that understanding that it will be revisited, I am voting 'yes' on this."

Speaker Lang: "Strangely enough, the next speaker is Representative Reaves-Harris."

Reaves-Harris: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Reaves-Harris: "Representative Mautino, to the Bill. I support you on this Bill, and as the previous Representative just spoke, I have a similar situation in my district. Not similar to the degree that there.. it's within 50 miles of another hospital, but there was a hospital in my district that closed, and it had been opened in my community for over 90 years. I have a group of investors who wants to come to my community to provide quality health care to my community, and I've had nothing but opposition from people who don't live in my

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community in telling us what we do and do not need. You know, I have been so frustrated. This is my first term. This is my... this is one of the only Bills that I really worked hard on this year, because I truly believe in this Bill. I truly believe that people should have access to quality health care without having to go in front of some board who makes determinations as to whether or not there's a need in a community that they don't live in. The constituents of my community want this freestanding emergency care facility. I have private investors who's willing to come to my community to invest 20 to 30 million dollars on the west side of Chicago where there are currently no jobs, services are being constantly cut and... but we are told that we can't have it in our community. This is a frustrating process, and I'm tired of it. I support your Bill, Representative, because it is the right thing to do, but as the previous Representative said, we shouldn't be selecting which communities are entitled to it based on someone's position or someone's status. Yes, I'm new to this Assembly, but my constituents have every right to the same quality of health care as everyone else's community deserves. So I continue... I intend to continue to keep fighting this issue. I don't care how many times I'm told no."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. By voting for this Bill, we're tacitly condoning a broken system. What we're saying is we are going to continue to have to jump through hoops, so we can have a state-planned health care. I mean, it's fine if you wanted to live in the Soviet Union or the former Soviet Union, but that's not how health care ought to be apportioned

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in the State of Illinois. We have an archaic system that drives up costs and protects monopolies. I understand what the Gentleman's trying to do, and I wish him well, but I am going to vote 'no' simply because... not because I don't support what you're doing, Frank. I don't want to continue to enable the Health Facilities Planning Board to strangle health care in Illinois, and the only way to stop that is not to allow them to continue forward. So I see members of the Governor's staff on the floor here. Please go back and tell the Executive to get rid of this. It is driving up costs. It is taking away health care where it's desperately needed, it's in our... the Federal Justice System has come out against this. It is just ridiculous. It is corrupt. We saw, under the former... the former administration, that people went to prison who worked on this. It's been a cesspool of corruption. It is a rotten, dirty way to do government. We need to put a stake through its heart. So, please vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you. I appreciate the debate and some of the spirited debate, but I would ask for an 'aye' vote for one simple truth, and in that that if we do not pass this Bill, 18 thousand people in the City of Streator and surrounding area will lose their access to critical care. That's what it comes down to. The system may not be perfect. It may indeed be broken, but in the situation that this Bill addresses today, we can bring health care and save about half of the jobs in a city in central Illinois that is greatly in need of this Bill. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk... Mayfield. Please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Speaker. And Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if I could have your attention for just a moment. It's my great honor and privilege to ask to join us on the floor a man of tremendous integrity and honor who has served the people of the State of Illinois for 23 years, the Auditor General of the State of Illinois, Mr. Bill Holland."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, Mr. Holland. Happy you're here with us. Page 10 of the Calendar, Senate Bill 1596, Mr. Welch. Is Mr. Welch in the chamber? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1596, my understanding is Mr. Rita is the new Sponsor. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1596, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Rita, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1596 is a TIF extension for the City of Blue Island. We got all of the letters, signoffs and no opposition that I'm aware of."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few questions of the Sponsor, please?"

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor will be happy to yield to you, Sir."

Sandack: "Thank you. Representative Rita, because there's still a little bit of noise, I heard there's no opposition. Thank you. There's an extension sought with respect to an existing TIF, correct?"

Rita: "Yes. It's supposed to expire the end of this year."

Sandack: "And what extension is sought? How many years is..."

Rita: "Twelve years."

Sandack: "Okay. And you said there was no opposition, no..."

Rita: "No opposition. All the letters from all the taxing bodies have been submitted in favor of extension of this TIF..."

Sandack: "Thank you."

Rita: "...and it only affects the City of Blue Island."

Sandack: "Appreciate that. Thank you, Representative."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1596, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rita."

Rita: "Again, as I just explained on the adoption of the Floor Amendment, this is an extension for a TIF for 12 years for the City of Blue Island."

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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... Mr. Jones. Please take the record. On this question, there are 98 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Kay."

Kay: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a point of privilege. On House Bill 686, I'd like to be recorded as a 'present' as opposed to a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intentions, Sir."

Kay: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "House Supplemental Calendar #1, Order of Resolutions, House Joint Resolution 101, Representative Chapa LaVia. Please proceed, Representative."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Excuse me. I understand this has an Amendment."

Chapa LaVia: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "This is your Amendment?"

Chapa LaVia: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Please explain Amendment 1."

Chapa LaVia: "Amendment #1 has to do with the... is this Marty Moylan's Bill? No. Amendment #1 resolved by the House of Representatives... what it does is the Senate concurred herein each of the school districts waived appeal request identified below. That would be... the board of... the State Board of Education has disapproved School District 15 DuPage appeal, transitional bilingual education; Barrington CUSD

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200, Lake County, Illinois Kindergarten Individual Development Survey Glencoe SD 35, Cook County with the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey; Wilmette, Cook County, the Illinois Kindergarten Individual Development Survey; Wauconda CUSD 118, Lake County, Illinois Kindergarten Individual Development Survey. And I'll take any questions. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack and Mr. Pritchard, can we adopt the Amendment?"

Sandack: "Yes."

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

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Members. Once again, this ends up being very confusing for most Members since it is a waiver. House Joint Resolution 101 approves and modifies school district waiver requests from School Code mandates underlying ISBE to 2015 fall School Code waiver reports... waivers reports. Waiver modifications are set up in such a way that the General Assembly must explicitly disapprove or modify a waiver request, and the request is not agreeable. And the General Assembly fails to explicitly disapprove of waivers in whole or in part within 60 days of the first Session day following the release of the waiver report, then the waivers are granted. Voting 'yes' means that you approve of the modifications to the school district waiver application outline... outlined in House Resolution 101 as amended. Voting 'no' means that you support the original school district's waiver application without changes. I'll take any questions."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you. A question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Sandack: "Linda, we had an interesting issue with Marquardt School District in DuPage this morning."

Chapa LaVia: "Correct."

Sandack: "I thought they made a compelling argument that they're being pretty effective as they undertake their process of English as a second language and got better than... better results than most other state schools. How is it that that waiver request is affected by the Resolution on the board?"

Chapa LaVia: "Well, it's denied. They would like a waiver because they were... ISBE had come in. They come in every four or five years to critique different programs. The bilingual education program in the State of Illinois is one size fits all and as... and I think you voted on it. We... I've implemented a task force to review the bilingual education in the State of Illinois to see if it works. In committee, I acknowledged the fact that if they're doing something right we should work with ISBE to give them the tools to do it right. We're going to be working with them so they don't find themselves in a... between a rock and a hard place and be penalized. I told Representative Conroy that we'll be working on a piece of legislation in January and maybe what we do is we go in, review what they're doing, put little tweaks into it and maybe do a pilot program, but this stands... as it is right now, they're being denied because they didn't put in a certain amount of curriculum into what ISBE asked them to do. Now, that being said, across the State of Illinois there's only one way to do transitional

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bilingual education. Although we have dual language programs in the state like in Oswego, that's doing a phenomenal job, but ISBE doesn't have the latitude or longitude to say hey, you're doing this differently, so we're going to grade you differently, so they grade everybody the same. So what we need to do, and that's why I did the task force, is that what we do find is throughout the State of Illinois there's certain school districts that have taken upon their initiative to implement certain programs to make those numbers exceed the state's standards or exceed the state's average on the testing in that category. So I'm willing to work with that group. At this present time though, we have denied it. I have spoken to Representative Conroy. We are going to be working on and I'd like to work with Representative Pritchard as well and ISBE and our staff to come up with a solution on how we look at this district a little bit differently. And maybe we put a Bill in in January so we can have a pilot program and monitor their results 'cause they are getting better results, but that doesn't mean that we can go ahead and allow them to do it if it doesn't fall within the guidelines of ISBE. So we do have to create legislation."

Sandack: "Thank you for that elaborative answer, and I appreciate it. So, essentially, notwithstanding some really good results and some unique efforts and the fact that any reasonable person would suggest that one size does not fit all when it comes to education, by voting 'yes' on this proposition whether it's Representative Conroy's district that's affected or any other Member that has a waiver request they are essentially standing with the State Board of Education and

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ostensibly against their school district that thinks... that thinks relief from a waiver or a requirement... seeks a waiver and seeks relief from a mandate is required."

Chapa LaVia: "Correct. But in this case... in Representative Conroy's case, that would be going against state statute because of the way they developed that. So we'd like to work with them on creating something that's... they're within the lines. So, thank you."

Sandack: "Thank you for answering the questions. To the Bill. This is a... frankly, a tough process. It's never really made sense to me especially given the mandates we impose upon schools in particular. We do a lot of mandating here and then we expect perfect performance and when we don't we seek... we see waivers from schools that are... or units of government that are doing things differently and sometimes better and yet we go through this process, and now we're going to harm them or punish them for doing something well. I think the Marquardt School and that school district stands as an example of why we're going about what we do, frankly, pretty difficultly, and I think this is going to cost them money for being successful. It's, to me, an absolutely asinine type of outcome. I don't criticize the Sponsor at all. She's recited the law correctly, and I think everything she says is correct. I just think the process is no good and to those that are... that have school districts seeking waivers I would be mindful that their schools are trying to do stuff within the confines of the mandates we impart. We ought to start really looking at mandate relief. We talk about it. We don't do a thing to

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actually stop imposing ridiculous mandates on units of government and schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Pritchard."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "Representative, when we were talking about English as a second language and what the state may be requiring here is a very precise way of instruction. Are you aware that in 1974 the U.S. Supreme Court in *Lau v. Nichols* stated very clearly that the Title 6 does not require school districts to provide instruction in an EL student's native language and that other types of ELL programming are just as valid?"

Chapa LaVia: "That's when the state board doesn't adopt other. I mean, we supersede if we go above and we take dollars from the Federal Government. Once we take dollars for that category and we put forth the plan, then we need to follow through with the plan that we put in place. So this definitely would encourage us to do new legislation or do a pilot program."

Pritchard: "Well, I certainly think we ought to be looking at the data of student accomplishment. And the school district has put forth data that the state board doesn't agree with. So I think as we have this task force and perhaps some trailer legislation, we ought to be looking at what the real data is on how students are progressing with a second language and becoming fluent and able to function in our society. Another one of the provisions in this waiver today, Ladies and Gentlemen, deals with allowing school districts to not comply with the State Law requiring non-resident tuition to be paid for any students in the district. We've fallen in the practice

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of allowing school boards to give an incentive that I think disadvantages all taxpayers because they're allowing an employee to come in and, essentially, get free tuition and instead of recognizing that is an employee benefit and recognizing it accordingly. So I would ask this Body to take that up as some legislation in the new year that deals with this practice and changing what I feel is a real disadvantage for residents of a school district to not get full tuition for their students. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Fine."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question for the Bill Sponsor. I had one of my schools come and testify in committee today about the new evaluation program, and their concern is they have a program that works. They have something in place that they have found with school readiness and preparedness they're finding success. And so, their concern is if their waiver is denied they're going to have to leave their successful program behind to do something different. Is there a way we're going to work with schools that are succeeding and allow them to continue along the road they're already on or are we going to force them to use this new type of program in order to evaluate their system?"

Chapa LaVia: "At this point, they're not implementing those until 2017. So..."

Fine: "Well, it's... I believe it's the next school year that it goes into effect."

Chapa LaVia: "No. JCAR changed the date of implementation. So there's parts of it, but fully implemented is 2017."

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Fine: "So then the school's going to be able to use their program that they've been using for years and have found success with?"

Chapa LaVia: "They can... they can use that even with it. They can administer more than one test."

Fine: "But can they use the test that they've been using..."

Chapa LaVia: "No. Eventually..."

Fine: "...instead of having to administer a new test?"

Chapa LaVia: "...they'll have to move over in 2017. They can use both tests. One for their own data if they want it... want that, but one is mandated by the state and that will be implemented fully in 2017."

Fine: "So I guess my concern is because I... this is the one part of the piece of legislation that I have a concern with. So, if I don't vote in favor of this, then all other waivers like the physical education waivers, et cetera, et cetera. It's all in one pie?"

Chapa LaVia: "Then you wouldn't be voting for those modifications, but the rest of the waivers would pass through. So, you'd be voting for Marquardt's and the rest of them with the Amendment. The other ones have passed through already. So, this is just an Amendment to the waivers in which we have to... it's a supplemental..."

Fine: "Oh. So these are just the two..."

Chapa LaVia: "Yeah."

Fine: "...Amendments to the waivers?"

Chapa LaVia: "Yes."

Fine: "Okay."

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Chapa LaVia: "One, actually. It's one Amendment, and there's eight modification within this one."

Fine: "Okay. And that's just with the English as a second language and the testing..."

Chapa LaVia: "Right."

Fine: "...or the evaluation?"

Chapa LaVia: "Shortens the lengths for... length for the virtual schools which we've done before, and then it modifies the non-resident tuition that Representative Pritchard talked about earlier for school district members who go to that school so their children can come and not pay tuition like other students, which I think needs to be looked at. And.. and then that one district so they can't charge as well as get a tuition and get an average daily attendance too."

Fine: "Okay. And this is just an Amendment to the waiver?"

Chapa LaVia: "Correct."

Fine: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. My name came up a couple times. I just want to state that Marquardt is in my district, and I have been working with them, and they understand through this process that the waiver process was not the correct way to go about trying to make some of these changes. And Representative Chapa LaVia and myself have committed to work with both Marquardt and ISBE to come up with a pilot program so that we can see if there are best practices that are not being used and we can move forward and do what's in the best interest of all of our students."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia to close."

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Chapa LaVia: "Thank you. Once again, Members, if you're voting 'yes' it means that you approve the modifications to the school district waiver applications outlined in House Joint Resolution 101 as amended now with the new Amendment. Voting 'no' means that you support the original school district waiver applications without the changes. I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 84 voting 'yes', 16 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And the Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Mr. Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would like to have the record reflect that on House Bill 686, Amendment #2, my intention was to vote 'present'. If the record would reflect that."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention."

Brady: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Jackson."

Jackson: "I'd like for my vote to reflect 'yes' on the House Resolution 84 (sic-HJR 101). The one that's just passed."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention. Leader Currie now moves that the House of Representatives resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of a subject matter hearing on fire protection grants and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome programs with guidelines established by the Speaker. You've heard the Lady's Motion. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Motion

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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. Representative Lang in the Chair. The Chair recognizes Representative Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A moment of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Gordon-Booth: "With me today, serving as my Page for the day, I have Reverend Barry Robinson who is, locally in Peoria, the chairman of the Fair Housing & Employment Committee. At the city level, he is a strong advocate for people's rights, and he is with us here today to watch the goings-on of Springfield. So, if you all could give Reverend Barry Robinson a round of applause, I'd appreciate it. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Page 7 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 4155. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4155, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie on Amendment 2."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. We've heard compelling testimony this afternoon about the need to make sure that there is fire training going on across the State of Illinois and that equipment already bought by MABAS and other fire departments that the money is paid for and the insurance liabilities are covered. So this measure would initially provide money for those firefighter grants in the Illinois Fire Service Institute. None of the money is General Revenue Fund money, and it is critical that we make sure that our local fire personnel are prepared, in fact, well prepared and that their equipment, whether it's an ATV or a ventilator, is up to the task. Second, the Bill would provide short-term funding for breast and cervical cancer screening. It is these screenings that find disease in low-income women. That finding enables those women also to achieve health care benefits with help from the state. And then... and then third, but not... last but not least is money for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, help for parents and also education. We had compelling testimony today from Nancy, Jodi, Kimberly and Arleen. They are still with us in the Speaker's Gallery. They are sitting right here and they ask you, they implore you to put the \$84 thousand, that is all that is appropriated in this Amendment, put that money forward so that these programs can proceed. You heard how important they are to the parents and grandparents and to those people whose infants might be at risk without appropriate information and education. I would be happy to answer your questions. I think it is the right thing for us to do to see to it that SIDS is funded, breast and cancer... breast and cervical cancer diagnosis

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programs are funded and that we spend money that is not even GRF money on fire training and on fire equipment. Happy to answer your questions, and I anticipate your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, if this vote gets enough support do you intend to call it on Third immediately thereafter?"

Currie: "Sure, if I get the right number of votes..."

Sandack: "And what's the right..."

Currie: "...and with your votes I will."

Sandack: "What's the right number of votes?"

Currie: "To pass the Bill will take 71 votes. To adopt the Amendment takes more voting 'yes' than 'no'."

Sandack: "Right. So it's your intent to proceed thereafter, assuming you have the right number of votes, to Third Reading?"

Currie: "Sure."

Sandack: "Okay. Just a couple of quick questions on the Amendment. As I look at a chart, some of the appropriations are out of GRF, correct?"

Currie: "Yes. Both breast and cervical cancer screening and the SIDS money, and that's 81 thousand... \$84 thousand, those are GRF. None of the money for fire training and for fire equipment, none of that is GRF."

Sandack: "No. That's Other State Funds, correct?"

Currie: "Yes."

Sandack: "Okay. And so what is the total amount of the appropriation you seek in your Amendment today?"

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Currie: "It's 3,619,200 for local firefighter grants. That is not general revenue; \$3,816,200 for the Fire Service Institute. That is not GRF; \$81,400 GRF for SIDS and \$3,666,600 for breast and cervical cancer screenings and that also is GRF."

Sandack: "So, the total amount of GRF is 3,748,000 roughly?"

Currie: "Yeah. Three sixty-six plus 81"

Sandack: "Right."

Currie: "...and this represents a few months worth of funding."

Sandack: "Four... is it four months worth of funding?"

Currie: "Yes, four months."

Sandack: "And then there's 7 million... and a half million out of Other State Funds roughly?"

Currie: "Yes."

Sandack: "And so the tot... Yes?"

Currie: "And my understanding is that money is there... that the Other State Fund money is there."

Sandack: "So the total appropriation, again, back of the envelope is just over \$11 million you seek today?"

Currie: "Right."

Sandack: "And Representative, is there a reason why there's not a funding mechanism you have offered whether it's with respect to the spending plan you already voted for that was vetoed or for today's initiative? Is there... is there a tax increase you anticipate filing..."

Currie: "Absolutely not. This is ordinary, everyday spending that we ought to support. There is money in the Treasury to do it. Of course, we should have the larger discussion about the overall budget and about appropriate cuts and enhancements on the revenue side of the equation, but this is not that."

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Sandack: "Representative..."

Currie: "These are small programs but critical programs. I invite your 'yes' vote."

Sandack: "Are you aware of what the unpaid bill amount is with the Comptroller's Office today?"

Currie: "I haven't asked."

Sandack: "Do you have any idea what it is?"

Currie: "I know that there is cash flow in, cash flow out. I know that some days there's not enough to pay all the bills. I would say that when we're... when we're shoveling money out the door on many programs through consent decrees, through other kinds of court action and continuing appropriation, it's time for us to sit down and get the whole budget done..."

Sandack: "I couldn't agree with you more."

Currie: "...but in good conscience..."

Sandack: "I couldn't agree with you more."

Currie: "...in good conscience I will not, on this House Floor, allow programs like the SIDS program we heard about today, cancer and cervical screening programs and fire safety from one end of the state to the other to go by the boards."

Sandack: "Representative, if I told you the amount of unpaid bills was nearing \$5 billion would have any reason to dispute that number?"

Currie: "I would say that we can manage these payments. I would say let us vote 'yes' on this Amendment. Let's get on with our responsibilities."

Sandack: "Thank you, Representative. To the Amendment. I agree with a portion of the Representative's comments with respect to the need, the dire need, for a real budget. I agree that

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we ought to be getting and addressing the important aspects of the core services state citizens expect including some of the services we discussed today. It is unfortunate, however, that we continue to deal with these matters in a piecemeal fashion rather than dealing with the fundamental financial realities that face this state that we have month after month declined to address in a mature manner and that is the actual fiscal realities of the state and the need for structural reform. The way that this is being addressed is inadequate. The Representative knows it. There's no intention to bringing this matter up on a Third Reading for a real vote. This is more, unfortunately, of the same; the games playing that continues rather than honest budget discussion because the folks in this room know this is not a funded budget. We're not allocating new dollars, and we are already on a spending trajectory way beyond the state's means. We're at about 5 billion in unpaid bills now. We'll be at 8 and a half billion by year's end if we continue to address... not address the fundamental fiscal realities of this state. Unfortunately, because we continue not to do the right thing there is no way that we should vote for this piecemeal budget rather than a real budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Smiddy."

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

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Smiddy: "To the Amendment. I rise in strong support of this Amendment and believe that we need to fund these programs and fund the firefighter grants and the Fire Institute. I have family that are firefighters, and it is imperative that we do

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that, but one of the other issues that I want to talk about is October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. And I know that Governor Rauner was very kind in submitting a proclamation on the importance of breast cancer awareness; however, his actions speak a lot louder than words. In his original budget he decided to cut the... reduce the budget for breast and cervical cancer programs by over 70 percent, but we need to ensure that this budget... that this appropriation is passed so we can ensure that the services right now because of the budget impasse is not reduced. He went on to say in his proclamation that last year they served over 19,944 women on this program, and this year it's estimated that only 13 thousand women are going to be able to be served, and that's a direct result of the budget impasse and being unable to pass anything. So, this would go a long ways in ensuring that more women will be able to be protected and get early detection because that is the key for survival, and that's why I stand in strong support of this Amendment. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Wheeler."

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

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Wheeler, K.: "Leader Currie, great to see you again."

Currie: "Lovely to see you, Sir."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you so much. I am going to just inquire one more time, again. Can you give us some idea of when we might expect a revenue estimate to be adopted by this Body?"

Currie: "You know, we had this discussion. I think I'll just say same answer."

Wheeler, K.: "Same answer, so there's none expected?"

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Currie: "The reality is we need to adopt a budget. The Governor needs to propose a budget that is realistic and sound and sane. Why don't we deal with what's before us today, Amendment 2 to House Bill 4155. I certainly hope I will have your support. I think you owe it to fire safety across the state, to poor women who may be at risk for breast and cervical cancer and to the parents and grandparents of babies who have expired because of SIDS and because of families that, today, are at risk, because they don't know how to avoid the risks that may put them in the same boat."

Wheeler, K.: Leader, while I appreciate your comments, we also have a responsibility, this Body does, to the COGFA Act to adopt the revenue estimate which we haven't done. Now, we're into the month of October. In the previous years, we did it usually in March, April and sometimes adjusted it in May. However, we are now several months behind that. Constituents back in my district."

Currie: "You know, I... I..."

Wheeler K.: "...human service providers in my district have come to my office and said what's the first step in getting a budget done? I say the first thing in my world of getting a budget done is not spending all the money. It's rather, actually, to find out how much money we have to spend. That is a revenue estimate."

Currie: "Well, one..."

Wheeler K.: "That is the process we should be following."

Currie: "...one way of establishing an estimate is by passing a budget."

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Wheeler, K.: "Spending the money first is what we're doing now and that's not an appropriate way to handle a budget. To the Bill or to the Amendment. While I appreciate the amazing services that people of Illinois should be expecting, with respect to the items brought forth today, I really wish that our Body here would take its responsibilities more seriously when it comes to the budget process. Adopting a revenue estimate is the first step in that. I implore Leadership to do... take that tact and sooner than later. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Willis."

Willis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just going to make a couple of comments. You heard my comments earlier regarding the fire service. What I didn't say was a comment to our very courageous women that spoke today earlier regarding SIDS. I was in committee this morning on State Government, and one of the things that we were questioning was the salary of the State Board of Education director who makes over \$225 thousand. He couldn't be bothered to attend our meeting today. Instead, we had four very brave women come and tell their story about how important a similar amount of money is to their lives and to the lives of many families in the State of Illinois. To me, that is a much better place to spend \$225 thousand. I urge this Body to get over the pettiness and vote 'yes' on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Questions have been raised about the budget process and I would just remind the Members of the chamber that we've tried it several different ways. We sent budgets to the Governor's desk in

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May, budgets that funded State Government. He said at the time that the budgets didn't quite balance, and we said we needed to work on cuts and on revenue. The Governor could have amenditorily vetoed those budgets. He could have sent them back to us with changes he thought appropriate. We could have a budget today if the approach we tried in May had worked. As we did our job, we adopted our budgets, we sent them to the Governor. Why didn't he do the right and responsible thing then? So, today we're trying it a different way. Today, we're saying let us take some critical programs and see to it that they are funded for the first few months of the fiscal year. We can afford to do that, and I think it would be a disgrace if this chamber rejected the \$81 thousand for the SIDS program, the limited spending on breast and cervical cancer screening and the non-GRF dollars that we need for fire safety across the State of Illinois. I urge your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Amendment will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 63 voting 'yes' and 18 voting 'present'. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Under the Order of Resolutions, on Supplemental Calendar #1, there appears House Joint Resolution 98, Mr. Anthony. Please proceed, Sir."

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Anthony: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, today I rise to designate a section of Illinois Route 47 from Spring Road to DuPont Road in Grundy County as the Sheriff Terry Marketti Memorial Highway. I know of no opposition. I would like to thank State Representative Kate Cloonen and State Representative Walsh for joining me in this Resolution. And I'd also like to thank Chief Brent Dite from Morris Police Department, Sheriff Callahan from Grundy County for bringing me this initiative. I seek an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed vote '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 96 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolution. House Resolution 774, offered by Representative Poe."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, committee announcement. Mr... Members... Members, please listen to the Clerk. There's going to be a committee meeting this evening. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Immediately following Session the Labor & Commerce Committee will be meeting in Room 114. Labor & Commerce is meeting in Room 114 immediately after Session."

Speaker Lang: "An announcement from the Chair for the Members. As you know, we have Session on Tuesday, November 10. Please add to your schedule Wednesday, December 2; Wednesday, December

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2. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, pursuant to House Joint Resolution 85, the House will adjourn until Tuesday, November 10 at the hour of 12 noon or until the call of the Speaker."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4313, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4314, offered by Representative Barbara Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 4315, offered by Representative Butler, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4316, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 4317, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4318, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 4319, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4320, offered by Representative David Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of these House Bills. Committee Reports. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following Committee action taken on October 20, 2015: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1941. Second reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1941, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. This Bill will be held on the Order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."