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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 November 10, 2015: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 580."

Speaker Turner: "(sic-The House will come to order.) Members are asked to be at their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Adonna Davis-Reid who is the Pastor from South Shore United Methodist Church in Chicago, Illinois. Reverend Davis-Reid is the guest of Representative Hurley. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance."

Reverend Davis-Reid: "To Speaker Madigan, my host Representative Hurley, distinguished Legislators, and guests, I thank you for this opportunity to come before you, leading you in prayer and thank you in advance for your respectful attention. Let us pray. Most Gracious God, we come before You this morning thanking You for one more day of life, for one more day to assemble in this place with the task of planning to meet the needs of the people of Illinois. For the privilege of partnering with You in this important work, we are grateful. We ask for Your presence be made known among all those gathered here. Let us indeed feel Your presence in this place. Let the words that are spoken and the meditations of each heart be acceptable in Your sight. In this moment, make us mindful of our breathing. Allow our next breath in to be full of Your Holy Spirit, offering a spirit of peace and calming reassurance that those gathered may engage in productive and

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fruitful discourse. And our next breath out to be of all those things that would get in the way of that. We give You thanks and praise for all that You will do in this place today through each one here. In the name of the Holy One, we pray. Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Greg Harris."

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

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

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representative Brown for the day."

Speaker Turner: "With 117 Members present, a quorum is established. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on November 10, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #4 to Senate Bill 26. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on November 10, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1941. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on November 10, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2952, House Bill 2953, House Bill 2954, House Bill 2955,

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House Bill 2956, House Bill 2957, House Bill 2958, House Bill 2959, House Bill 2960, House Bill 2961, House Bill 2962, House Bill 2963, House Bill 2964, House Bill 2965, House Bill 2966, House Bill 2967, House Bill 2968 House Bill 2969, House Bill 2970, House Bill 2971, House Bill 2972, House Bill 2973, House Bill 2974, House Bill 2975, House Bill 2976, House Bill 2977, House Bill 2978, House Bill 2979, House Bill 2980, House Bill 2981, House Bill 2982, House Bill 2983, House Bill 2984, House Bill 2985, House Bill 2986, House Bill 2987, House Bill 2988, House Bill 2989, House Bill 2990, House Bill 2991, House Bill 2992, House Bill 2993; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 2944, House Bill 2945, House Bill 2946, House Bill 2947, House Bill 2948, House Bill 2949, House Bill 2950, House Bill 2951, Senate Bill 2043; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 740 and Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 741. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 824, offered by Representative Andersson. House Resolution 830, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 834, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 835, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 839, offered by Representative Andersson. House Resolution 851, offered by Representative Wehrli. House Resolution 855, offered by Representative Welch. And House Joint Resolution 102, offered by Representative Beiser. These are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Turner: "The Chair recognizes Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. There is a new Member of this House of Representatives, and I hope you will join me in welcoming the new Representative from the 6th

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District, a community activist, a longtime resident of the area, Sonya Harper. There she is."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome, Representative Harper. Would you like to say a few words?"

Harper: "Hello, everyone. It is truly a pleasure and an honor to be here. I actually started my journalism career sitting in those seats over there only in Jefferson City, Missouri. So it's definitely wonderful to be back in this atmosphere, but this time being able to speak for the people of Illinois. So, again, I thank you for your hospitality. And I look forward to working with you all."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. And welcome. Mr. Clerk. Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 825, offered by Representative Kelly Burke. House Resolution 826, offered by Representative Scherer. House Resolution 827, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 828, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 829, offered by Speaker Madigan. House Resolution 831, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 832, offered by Representative Verschoore. House Resolution 833, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 836, offered by Representative Bryant. House Resolution 840, offered by Representative Andersson. House Resolution 841, offered by Representative Batinick. House Resolution 843, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 844, offered by Representative Mautino. House Resolution 845, offered by Representative Bennett. House Resolution 846, offered by Representative Ives. House Resolution 847, offered by

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Representative D'Amico. House Resolution 848, offered by Representative Currie. House Resolution 849, offered by Representative Bradley. House Resolution 850, offered by Representative Bradley. House Resolution 852, offered by Speaker Madigan. House Resolution 853, offered by Representative... by Speaker Madigan. House Resolution 854, offered by Representative Riley. House Resolution 856, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 857, offered by Representative Ives. House Resolution 858, offered by Representative Ives. House Resolution 859, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 860, offered by Representative Sims. House Resolution 861, offered by Representative Hernandez. House Resolution 862, offered by Representative Durkin. And House Joint Resolution 103, offered by Representative Martwick."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie moves that the House adopt the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. Representative Andersson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Andersson: "Thank you. Hopefully, it's a privilege for all of you. As some of you know, I am a fan of bacon. Bacon, bacon, bacon. And I filed a House Resolution to defend bacon about two weeks ago. That Resolution has become a bipartisan effort. And someone behind me just asked, where's the bacon? Well, the answer is that the bacon is in Room 314 thanks to the Illinois Pork Producers who have graciously hosted lunch for

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all of us. So please go back and get your boxed lunches while they last. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Scherer: "Today I would like to recognize Doris Turner who is in our gallery to my left. Doris Turner is an alderman in the City of Springfield and is very commendable to mention today that she is the first African-American mayor pro tem for the City of Springfield. She is an exemplary citizen. Springfield would not be what it is today without Alderman Turner's list of accomplishments. The list is far too long for me to read at this moment, but I would like everyone to join me in congratulating her. And I would like to add everyone's name to the Resolution. Thank you for coming, alderman."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. And congratulations on the return. Representative Martwick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Martwick: "Thank you. Well, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd ask you to join me in welcoming four international exchange students that have traveled to Springfield today to watch the proceedings and witness American democracy in action. Behind me is and if you guys would all please rise, Carlos Espejo, Sofia Del Palacio Ugarte, Aneta Mielcarz, and

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Sara Rewieńska. So, they're all here. If you'd please give them a warm welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. And welcome to your Capitol. Representative Wehrli, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Wehrli: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am the youngest of seven children, and I'm honored today to have three of my four older sisters joining us today. I have my sister Annette and Francie. Both of them are from Naperville. And joining us all the way from Steamboat, Colorado, my sister Jill."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to your Capitol. Representative Riley, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Riley: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Riley: "Thank you. There are a lot of local elected officials down here today, but I'd like to introduce one that is extremely able. The Will County board member, Chair of the Will County Forest Preserve, and a member of their Will County legislative committees, Suzanne Hart. Suzanne. Give her a round of applause, please."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to your Capitol. Representative Kifowit, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

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Kifowit: "Mr. Speaker, today November 10 is the Marines Corps birthday. And it appeases the court, I would like to read the message from the Commandant of the Maries Corps in recognition of November 10 being the Marines Corps birthday. Also, when the Continental Congress raised up two battalions of Marines in 1775, it launched the greatest fighting force the world has ever known, a force revered globally for its uncommon valor, unparalleled adaptivity, and ferocious tenacity. Over the past 240 years the battlefields and equipment have changed, but the spirit of the United States Marines Corps has prevailed in every clime and place. One hundred years ago today Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, which I attended, opened its doors as a first base dedicated solely to making Marines. Since then, hundreds of thousands of men and women have forged into the warriors at Parris Island, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and The Basic School in Quantico. Each recruit has a different reason for stepping onto the yellow footprints, but all are unified by the intangible traits that characterize United States Marines and the remarkable legacy that has carried on across generations. Whether you served on the hallowed grounds of Belleau Wood, fought on the iconic island battlefields of World War II, navigated the harsh terrain and climate of the Chosin Reservoir or Vietnam, conducted assaults during Desert Storm, marched on Baghdad, fought in the close combat of Fallujah, or conducted combat operations in Afghanistan, everyone who wears the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor is a member of the storied legacy. As we celebrate the 240th birthday of our Marine Corps, we pay tribute to all those that have served and we

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remember our fallen heroes. We take pride in our legacy and in the fine men and women who carry our colors into the future. And we extend heartfelt thanks to our families for our steadfast support. Our 26th Commandant, General Louis Wilson, once said, in the last analysis, what the Marine Corps become is what we make of it during our respective watches. And that watch of each Marine is not confined to the time he or she spends on active duty. It lasts as long as he or she is proud to bear the title of United States Marine. Thank you all for guarding the legacy of our accord during our watch. Happy birthday, Marines. Semper Fidelis, Robert Neller, General, United States Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps. Happy birthday, Marines."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Bill Mitchell, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Mitchell, B.: "I don't know if they're in the gallery yet or have been. I would like to... I know... Represent... they're guests also of Representative Scherer. The Decatur Leadership Institute are here. They spend a... part of the day with us, and they're mostly young folks just studying government. So, give them a big Springfield welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to your Capitol. Representative McDermed, for what reason to you seek recognition?"

McDermed: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

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McDermed: "Thank you very much. It's brought to my attention that my seatmate from my Will County Board days, Suzanne Hart is here. And I have to give her my own shout out. We sat together on county board, right in the front making maximum amount of trouble on county board. And I'm so thrilled to have her, and no disrespect to Demmer and Brady, but I miss my seatmate. Welcome, Suzanne."

Speaker Turner: "Two shout outs. Welcome, Suzanne. Representative Hammond, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Hammond: "Thank you. I'm not sure if they have joined us yet in the gallery, but there is a group of students here today from Illini Central in Mason City, Illinois. They are joined by their faculty members, Donnie Bowman and Kurt Means. And I'd like to give them a warm Springfield welcome, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to your Capitol. Leader Lang, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Lang: "Thank you. I rise for two points of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. First, let me introduce one of the greatest public officials we have in Niles Township, Trustee Jan Cichowlas in the gallery. And second, I got a whole bunch of Halloween candy leftover. It's on my desk, but be careful it's in a White Sox bag. So, Patti Bellock can have some, but I don't know who else. So come by and eat this, so I don't have to take it home with me. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Butler... Excuse me... excuse me, Representative. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 837."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 837, offered by Representative Butler.

Be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Rochester High School Rockets Girls Golf Team on winning the Illinois State championship Class A Title and for the professionalism they displayed in doing so."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Butler."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Two quick items of housekeeping before I get to House Resolution 837. First of all, I am so happy to have Representative Harper here in the chamber, because after eight months I am no longer the least senior Member of the Illinois House of Representatives. So I'm glad to have a 118-C on the board now instead 118-B. And secondly, we have a constituent in... of mine in the well, our minutes clerk Sherri Garrett, who is down there working I can see. Sherri, it's your birthday today. Happy birthday. Thank you very much for your work. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 837 honors the Class A IHSA State Champion Rochester girls... I almost said the wrong thing. The Rochester girls' golf team that is here today. Representative Scherer and I split Rochester, and it is truly becoming the home of champions in Rochester. Earlier this year we had the Rochester girls' soccer team here. It's a pleasure for me to introduce the state champion golf team here as well. Not only do we have the state champion golf team which... Did we name the trophy? Is it Charlotte, I think it is what we named the trophy. No, not Charlotte. Okay. Not only do we have the state champion golf team but we also have Morgan Savage who finished second

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in the individual competition as well. So I would like to... I would to recognize the women of the Rochester girls' golf team. Great to have them here today. They're... I had an opportunity to say a few words with them earlier. They're a wonderful group of women, and I'm so proud to support Rochester with my friend Sue Scherer and very proud of the great things that they did at the school champions with the Rochester Rockets. Thank you, ladies."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Scherer on the Resolution."

Scherer: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to congratulate our girls from Rochester on their accomplishment. To me it's just amazing that you would win first place in the entire state. I can't even begin to tell you how many hours I've spent walking around golf courses with my own son. And I've been at state, and I have... not my own self, but with him and the pressure is... I can't even put words to it. I thought at one point I was going to pass out being the mom watching. So to win the whole thing is just over the top for me to even think about this. I'm so proud of you, and I am so proud and humbled to be your Representative. Congratulations, girls. And this is just the beginning. It's not the end. It's just the beginning of great futures for every one of you. Way to go."

Speaker Turner: "Congratulations, ladies. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 840... Oh, excuse me. Excuse me. We have to adopt House Resolution 837. Representative Butler moves that the House adopt House Resolution 837. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Again,

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congratulations, ladies. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 842.
Representative Sommer."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 842, offered by Representative
Sommer.

Be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
we honor and thank James Vernon for his act of great bravery
in protecting the children at the Morton Public Library on
October 13, 2015 and wish him the best in the future."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sommer."

Sommer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have
your attention. Quite often, too often on news we look at
violence and violent acts around the country, and sometimes
I think, well, it's in somebody else's town. It's in a city.
It's not my neighborhood. And we sometimes think that, but
four weeks ago today, in my community of just 17 thousand
people, as the Resolution said, an individual entered the
public library armed with two large knives went to a room
being used by a chess club of 16 young people and announced
he was there to kill everybody. What would we do in that
situation? Well, thankfully we have someone here today who
knew what to do. He stepped up, put himself between the
assailant and the young kids as they scattered beneath tables.
And he quietly tried to address the assailant and then gave
a nod as the children and a few mothers scurried out of the
room. Jim Vernon at that time was 75 years old. His assailant,
19. Yet, Jim had served a few years ago in the U.S. Army
intelligence unit in Germany where he met and married his
wife Hanna. Jim knew what to do. He quietly talked to the

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assailant. And then something Jim told me he had paid attention to his training and noticed that the assailant was using his right hand to do a few things. So he knew the attack would come with that knife held in his right hand. And then but a few seconds later, the assailant with his right hand attacked Mr. Vernon. Well, he knew best. He put up his left arm. His left hand sustained serious injuries, but then the wrestling began and he ended up pinning the assailant to a table in the library. Can you imagine 90 seconds of this terror? Eventually others came to his aid. Jim Vernon stood up as we hope we all would do at such a time. It has been my pleasure to know Jim and Hanna for over 40 years and to call them my friends. And I would expect nothing different from Jim's actions. So though I have known him these many years, I want to introduce Jim, his wife, and his sister to you today. Standing up in the Speaker's Gallery is former Sergeant James Vernon, his wife Hanna, his sister Julie. Please welcome them to Springfield."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Riley on the Resolution."

Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to the Resolution. First of all, there is something about those intelligence NCOs. I don't know what it is. Mr. Vernon, when I read your story, I was just so... so overwhelmed. I looked at two lines of the wire service story, and I said this man is trained. God bless you. I've got to come up and take a picture with you. I'm so proud of your sacrifice. And it just goes to show you what training can do but also dedication not only to your community but just to... just doing the right thing. So thank you so much for being here. I had called Representative Unes and then finally

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found out that it was Representative Sommer's constituent. So you will be getting something in the mail from me very soon. Thank you and God bless you, sir."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sommer moves that the House adopt House Resolution 842. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Thank you for your service, Mr. Vernon. Representative Feigenholtz, for what reason do you seek Resolution... recognition?"

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise at a point of personal privilege.

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Feigenholtz: "Today... 77 years ago today was Kristallnacht or The Night of Broken Glass that shattered the lives of many Jews around Eastern Europe. The name Kristallnacht comes from shards of broken glass that littered the streets after Jewish-owned stores, buildings, and synagogues had their windows broken. Overnight 90 Jews were murdered, 30 thousand were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps, 7 thousand businesses were destroyed, and over a thousand synagogues were burned. Some of us had relatives that were burned in those synagogues. To that point, no event in history of European Jews was so widely reported. And shockwaves were sent around the world of this horrific night. However, that was just the beginning of these horrors. On November 12, Hermann Göring met with other members of the Nazi Party to plan the next steps. He said, and I quote, 'I have received a letter on the Führer's orders requesting that the Jewish question be now, once and for all, coordinated and solved one

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way or another. I implore competent agencies to take all measures for the elimination of the Jew from the German economy and to submit them to me.' That day by a vote of the members of Göring's committee the decree for the elimination of Jews from German economic life was passed, thus eliminating the Jews from the economic life of Germany. Let this day serve as a reminder to all of us about the importance of voting to ensure the democratic ideals flourish. Thank you. And I would appreciate a moment of silence for this historic day."

Speaker Turner: "Members, the Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you. Thank you, Representative Feigenholtz. Representative Wallace, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Wallace: "Thank you. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Wallace: "Thank you. I want to recognize Mr. Eric Brown who is with us in the gallery along with other advocates here as they stand united to make sure that we protect those who need protection. And that we are making sure that we look out for individuals who have physical and other disabilities and just making sure that he advocates for all who are clients of RAMP. So thank you. Please welcome Mr. Brown."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to your Capitol, Mr. Brown. Thank you, Representative. Representative Ives, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ives: "Rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Ives: "On the heels of the previous speakers where we have learned about the Marines Corps birthday today and about what happened

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on Kristallnacht and what happened about with our veteran up there, Sergeant Vernon, I'd just like to say thank you to all veterans. Tomorrow is Veteran's Day. And I think that what we know about veterans, especially in the State of Illinois is that not only have they dedicated themselves to a life of service in many cases for the United States Army or any of the other services, but they also dedicate once they retire a life of service to the nation. And we see that time and again. And I appreciate this particular Body for paying attention to veterans and veterans' issues and really doing whatever we can for veterans in all the legislation we have passed. So, Happy Veteran's Day tomorrow. Tomorrow I hope you all are... have many veterans' events in your districts that you can go and tell them how much you appreciate them. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. Representative. Representative Hurley, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hurley: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Hurley: "I would just like to welcome Rebecca Reed who is a Page for a day. She's down here from district, if we could give her a nice round of applause."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to your Capitol. Thank you, Representative. Leader Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans will caucus in Room 118 now. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Republicans will caucus in Room 118. Democrats will caucus in Room 114. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. I'm going to try this again in hopes that the microphone is on. The House will be in order. Mr. Clerk, page 13 of the Calendar, under the Order of Amendatory Vetoes, there appears House Bill 28... excuse me... 2482, Mr. Harris. Please proceed, Mr. Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. With this Motion I would like to override the Veto of the Governor on House Bill 2482. So, let me just first take... take us back because it's been a while since we considered this legislation to explain what the underlying legislation did and then explain why I think an Override Motion is appropriate. The House Bill 2482 as passed by the House and the Senate earlier this year provided protections for senior citizens in home service... in Community Care Program, persons with disabilities in the Home Services Program, those with Alzheimer's and dementia-related disorders and traumatic brain injuries from changes in eligibility that had been proposed in a federal waiver in Washington. In addition, this Bill provided many more protections for those people who are currently in our care programs, those who are seniors, those with disabilities, those with dementia, Alzheimer's or related disorders as we transition to the new Uniform Assessment Tool. This became known as the DON score Bill because one piece of this legislation dealt with a proposed increase to the DON score which is the Determination of Need score, a tool by which we have measured eligibility for these programs. This was... well, one of the things of the many that this Bill addressed. The Governor then proposed an Amendatory Veto to this Bill that modified the Determination of Need

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score to allow... to apply differ... to differentially to various populations. I'm very happy to say that since the Amendatory Veto was entered into the Governor, yesterday, and I think credit should be given where credit is due, it is... I think it's very... a good sign that the Governor has written to the Federal CMS in Washington and made the statement that is the position of the State of Illinois that they would like to maintain the current DON score. Therefore, the portion of the Bill that is changed by the Amendatory Veto is essentially moot. So, I am moving to override the Veto so that the other provisions may take effect. And the other provisions that we still need to be concerned with which this Bill would protect for senior citizens who are in long-term care, for persons with Alzheimer's or related dementia disorders, or for persons with disabilities are maintaining a minimum Determination of Need score for both institutional and community-based care. Until the Federal Government approves the Universal Assessment Tool, and as those of you who followed this know, we've been moving as a state toward the Universal Assessment Tool for many years. And it's my understanding from the Governor's Office that this is now being piloted and soon will be implemented. So the... we provide protections for our disabled and elderly citizens who are already in care as this moves forward. What this Bill requires to provide those protections is that the department must promulgate rules for implementation of the Universal Assessment Tool. And to maximize the opportunity for public input and public comment and stakeholder involvement that the regular rule process not an emergency rule process must be

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made for development of the UAT rules. It also states to pro... as a protection to essentially grandfather in those seniors and persons with disabilities who are currently receiving care that the Universal Assessment Tool cannot move more than one percent of current clients out of services and it also provides that persons are given a transition period, a grace period, in order to move out of care. So these are protections that are provided for senior citizens in the Community Care Program also for Alzheimer's and related dementia disorders. The same for persons with disabilities in the Home Services Program. The same for persons in the Supportive Living Program. And it also provides one additional layer of protection to those who are residing in institutional facilities because in many cases these individuals may not have a home or a residence to go back to should their eligibility change and they be discharged. The legislation would require that a community care plan must be developed prior to discharge and the services must be available in the community to receive these people before they are discharged from the place which they are residing. So, this is the underlying Bill. I would very much appreciate your support in overriding the Governor's Veto and in enacting these very important protections for seniors and persons with disabilities."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Durkin."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Durkin: "Representative Harris, I've known you for a number of years. You're a fine man and worked cooperatively with a

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number of things with you over the years. I'm a bit perplexed at why we're here today doing this Bill. It's my understanding based on very good sources that there was a discussion last week between you, your staff, and also the administration to find common ground, and some type of agreement, to avoid to have a vote which would be adversarial. Is that correct?"

Harris, G.: "We had a number of discussions on the issues that surrounded the underlying Bill and possible actions that the Governor might take. And subsequently, he undertook to amendatorily veto it. That was the nature of the discussions."

Durkin: "All right. Let's take away the Amendatory Veto and notice. Let's talk about what exactly was on the table last week. From my understanding, again, based on the Governor's Office that either you or your staff went to the Governor and said we can avoid a vote under two conditions. One, you withdraw the Federal waiver which you would sit in a few months ago to the Federal CMS, asking for them to be able to go and move their DON score from 29 up to, what, 36 or 37 and two, that a task force would be comprised which would discuss an alternative to DON scoring. Those were two offers that were made to the Governor in which the Governor came back and said, yes, we're with you on that. But what happened since then? Is in that... let me go back... is that an act or portrayal of what exactly happened?"

Harris, G.: "I don't think that's an accurate portrayal. There were a number of topics discussed. And I think that the representation that certainly I made to the Governor's staff was that these are a number of suggestions which we could entertain and that the final decision would have to move back

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up and be fully discussed among Leadership. Just as I'm sure you would with your Members."

Durkin: "But it was you or someone working on your behalf who went to the Governor and said that remove the waiver and let's have the task force and that we can avoid what would be an otherwise sad event today which is going to be an adversarial vote as opposed to an agreed Bill. And I believe that the Governor has been acting in good faith on this, and he certainly has on a number of other issues within the last few days. And we're going to talk more about that during the course of this day. But the Governor is trying to avoid what has been the problem and root evil of this whole Session, adversarial votes. A failure to work together, failure to negotiate in good faith to put some type of compromise in which we can all agree upon which the public is dying for at this moment. So, the Governor took your recommendations and said, remove the waiver and also put the task force together. Well, Representative Harris, have you seen the letter that the Governor has sent to the Federal CMS in which he's withdrawn his reque... his waiver which he previously had sent to that Federal Government?"

Harris, G.: "And I think you may have been walking on to the floor as I was opening my remarks, Leader, and I commended the Governor for that. I think it's a very admirable thing that they did. I think that is a very commendable decision that the Governor made."

Durkin: "Well, my understanding that that was, you know, that was the offer that was given to the Governor and the fact is he walked away from it. And I think it's unfortunate. We could

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have done a lot better job today on this Bill protecting seniors. Some of those other issues, yes, those are important, but ultimately this is about the increase in the DON score. And that's why we're here today. That's the most important issue we have in front of us. And that's in... and that is something which the Governor has decided that I'm willing to work with you and I will take your recommendation. And he's already sent the letter in, but unfortunately we have to take on this vote, and I think it's very unfortunate. But folks, this Governor does want to work. He wants to find a way for us to get past the impasse, to put aside the rhetoric, and some of these harsh feelings. 'Cause we're going to be walking into a meeting on November 18 and the public may be expecting a lot. But that fact is, when the Governor says I'll take your deal. I'll withdraw my waiver and I will put together a task force the ones that the very same recommendations that you offered and then within the last 24 hours walking away from it. I don't think that's a good sign of progress. And I'm going to advise our Members to vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Greg, picking up from where Leader Durkin went off, I just want to focus on kind of the negotiations. Was is... is it true that you went to the administration seeking some resolution to this issue?"

Harris, G.: "No, I believe that I got a call inviting me to come to a meeting."

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Sandack: "And so you were invited to a meeting to talk about a resolution to the DON score issue before the AV occurred, correct?"

Harris, G.: "You know... and here, Representative... yeah, we got into..."

Sandack: "Yes or no, Greg. Yes or no."

Harris, G.: "I'm going to give you an answer, Representative. You've asked me a question. I'm going to give the answer I want to give. That when we begin to talk about private meetings and recounting what went on in private meetings between you and other elected officials or me and other elected officials, I think we're going into some tricky territory. So, I'll just say that first. I believe that the things that I had discussions with those folks were done in good faith and in confidence. I think that when I left it was certainly my understanding there were a number of options put on the table. I think that I have made it clear that I would have to consult with my caucus before any final decisions were made. I do not think I ever made any offer of this for that. So that's what I will say on this topic."

Sandack: "So, to my question which I had asked, as... the discussions occurred before the Governor's Amendatory Veto."

Harris, G.: "Yes."

Sandack: "Okay. And at some subsequent time the Governor, I guess acted upon your discussions and that waiver request was withdrawn by the administration to the Federal Government, correct?"

Harris, G.: "The Governor did take that action. I saw a letter yesterday on *Capitol Fax*. That's how I knew it had occurred."

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Sandack: "That... that you weren't told that was going to occur is at your discussion?"

Harris, G.: "The first I saw of it was actually I had gotten a text from Rich Miller saying, hey, look on..."

Sandack: "Okay."

Harris, G.: "...*Capitol Fax*."

Sandack: "All right. So I was under the impression in your opening statement that was a request you had made of the administration."

Harris, G.: "No. I commended the administration for making it. I think it was a very good decision."

Sandack: "Okay. And was... is there a second part to the discussions, meaning there was going to be a task force put together to discuss alternatives to using the Determination of Need process?"

Harris, G.: "There were a number of discussions within the... within a private conversation, Representative. I will say there were a number of discussions over a number of discussions over a..."

Sandack: "I'm sorry..."

Harris, G.: "...number of different things."

Sandack: "...you're considering these things private now, but this process is very public. And so if I'm stepping into what you perceived to be private communications, I apologize, but I don't think they're private. I think they're in the ken of the discussion of this Amendatory Veto override attempt. And so I want to know because I'm being told that genuine efforts and compromise in conciliatory language was broached and that there are some that believe a deal was made and that it was reneged upon. I think that's kind of important."

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Harris, G.: "I don't believe that any deal was made in that meeting. I think there were suggestions made by the Governor's staff following the meeting. And I think that we made a decision as communicated to the Governor's staff that the Amendatory Veto would be filed."

Sandack: "All right. To... to the Amendatory Veto override. It doesn't do me any good or anyone else any good to get into the back and forth, and it's unfortunate, because there is nothing private about that when we're talking about public legislation. But the theme of this Bill and some subsequent Bills is going to be completely clear and transparent which is there has been a genuine attempt at compromise, something that's been completely missing and both sides should be blamed no doubt about it. But we're five months passed regular Session and genuine attempts at finding compromise and you know, there was a word used by the Speaker throughout since the end of May we have to act in moderation. And there have been attempts, genuine good faith attempts to do so, and we find still we're at this process of doing gotcha votes for political reasons. There is no good reason for this to be going on right now. So... so too with some other Bills. These have been genuinely discussed with... in good faith. I'll take the Sponsor's word at that. Why didn't proceeding continue forward is absolutely astonishing. So now we're here for more of the gotcha politics that have pervaded the entire compile... compartment and the entirety of this continuing Session debacle. And that's a shame. So when some people say they want moderation, compromise, reasonable discussion, maybe

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they ought to practice what they preach. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Reasonable is an objective, having sound judgment, fair, and sensible. Extreme can also be an object... adj... adjective, furthest from the center or a given point. We heard that over and over this summer. Let's be reasonable and not work in the extreme. Ladies and Gentlemen, I believe it was very reasonable for the Sponsor, who's done a marvelous work on this issue, to go to the Governor and say, hey, can you withdraw the application for the DON score change? Can we set up a bipartisan task force to have these discussions? That's reasonable. It was reasonable for the Governor to say you know what, Representative, you're right. Let's try to get through this logjam and do this. So the Governor, in his good sense, and the Representative, in his good sense came to a discussion. I won't call it a deal, but I think it was a deal, that we're going to be reasonable and try and move the ball forward. Unfortunately, we are now dealing with the extreme, and I'm not going to blame Representative Harris for that. He's too good of a man. But we're now in the extreme because we're walking away from a bipartisan discussion and compromise on something to maybe push us forward, to push the debate to a better level. Ladies and Gentlemen, that is the extreme. This Bill goes against the spirit of bipartisan compromise and goes to the extreme which is against what we have been talking about all along. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Demmer: "Representative, we had a discussion on the floor about this Bill the first time it made its way through. And one of the points that I brought up at that point was the use of the DON score in the State of Illinois. And I think that's... that's still an accurate question to ask. So what I'm interested in is how many states in the United States use the Determination of Need score for assessing individuals?"

Harris, G.: "I believe we are the last one, Representative, and we are currently migrating toward the Universal Assessment Tool."

Demmer: "Right. That's... that's an important point. There's a currently a migration to Universal Assessment Tool that will change the way in which individuals are evaluated for what level of services they should provide... they should be provided."

Harris, G.: "And what this Bill does is it provides protections for those people during the migration process."

Demmer: "But it goes beyond that and actually puts into state statute an eligibility level based on an outdated Determination of Need score that is used in Illinois and only in Illinois."

Harris, G.: "As we move to the new process which will be scored differently."

Demmer: "And there's obviously a transition period that happens there to try to adopt a new tool, a new evaluation method. It is an important discussion for the state to have and in terms of carrying out the objectives of this program. And so I think

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it's important that we not commit state statute to codifying a level of evaluation based on a tool that's now outdated, that we're moving away from, and that may actually provide more of a complication as we try to adopt a new universal evaluation tool. I think there's an opportunity though in the fact, as it has been mentioned by... by a couple of speakers already here today, that we have an acknowledgement, we have a compromise by the Governor's Office to continue to provide services at the level of 29 of... of... on the DON score evaluation tool. And also to put together a bipartisan, bicameral task force that will help us evaluate that Universal Assessment Tool and make changes to the program going forward. Instead of putting things into statute, instead of taking this vote today that doesn't seem necessary based on the agreements and the compromise and the progress that has been made, shouldn't we rather accept and embrace this opportunity for some kind of compromise to happen rather than to have this show vote on the floor today?"

Harris, G.: "I think the thing that this Bill does is it gives comfort and protection to seniors who are in our care, who are elderly or disabled. It gives comfort to people who might have relatives with Alzheimer's or dementia that they may not suddenly and abruptly lose services with no recourse. And I think that's a very important thing."

Demmer: "I think we've achieved through a compromise... Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. We've achieved through a compromise, through a good faith effort of working together in a bipartisan fashion, a way to protect services and a way to engage policymakers in the House and the Senate, on the Republican side of the aisle

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and the Democratic side of the aisle to come to together to ensure this program has the stability it needs going forward. Mr. Speaker, should there be the requisite number of votes, I request a verification."

Speaker Lang: "Your request is acknowledged, Sir. Representative Wallace. Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "My apologies. Quite a heated debate, subdebate even here on this side. I just simply rise in support of this Bill. I do have some of the same concerns that have been echoed whether or not we should put into statute a form of assessment that we're moving away from, but I think what is very key in doing this is that it will provide for stability and for transition as we move to the next form of assessment, as we look for it to making sure our seniors, our disabled are protected as we do that. I think it's very important to have it statute. I think it's also important to create, as I stated earlier today, a sense of greater checks and greater balance. We need to make sure that we're not allowing for arbitrary changes to any of our particular human services rules or how we will administer the services that we provide to people who need it so much. And so for that, I thank you, Representative Harris, for bringing this Bill. And I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Bellock: "Thank you, Representative. I wanted to ask you just a few questions. Starting off with just a little bit of the

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background, because we worked here for a long time together on human service issues and helping people, you know, in a... especially seniors in our state. So when we did the SMART Act, which was led a lot of... we had 62 reforms in there. One of the reforms in there which was led by the Governor and by Director Hamos at the time was to put in statute, which was in statute, I'm pretty accurate, the DON score. I want to say it was 37. She had a huge issue, which is an issue... across the state... across all the states about re... long-term care rebalancing. And that is in statute right now. So I see by... and never implemented which goes to the point which I think Representative Demmer brought up that I don't think it was a good idea to put that in statute because we want to work together on a universal tool. I'm asking you, are you familiar with that?"

Harris, G.: "With the universal tool, it's been..."

Bellock: "No, with what happened in the SMART Act."

Harris, G.: "Oh, yes. And if you recall the Federal Government said that it... we could not because of Maintenance of Effort requirements change that DON score."

Bellock: "Right. Because of the MOE. Remember..."

Harris, G.: "Yes."

Bellock: "...because they said..."

Harris, G.: "Yeah."

Bellock: "...there couldn't be a change because of the application. So in this case, I think that the Governor has put forth... a good forth solution as I think you and I try to come together on compromise and solution all the time with the Bills that we're doing here. And the effort is to try to keep it at 27

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and by sending that letter on November 9, I think that was a step in the direction of a compromise and a solution between both sides of the aisle to say we're not going to move the DON score, and we're going to keep the DON score at 29. Isn't that correct?"

Harris, G.: "You know, Representative, I could have gotten up and said a lot of things today about this Bill and about the Amendatory Veto, but I chose to stand up here today and commend the Governor for the action he took and outline the protections that the remainder of the Bill had for seniors and people with disabilities. That's the tone I want to have, and that's the tone I want to stick with. I think that I... again, I think that this change that was made the other day benefits the seniors and people with disabilities in this state. And I think that the protections that this Bill contains as we move to the Universal Assessment Tool, which I think we all believe is a good way to go, should be strong also."

Bellock: "Thank you. And that's the other question I wanted to ask you is regarding the universal tool. Because a couple of months ago when we were at a hearing, I asked that question, and I didn't honestly think there was anybody in Illinois that was working on the universal tool. Then I got a reply, and I'd have to go back and get it, but there already was a group. I don't know if it was in the Department of Aging or if it was in HFS. Are you familiar that's already working on the universal tool?"

Harris, G.: "Yes. As I said in my remarks, Representative, I believe it's in a shadowing process now at least with some

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populations to see how the results of the Universal Assessment Tool and the DON score, which is our current method, compare."

Bellock: "But it..."

Speaker Lang: "Can I ask you both to suspend your comments for a second? Ladies and Gentlemen, it's very noisy in the chamber. We have a lot of work to do, so you might as well calm down and sit down and listen to those who are speaking. If you must speak, go to the rear of the chamber. Please proceed, Representative."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Representative. So I guess my question right then was, is somebody here in the state like in HFS or Department of Aging, is somebody actually, and I'm just asking you this..."

Harris, G.: "Yeah."

Bellock: "...if you know, working on that universal tool right now?"

Harris, G.: "So the representation was made in the meeting, and again, these are not frontline staff, was that they believe there's a shadowing process going on. Discussion here with staff says there may be RFP and the shadowing hasn't started. So some... you know, I... I'm not sure the exact status, but it is something that un... under the last administration they started to work toward and is... is still currently being worked toward."

Bellock: "Okay. Thank you. I just wanted to ask one more thing that in working towards this issue just... in... I know we have the same goal in mind that if there is a committee formed or a task force formed to study that universal tool, I would hope that it would be a bipartisan committee or task force so

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that we could all work on it together along with the advocates who are interested in this issue. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, help me understand the Governor's Amendatory Veto, if you would. I'm looking at the... the Amendatory Veto, and I... I heard what you said, and I'm looking at the Amendatory Veto, and what I see are four instances where the Governor vetoed the language 'institutional and' and put in 'institutional or'. Is that... is that the guts of the... of the Amendatory Veto?"

Harris, G.: "Those are the words, yes."

Harris, D.: "So, if all they're doing is changing the... in essence, changing the 'and' to 'or', it seems to me that what you're doing is restricting the power of the Executive to make a good... and the department, to make a good faith judgment as to the best setting for the individuals that are impacted here. Is that correct?"

Harris, G.: "I think that the intent of the Veto in concert with the waiver that was filed with the Federal Government would have been, and again, I... I'm giving you my best interpretation of their... their motive and their direction was to allow different scores and different level of care for different settings rather than a uniform score throughout."

Harris, D.: "Well, given the Governor's letter to CMS saying, look, I'm withdrawing my request for a waiver to change the DON score. Seems to me that is a good faith effort to say I want to compromise. I want to do here what is a genuine need

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and... and to work with the other side of the aisle. And I need a little bit of flexibility being the Executive running these departments. I need a little bit of flexibility as to how we handle these cases. And all... it seems to me, all he is saying is rather than institutional and community-based, it's institutional or community-based, an either/or, which is best for the person being served. And what we're saying is, no, you can't do that. You absolutely have to have both, and it has to be in statute. To me that seems to be overreaching. Any sense?"

Harris, G.: "I would say that in discussions with the advocates, whether you were an advocate for institutional-based care or an advocate for community-based care, there was a lot of concern that the proposed language could not be understood and how it would be implemented was not easily able to be understood. And you know, I could game out for you the various scenarios that advocates came to me where they said, this language just might be wrong or could be harmful. But then when the Governor, you know, filed his letter yesterday with the Federal Government to unify the standard, the... in my estimation and the estimation of the advocates then the need for the amendatory language was done away with."

Harris, D.: "All right. Let me ask this then. What was the standard before House Bill 2482 was passed?"

Harris, G.: "It was a DON score of 29."

Harris, D.: "Well, the DON score hasn't changed, so that's not... that's not my question. The Gov... the Governor isn't changing the DON score. What was the standard regarding institutional and/or community-based placement?"

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Harris, G.: "Well, since a person can only live one place at once it was and... and they were treated different. So, if you were in a nursing home you were evaluated at a 29. If you lived in the community you were lived at 29. It was generally understood that you were at one place or the other. Although you might have to go to the hospital or something like that for a brief stay."

Harris, D.: "So prior... prior to 2482, the department was making determination, correct?"

Harris, G.: "And we can go into the hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of pages of rules about this, but yeah, departments were always making determinations based on the unified level."

Harris, D.: "Okay. And to the Bill, Ladies and Gentlemen. The... the Sponsor said, well, it's not just about the DON score. Yes, it is just about the DON score because the Governor has said I'm not changing the DON score. DON score's going to stay the same, but what I want is the same flexibility that I had before. Don't put in statute that rigid requirement that has to be an 'and' versus an 'or'. Let me do the... let me have the same flexibility that previous Governors have had. Let me have that same flexibility for the departments now. So there's been a good faith attempt made by the administration here and by the Governor in that letter to CMS on the DON score. That's the issue here. The Bill... the Motion for the override does not deserve a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris to close."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. You know, a lot of discussion has been had today, but I just want to re...

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reconfirm what a vote on this Amendatory Veto does. Voting to support the Amenda... the override of the Governor's Amendatory Veto leaves in place protections for seniors, fragile elderly, and persons with disabilities. It provides protections that would not allow them to be moved from one setting of care until it was confirmed that there were settings of care that were available to receive them. It makes sure that as people are redetermined as the... the program goes forward and we move to the Universal Assessment Tool that people do not leave their... do not lose their home or their care. This is about protecting the seniors and the people with disabilities who are in our program now. And you know, I... I... I usually do not cruise... quote Ted Cruz and Mike Huckabee, but I don't know if you watched the last Presidential debate when they were talking about, you know, how do you reform entitlements, how do you mo... move forward? And as Senator Cruz said, you know, Governor Huckabee's exactly right. We need to honor the promises we make to our seniors. And that's what this does is honoring the promises that are made to our seniors and our people with disabilities. Ladies and Gentlemen, I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Harris has moved to override the Amendatory Veto of the Governor on House Bill 2482, notwithstanding the Governor's spec... su... specific recommendations for change. Please be reminded that Mr. Demmer has asked for a verification of the vote, and please be reminded this will require 71 votes. Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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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 70 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no',
1 voting 'present', and the Motion fails. Mr. Demmer, you
withdraw your verification. The Gentleman withdraws his
request for a verification. The Chair recognizes Mr. Sims."

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

Speaker Lang: "We're going to hold off on all points of personal
privilege 'til the end of the day. So..."

Sims: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "...everybody calm down with those. On page 11 of the
Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading,
there appears Senate Bill 1380, Representative Gordon-Booth.
Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1380, a Bill for an Act concerning
local government. This Bill was read a second time on a
previous day. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor
Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1380, a Bill for an Act concerning
local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Gordon-Booth. Mr. Clerk, out of the
record. Page 10 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 570,
Representative Gordon-Booth. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 570, a Bill for an Act concerning
State Government. This Bill was read a second time on a
previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted previously. Floor
Amendment #3, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, has
been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Gordon-Booth on the Amendment."

Gordon-Booth: "This is the Amendment that... the very same Amendment that we passed on... excuse me... that we voted on, on September 2. I ask that we move it to Third and debate it on Third."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the... Bear with me. Representative Gordon-Booth, I'm advised that you don't need this Amendment."

Gordon-Booth: "Okay. I withdraw the Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady withdraws the Amendment. Mr. Clerk."

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 570, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Again, Mr. Speaker, this is the legislation that we voted on, on September 2 that fell one vote shy of the 71 votes requisite to have the Supermajority. As many of us know, very clearly at this point, for the last four months there have been extensive changes, devastating changes to the Child Care Assistance Program. Those program... that program has been affected in a very major way in every district in our... every district in our... every district in this Body. We have already seen over 70 thousand children either rejected or kicked out of this program. This has gone on, again, for the last four months. This is an issue that, obviously, has taken a lot of media attention across Illinois simply because it affects so many people and it's so far-reaching. And any changes that are made to this program has devastating effects to those that are benefactors of this program. The tentacles of this...

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the tentacles that are far-reaching for many people that depend on this small work subsidy, 1) provides family stability to be able to go to work, to go to school. The children that access this program, it prepares them for kindergarten where they will begin to, shortly thereafter, be tested and tested and tested. It also is the economic engine for many of our communities as it relates to the child care centers that go into business to provide those families that small work subsidy, to provide those children that high quality education that all we so deservedly believe that they need. For the last 20 years, this has been a bipartisan program. This program was a byproduct of the Welfare to Work reforms that came out of the Federal Government in 1995 when President Clinton worked with his Republican Congress. This has been one of the best antipoverty programs in the State of Illinois. There's been a lot of discussion as it relates to the emergency rule, the language that was introduced yesterday, that will come before JCAR on November 17. That language, I won't demonize it, but what I will say is that the reason why we still need Senate Bill 570 is because I have always remained the position that, as a Legislative Body, we should take part in the way that changes are made to the Child Care Assistance Program. It should come through the Legislative Body. That's not what happened because of the emergency rule that was enacted on July 1. Many of us went back to our communities trying to understand ourselves, 1) how this happened, 2) why this happened? Because we clearly understand if people do not have the ability to work and to go to school they will be on the public dole, so we save no

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money. That isn't next year. That isn't six months from now. If they don't... again, if they don't have the ability to work, to go to school, to make a better life for themselves and for their children they go immediately to welfare. So the State of Illinois saves no money because as it relates to health care. These individuals, if they can't work, if they don't have a work... if they don't have this small work program they don't have the ability to have health insurance because they don't have the ability to work. Therefore, they end up in emergency rooms costing us even more money on the Medicaid line. Ladies and Gentlemen, I would say to you that we have an opportunity to create checks and balances with Senate Bill 570. We have an opportunity so that any time in the future when this... when this Child Care Assistance Program is changed we don't have to begrudgingly go back into our communities and tell our child care providers and our families and our children that depend upon this program we don't have to tell them that I didn't have anything to do with this. Because if we pass this Bill, we would have our say, we would have our day in committee, our day on the floor. We would have the ability to bring stakeholders to the table to speak as to why this program is not a necessity but it should be a requirement. So I would dare say to you that although changes were announced yesterday that were negotiated by the Senate Sponsor, not by the House Sponsor, that we still need to pass this Bill on today. This is the House of Representatives and we only control the House of Representatives. I ask for your favorable vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we have eight speakers. Could we keep the noise down in the chamber, please? And the Chair is going to wait. Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Sandack: "Thank you. Representative, I took note of your closing comment in which you stated and I don't want to misquote, so please elaborate for me as you see fit, that the negotiations were with the Senate Sponsor, Representative... Senator Hutchinson and not yourself?"

Gordon-Booth: "Senator Hutchinson worked with the administration to come up with what we all read about yesterday, yes."

Sandack: "So, you had no role in that?"

Gordon-Booth: "Senator Hutchinson would keep me apprised of those conversations, but no, I was not involved and I did not agree to the compromise that they agreed upon in the Senate."

Sandack: "All right. Because I was going to commend you and I still will 'cause I think you were involved in some of the negotiations or, at least, there were some... there was some participation by you in trying to resolve this issue similar to the previous legislation short of, actually, this vote. And so I was going to commend you on a bipartisan, bicameral attempt at trying to achieve compromise. Whether it was achieved in your mind or not, I was going to commend you and I still do. My question to you, Representative, is if you do get the requisite number of votes for the override what is Senator Hutchinson's intent to do with respect to the Bill?"

Gordon-Booth: "Senator Hutchinson has indicated that she plans on holding the Bill. She did in..."

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Sandack: "I'm sorry?"

Gordon-Booth: "Senator Hutchinson has indicated in a public fashion... I mean, we probably all read that press release yesterday... that she plans on holding the Bill, but that she..."

Sandack: "She won't move it?"

Gordon-Booth: "She says that she won't move it as long as the emergency rule isn't changed again because, as we all know, there have been multiple changes to the Child Care Assistance Program through emergency rule."

Sandack: "Well, I don't know about multiple ones, but I do know that there was an act by the administration in furtherance of the agreement with Senator Hutchinson that rules were made public in that respect..."

Gordon-Booth: "Yes."

Sandack: "...so it looks like the administration, with respect to a deal that you apparently weren't part of, is acting in good faith with Senator Hutchinson, yes?"

Gordon-Booth: "So I would say that when I spoke about multiple changes through emergency rules so, obviously, the changes that were announced yesterday. That's one. The change that went into effect on July 1 would be at least two. Where... that's where I derived the word multiple."

Sandack: "Fair enough. But with respect to the Governor and the administration's I think public measure of good faith, they have made the rule change that Senator Hutchinson sought. Isn't that correct?"

Gordon-Booth: "Yes."

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Sandack: "And if she's not going to move the Bill and if the rule change that the Governor and the Governor's administration said they would move forward with, isn't it unnecessary..."

Gordon-Booth: "I would disagree..."

Sandack: "...to go forward?"

Gordon-Booth: "I would disagree. If you read the press release yesterday that Senator Hutchinson laid out, she looks forward to Senate Bill 570 coming back to her, to the Senate. She is the originator of this legislation. I picked it up in the House. She and I have been working on this for... since August and..."

Sandack: "I'm... yeah, I'm aware of that."

Gordon-Booth: "...so... so she expects for this Bill to come back to the Senate. The understanding is as long as there are no more draconian measures made to the Child Care Assistance Program then she won't run the Bill. But in order for whatever they worked out, this Bill must go to the Senate."

Sandack: "Okay. So, you weren't part of that discussion and you didn't agree to that, but you're in agreement that if everything is as you say it won't... the Bill won't be run any further and Senator Hutchinson will let the matter drop?"

Gordon-Booth: "My assumption, because obviously that's all that I'm operating on because I'm not talking about my own actions, my... we pass this Bill favorably today, send it over to the Senate. Obviously, Senator Hutchinson has already indicated that she will hold the Bill as long as there are no further changes to the Child Care Assistance Program."

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Sandack: "Representative, how many discussions were you personally in with administrative staff with respect to negotiating the provisions with respect to your Bill?"

Gordon-Booth: "So there was one conversation on Friday morning. My belief... to my understanding, there were conversations that started between the Senate and the administration on Wednesday after that memo went out that we've all read. So, conversations started on Wednesday. They went forward on Thursday. On Friday morning, I was three-wayed into a conversation for about 9, 10 minutes. That was the only conversation we had via phone. There was another conversation where Senator Hutchinson indicated to me that there may be language. Upon talking with providers... upon talking with providers and advocates, they said, well, let's see the language. A text message was sent and said, hey, here's my e-mail. Send me the language. That is all."

Sandack: "Okay. But you certainly favor the discussion process and conciliatory discussion with the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch."

Gordon-Booth: "Yes."

Sandack: "That's a... that's a good thing."

Gordon-Booth: "I would say that I am... listen, I'm a pragmatic person. I like to fancy myself as a logical person. I don't... I don't think the decisions should be made in silos, but at the end of the day, I also believe that when the sort of draconian measures that have taken place to so many vulnerable populations, to so many families, to so many children, to so many child care centers I think that even amongst those discussions... even if you do have a discussion, there needs to

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be an agreement. And that's what I'm saying we're short of. We were short on an agreement. There was no agreement in the House."

Sandack: "Well, Senator... but Senator Hutchinson says there's an agreement, right?"

Gordon-Booth: "I said in the House."

Sandack: "Oh, okay. Last question. This one goes to the substance of your Bill and thank you for your answers."

Gordon-Booth: "Mmm mmm."

Sandack: "The compromised language... I think it's compromised language with respect to getting the number, the 162 percent of Federal Poverty Level. Where does the 162 come from, Representative?"

Gordon-Booth: "So, as stated before, Senator Hutchinson and I have been working on this legislation since August. So we've been talking with other providers and working on what was Federal Poverty Line. What were those... What did those numbers actually look like at 50 percent of poverty? What did they look like at 185 percent of poverty? What did they look like at one time when those numbers were 200 percent of the poverty level? And so, Senator Hutchinson and I have been having those conversations since we introduced this legislation 90 days ago. So she and I likely had that conversation somewhere down the road."

Sandack: "But what does it foot to? What does it attach to? What is its basis?"

Gordon-Booth: "You would probably have to ask Senator Hutchinson."

Sandack: "Oh, okay. So she has that information, you don't?"

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Gordon-Booth: "I said you would probably have to ask her because, as I stated before, she and I have been talking about this legislation for over 90 days because it's been on the House Calendar for over 85."

Sandack: "Okay, thank you. And I appreciate the answers."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you."

Sandack: "To.. to the Bill. I respect the Sponsor tremendously. I believe she is pragmatic and I think she's demonstrated that in many instances. In this specific legislation, however, we have yet again an instance of compromise. We have an instance of reasonable meeting of the minds. We have an Executive and an Executive office meeting with Legislators in an attempt to come to a compromise. Not acting in the extreme, not being irrational, not being unreasonable, but rather and in fact, being reasonable and reaching an agreement. I want to emphasize that. An agreement was reached. There is no need for this vote. I suspect it is yet again another continuing example of gotcha politics in this never-ending, continuing Session. Unfortunately, real lives matter. We have people watching this process. I don't know how they could be heartened by the fact that we continue to throw impediments into opportunities at achieving bipartisanship. We continue to turn our back on compromise and that's unfortunate because we're now in November. We don't have a budget. We're spending on a 2015 spend horizon with 2011 revenues. Everything we do attaches to the budget. We need to act reasonably and we can by not moving this Bill forward, by letting the agreement that Senator Hutchinson and the administration arranged come to fruition. This is a gotcha vote. It's unnecessary. Let's

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move ahead truly in a bipartisan fashion. Let's get beyond partisan politics and gotcha politics. It's time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I just want to first thank the Governor for acknowledging that the emergency order was a mistake in the first place and reversing the decision from 185 to 162. I don't think that we've gone far enough with 162, so I rise in support of Senate Bill 570 with the hopes that we leave no child out of the child care program in Illinois. I want to also thank Senator Hutchinson and Representative Dunkin for helping get us to the point where the order was reversed but yet, not far enough. If there's one thing that we could do in this Body, I think it is that we could come together for children of Illinois. If we cannot come together for children of Illinois, I don't know what we could come together to do to improve the lives of children. So I heard today, and I've heard many times this Session, that our votes have been politically based. Now, I don't think for one minute that we could say Senate Bill 570 is a political Bill. Senate Bill 570 is a Bill that puts people over politics. Senate Bill 570 is a Bill that puts people over politics. It is not a Bill for Democrats. It's a Bill for Members that care about children and working families in Illinois. Everything we do as Members of this Body should be aimed at a few things. One) to protect families, 2) improve the quality of life for all families, and 3) to make the laws of Illinois better for everyone in Illinois. And I think Senate Bill 570 does all three. It protects families; it

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improves the quality of life for all families and it also makes a law better that's on the books that should be improved. This Bill is a choice between taking a side for the Governor or taking a side for children. I urge you and every one of you to take the side with the children and vote 'yes'. I urge you to vote 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Dunkin. Mr. Dunkin withdraws his request to speak. Mr. Hays."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. You know, once in a while on the floor of the House it's necessary to kind of dust off your decoder ring and just call nonsense. I mean, the deal has been struck here. It's undeniable. The JCAR meeting is set for November 17. The amended emergency rules were filed yesterday. Undeniable. Look it up. It's online. The 162 percent threshold has been bandied around. One need not dig too far into the dirt. That is the threshold of the House Sponsor's own district. Either that is the most stunning coincidence in legislative history or it's the exact same as the Senate Sponsor's. The deal has been struck in a spirit that is what we should be working off of. There's no need to be debating this Bill. The Senate Sponsor herself indicated she will be holding the Bill in the Senate and allowing the deal that everybody knows has been struck to move forward. I applaud the effort of all involved. I appreciate the balanced consideration of the Senate Sponsor. And I say, let's cut this nonsense out."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor has wished a second to respond."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you. Maybe you mo... maybe you know more about my district than I do, but the rules that were changed, that

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is not the median income of my district. So, although, you like I read news articles; I hope that you don't believe everything that you read in it. And as it relates to the whole gotcha politics that was stated by the previous speaker, I don't look at trying to set policy in this Body as gotcha politics. People have been boomeranged for the last four months. We have gone from a national leader in early childhood education to dead last in the nation in four short months. So I find it highly indignant that over 60 days ago, many of us on this side begged, begged for cooperation on this Bill. And although there may have been some opportunity for some folks to come open that may have been struck. Again, the gotcha politics is to insinuate that I'm demonizing that, and I'm not. What I am saying is that we are the public policymaking Body in this chamber, and that it is our job to ensure to go back to our child care centers, to be able to go back to our families and say from now on, from this day moving forward, any changes that are going to be made in this child care assistance program, you will have a voice because I will have a voice. That's all this is about. So let's move past the whole Democrat, Republican crap because that's what it is. I don't get up... I don't stand up in this chamber and talk on this micropho... microphone. I don't talk Democrat/Republican. I live in a very bipartisan community that sends me down here to represent their interests, and that's what I'm doing. So I find it highly incendiary when I'm doing my job to represent my constituents that send me down here who have been pleading with me for some relief. And when they found out about the rule yesterday, were some of them, you know, more excited

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than they were on Friday when a single mom could make \$3.83 an hour and still get child care? Certainly. But they also want certainty."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. First off, we do have a say in the process. It's called JCAR and that's how we go about what we think is right or wrong with certain programs, and so I do take exception in the fact that we do have a process. But this Bill before us can't even become law anytime soon. As one, the Senate Sponsor says she's not going to bring it up, to her credit. Two, the Senate probably won't even be in 'til next year, and then the Governor can veto it or do whatever, and it could be multiple months past that. We have something before us on the 17th that is going to fix the problem. What is extreme and what is reasonable? Reasonable is bipartisan groups, Representative Dunkin, Representative Unes, Representative Bryant coming together and coming up with a good compromise that has already been put forth. What is extreme is having these gotcha votes. That's what this is going to be today. An... and... and Representative, I... I understand you don't want this to be called a gotcha vote, but it is. We have a solution before us, and now we're going to vote on this and soon as it can be possible those mailers will hit the process or hit the streets that say look at what they didn't through x, when we're trying to move the ball forward. We have a lot of votes coming up. Over the next month and a half, two months, we have a lot of votes. And we have made significant process. And I know everyone in this room has been frustrated over what has taken place since we left

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at the end of May. And here we are. We're moving forward. We've got a lot that has been done. The un... the unemployment insurance Bill that got done was a tremendous move forward on labor and business coming together, on Republicans and Democrats coming together. And we have a Governor that has said, okay, let's try and get some agreement and build upon that. This budget is going to be difficult. These votes don't help. So Ladies and Gentlemen, let's put this aside and let's try and get back to the business of the people and move forward. Our state is counting on it. We need to do it. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to speak to the Bill. I see this Bill as a business Bill, and we need to fix our economy. You see what's happened in the last 15 years or so in Chicago, which has lost almost half of its manufacturing jobs. And the only demographic that seems to be working more in the last few years than the others are seniors, and that's because in my opinion... because of retirement anxiety. The lowest working numbers in Illinois are those between 16 and 24 years old. And there is actually more food stamp growth than job growth in Illinois. And by taking away child care for low-income workers that helps create statistics like these. We need to provide access for a better future, and we need to give people the means to be self-sustaining. And no mother, we all know this, no mother will leave her child home without adequate child care. So this is a probusiness Bill. And to get our economy moving, we need certainty and we need a dependable workforce. Now, the administration's actions

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have actually hurt our economy and have actually increased our welfare rolls. Now, I'm gratified to see that the Governor has seen the error of his prior decision. And I'm encouraged by the negotiations. And it's my hope that the Governor will retain the flexibility needed, but he needs to quickly implement the compromise. But in the interim, we need insurance that it will get done. So, Governor, if you're listening, I'd ask you to implement your emergency rule today. If that's what you're going to do, let's do it. Last week I had the profound pleasure and honor to go to Ronald Reagan's home and to see how the man lived in California. And I was thinking about this Bill today, and this is a Bill that Ronald Reagan would have supported. And he al... because it wouldn't be... it's allowing people to bring themselves up. But he also said something that's very important to this discussion today. He always said that we should trust but verify. So this Bill will help keep honest people honest. By moving this Bill along, the Governor can implement his emergency negotiations and his new rule, and perhaps it won't be called in the Senate. But we have to makes sure that there's both a carrot and a stick and to trust and to verify. So I encourage all of us to vote 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Cloonen."

Cloonen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Th... this Bill is a win, win, win, win Bill. It's a win for the parents who want to go to work every day. As a working mom, I can't imagine the anguish of going to... knowing I have to go to work every morning, getting my kids ready to go and not knowing if I'm going to have day care tomorrow. This Bill gives us assurance. Now,

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maybe the Governor has never had to get his kids up in the morning and get them all dressed and get them all going and get them off to work and wondering if... if the day care provider's going to be there and whether or not it's going to be there the next day, but many of us have. We need to know that we can go to work every day and have day care for our children and have safe day care for our children. So, it's a win for the parents that want to go work. We always say Illinois wants to be good for business. This is a good business Bill. This is very good business. It puts people to work. People that get to go to work and the providers that provide for the day care. It's a win because it keeps the doors open for Illinois business, and that's what we hear all the time. We've got to have good business for Illinois. And lastly, it's a win because it's a win for the local economy, for all the residual effects of all of the people going to work and spending money and all of the people who are working at the providers. It's a win for the local economy. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this Bill. In support of the Bill, certainly the work of Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth on continuing the effort. This issue is not just about the number, the eligibility number, although it has had a devastating effect. The increase of eligibility number means a lot to the people who are going to go into the child care resource center in my community and attempt to restart their child care services so that they can get their lives back on track. Unfortunately, those people do not get

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a reimbursement for the past four months. If they've lost jobs, they don't have a restart job claim that they can go forth. They've lost their homes. It's going to be very difficult to start over for them, because they don't have reserve income. But the other part of this is for the mother who's going to go into that same child care resource office and not be able to get child care to the same level that we were four months ago, which is still thousands of people and hundreds of families who will be re... turned away in the same community that I'm describing. Many students who are attendees of the University of Illinois call my office who are... have families who depended on child care resource, who were not eligible because of the change. This Bill is really a public policy Bill. It is really not just simply about the number. This Bill is about the policy of a state that wants to provide the best services to its community, regardless to who the executor is in that state so that they do not have the unilateral authority to change and deny people by the thousands. That's truly what this Bill is about. And so as you consider the duration that has taken place of... as a result of the cuts, those who have lost homes and jobs and who knows what else, as you consider the testimony of the young ladies who came and testified in this chamber about the importance of child care for their self-development as well as their employment, consider that no other person will be able to change unilaterally this score and make them ineligible in the future. We have a responsibility to the most vulnerable in our state to help them to get forward, and this legislation does that. I applaud Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth for

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standing on the issue and the principle of this issue. And I support you with an 'aye' vote, and I suggest that our Members all do the same. This is not about an individual. This is truly about good public policy. Thank you so much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, prior to... to this Bill being introduced... going... let's just go back for... for a second to the original eligibility requirement. The original eligibility requirement was what percentage of... of the federal poverty?"

Gordon-Booth: "One hundred eighty-five percent."

Harris, D.: "One hundred eighty-five percent. And the initial emergency rule lowered it to what?"

Gordon-Booth: "Fifty percent."

Harris, D.: "And what kind of a reduction is that? What perc... any idea... what percentage..."

Gordon-Booth: "Like... like more than 100 percent, 113 percent..."

Harris, D.: "Well..."

Gordon-Booth: "...115 percent."

Harris, D.: "...it... it is... well, it's not 100... it is... I would contend, it is draconian. It's a 73 percent reduction in the... in the level of eligibility. A 73 percent reduction, pretty big I grant you. But what's the new eligibility requirement that was just announced? What was... what's the new eligibility requirement?"

Gordon-Booth: "Say that again. I'm sorry."

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Harris, D.: "What's the new eligibility requirement?"

Gordon-Booth: "I believe it was 162 percent."

Harris, D.: "One sixty..?"

Gordon-Booth: "Two."

Harris, D.: "One sixty-two, which equates to about what?"

Gordon-Booth: "I don't know."

Harris, D.: "It equates to about a 10 percent reduction. So my point here, Ladies and Gentlemen, is that the initial emergency rule was a big reduction, 70-plus percent. And the Governor has said, you know, that's too much. I agree, it's too much. I'm seeing.. I have seen what has happened. I'm going to reduce that to.. to 165 percent, only a 10 percent reduction. Now, I don't know if there's a deal or not. I'm assuming there is from what I've been told, but I don't know if there's a deal or not, but I will tell you that the newspapers in Chicago think there's a deal. Front page of the *Tribune* says, Governor drops some cuts. Front page of the *Daily Herald* says, Rauner offers compromise on child care aid. Maybe I don't know if there's a deal, but apparently they do. Listen to what the Governor said here in his.. in his statement on Senate Bill 570. He said, under the amended rule, income eligibility will rise to 162 percent of the Federal Poverty Level while current copays will remain intact. And other eligibility and restrictions will also be lifted pending further review and legislative consultation. Additionally, the Governor's Office will establish a bipartisan, bicameral task force aimed at ensuring the long-term stability of this system. It seems to me he has made a darn good faith effort to fund the program. And oh, by the

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way, the Gentleman from McHenry County was wrong in his comments. We don't need this Bill as a good faith effort to ensure that it's going to happen because under the Rules of JCAR, as most of us know, when a department files an emergency rule it takes effect immediately. And they filed their emergency rule, as you just heard my colleague say, they have already filed the emergency rule. The eligibility level is now 162 percent. Seems to me the Executive of this state has acted in good faith. In good faith. And it's pretty straightforward. I don't think we need to pass this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm proud to represent the district that includes Ronald Reagan's boyhood home, so I listened loud and clear to the Gentleman from McHenry when he said trust but verify. Therefore, I'd like to request a verification should this Bill receive the requisite number of votes."

Speaker Lang: "Well said, Sir. Your request is acknowledged. Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you. I will speak to the Bill. First, I'd like to thank Representative Gordon-Booth for taking on this task. As a mother who has been one of the very mothers that we're in here fighting for, I can't express enough gratitude for you and Senator Hutchinson. I think we have completely gotten away from why we are doing this today. We are doing this so that individuals have some sense of certainty, as Representative Cloonen mentioned when they prepare to go to work every day. They want to know that their children are

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somewhere safe. As they prepare to pursue their educational goals, they want to know that their children are somewhere safe. Our children deserve to be not only in a safe environment, but in an environment that provides early childhood education, which we know has outcomes that last for a lifetime. These children will go on to be productive citizens. These children will go on, if we're here, who knows how long we'll be here, but though some of... they'll be some people in this chamber who may one day be the colleague of these children. And so we can't continue to think that this is only about the income eligibility because it's simply not just about that. It is about allowing these families the certainty of knowing that whenever there's a change in guard or whenever there's a disagreement between this chamber and the Executive Branch, that they won't be put in the middle of it. And that we won't sacrifice adequate, safe, and wonderful child care for children just because we have some ideological issues with each other. This also is about our economy. It's about business. It is about the fact that our child care workers are individuals who are contributing to our economy. It's about the fact that child care centers are small businesses; and therefore, are employing other individuals that are contributing to our economy. And it's, as I mentioned earlier today, in my mind this is about not making sure that we roll policy so far back that women are not able to be major contributors to the workforce. And that's about where we're at, when we start to willy-nilly cut at things that ultimately allow for every parent to be contributors to their child's life. We... we do know that 5 thousand families still won't

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qualify under this compromise. And for some of us, that may seem like a small number when we were turning away about 90 percent just last week. But tell that to one of those families that they can no longer afford child care, that they won't qualify what's... now that we have this new rule that has saved us, they still will not qualify. Then I've heard, you know, in the chamber we've mentioned the fact that there's been compromise, but I find that very interesting, because what I see was a created crises and then somebody tried to swoop in and clean up the crises that they created. That's not a compromise. No, they're not listening right now. You're right, Rep. That's not a compromise. With that in fact is a line out of the prints. That's what we have witnessed over the last week. So I encourage everybody in this particular Body to take on the onus of being policymakers. This is not something that we want one person to be able to just strike apart and ruin our economy. That is what happens when people don't go to work. It is what happens when day care centers close. We impact our economy. So I'm encouraging everyone in this chamber, but certainly everyone on this side of the aisle to please push 'yes'. Go for the green button. Be with our families. Stand with working individuals. Stand with small business owners and support codifying this pertic... particular piece of policy. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Since I've been sworn into the General Assembly as somebody who grew up with himself with a single mother, I've always advocated for increasing access to child care. I've carried a Bill to raise

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the cap to 200 percent above the poverty level, which is higher than it currently was before the cuts. But it's because of that experience that I want to walk very briefly through a timeline of events. And the bottom line here is the reason why this Bill is necessary on this particular issue through the Governor's position on child care has fluctuated wildly since he was sworn in. He introduced a budget that increased copays. His emergency rule-making power chose, and let's be clear, it was a choice to eliminate 90 percent of eligibility for working families. This is a Governor who chose to move thousands of people in this state from work to welfare by emergency rule. This has affected my district individually and in a particular way. We have many, many small businesses, some of them, especially on the far southeast side of my district, where they're changing work schedules and losing productivity, because they have entire shifts of people who are single or low-income moms who are trying to figure out a new way to do something with their children. And what's important about this Bill and why this rule matters. This isn't a harmless ho-hum deal. It isn't. There was a thing that was wrong and now it's fixed now and everything's okay. This is a lot like recovering from a seizure. Child care will recover, but for too many families it will never be the same. The reason we need this Bill is because... I won't question anyone's integrity, but I will say this as it relates how positions have fluctuated. The Governor had no particular agenda on collective bargaining during his campaign, and then all of a sudden he got sworn in and he did. There weren't going to be additional cuts after the fiscal year 2015 budget

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fix, and then there were. And then all of a sudden we had a situation where we were cutting child care in a way that was completely unnecessary and moved use from... from a system that was growing to a system that was dead last in the nation. So what's important here is that we don't hold a crucial work subsidy hostage to the whims of political expediency. It's too vital. It's too critical. It's the kind of work support that undergirds our communities. This is fundamentally, Ladies and Gentlemen, a question about how government functions and for whom. The question is, is certainty and a good climate for business only a good thing for Fortune 500 CEOs or... or single mothers and small businesses and students and home care workers worthy of that kind of certainty? If you believe the answer is 'yes', you ought to vote 'yes' for this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Reaves-Harris."

Reaves-Harris: "Thank you, Sponsor. I do have a couple of questions fo... Thank you, Speaker. I do have a couple of questions for the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Reaves-Harris: "Representative Gordon-Booth, when the... when the... when the sc... the... the... eligibility requirements were changed, that was done by emergency rule, correct?"

Gordon-Booth: "Yes, it was."

Reaves-Harris: "What was the emergency?"

Gordon-Booth: "The emergency rule took eligibility from 185 percent of poverty to 40 per... excuse me... to 50 percent of poverty. It also required that women open up child support cases against the fathers of their children. There's been a

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lot said about... I won't go there. They have to open up cases, child support cases on the fathers, and oftentimes, as many of us know, that victims of domestic violence that's the last thing that they want to do. They don't want to share their address with their abuser. There was priority put on who could and who could not access this program, folks that received TANF, et cetera. So, many of those prior... a lot of priority was given to women that were in high school. So if you were in college you would have a very difficult time assessing... accessing this program as well as other emergency rules."

Reaves-Harris: "No, I understand the effect of the rule change, but my question is, and I don't know if you're able to answer this question, it may be a question better posed by the Governor, why was the rule changed by emergency?"

Gordon-Booth: "He utilized..."

Reaves-Harris: "What was the emergency surrounding child care that he felt the need to cut the eligibility requirement from 185 to 50 percent?"

Gordon-Booth: "I don't want to speak for him, but I would dare say that he had indicated that the budget impasse required the... required him to do as such."

Reaves-Harris: "So, that no longer exists? Is... is... so why are we changing it now? I mean, so... again, I'm just trying to understand..."

Gordon-Booth: "Mmm mmm."

Reaves-Harris: "...that 90 percent of the families were cut out of the social services and were unable to provide child care services to these families in need. Particularly, in my district I received a number of phone calls from the

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providers. One in particular that I hold near and dear to my heart because my daughters had attended that particular child care and I was able to celebrate their 100-year centennial. And they were very concerned about their financial viability given these cuts and what was going on in Springfield. So I'm just trying to understand, if there was an emergency that he felt the need to go to JCAR and to cut eli... eligibility requirements from 185 to 50 percent, leaving families without child care for four months, now all of a sudden there's no more emergency. What... what has changed?"

Gordon-Booth: "I would dare say, Representative, your question that you're posing right now is exactly why we need Senate Bill 570 to pass today. If all of us have been in constant contact with our child care providers, we've been in constant contact with parents. And all of them have indicated they don't know how long they can hang on. Particularly... particularly those child care centers. They have stated to me that, we can't do this again. We can't have this kind of uncertainty. We can't have this kind of instability. So, I know that there's been a lot of conversation on the floor about the eligibility and that's not something that I'm spending a lot of time talking about today because the fact of the matter is the crux of my conversation ever since this Bill was introduced in August is the fact that as a Legislative Body, no different than on any other institution, on any other program that we amend, that we reform, those reforms are done by the Legislative Body with input from the Governor's Office, but we do it as... we do it in the open, and we do it with the stakeholders to that particular program, to

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the benefactors of that program. We do wi... with their betterment in mind."

Reaves-Harris: "And... and I appreciate that. And to the Bill. Well, just one other thing, Representative. I really do appreciate you carrying this Bill. It means the world to my district as well. They, as I said, they contacted me on numerous occasions asking me what the status of the funding coming through. And I... I just find it ironic that at the beginning of the year, the Governor had taken the position that... To the Bill. ...that one of the things that he was mor... most interested in was making sure that we funded child care. On several of the meetings that I had with the Governor, I expressed my concern about the child care cuts that was proposed in the 2015, 2016 budget and soon after that, he reinstated the child care cuts and then just to go back and cut them again. So I support this Bill because it brings stability to families, working families, people in my district who rely on child care. I don't understand why it was necessary in the first place and to only have it to go back for families to go out... without child care for four months to only have it reinstated to me is a slap in the face to those families. That means that is was never necessary in the first place, that we sent this families through all of this hardship for an act in futility. You're talking about people who are playing politics with people's lives. Well, this is the epitome of someone playing politics with people's lives, and that's not what I came here for, and I would venture to say that's not what most of us came here for. We came here to represent our district. We came here to do what's right by our district. And nothing

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could be more right than providing child care to working families so that they can go out and provide an afford... a... a... standard of living for their families. I would ask everyone to support this Bill because it's important to all of our communities. And we should stand behind and support the Representative in all of her hard work to make sure that this came back for a vote today. And I'm asking everybody to stand in support of this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment of silence for all the children in the State of Illinois who have been negatively impacted by our shenanigans. I would like to take this opportunity to thank... thank the Sponsors of the Bill because this Bill is needed. When you factor in that the Governor had an opportunity to sign the budget to have day care provided and he chose not to, Representative Reaves was correct in asking, what was the emergency? The emergency should not have been to put children and their families in harm way. The emergency should not have been to reduce the amount of moneys that coming into the economy, into the state coffers. We need more money not less, but as a result of the Governor's actions, we've lost businesses, and we've lost money coming to the state. Ladies and Gentlemen, our children lives matter. It should not be up to one person to decide who shall be successful and who shall not, what parent should be able to keep her job and livelihood and protect her family and who shall not. This is a disservice to we... the people of the State of Illinois, because we're playing with children. And once

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again, I will say that all of our children's lives matter, including people who need assistance with day care. People who need assistance in making sure that they can get off of welfare and go to work. I urge an 'aye' vote on Senate Bill 570 because all of our children's lives matter. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. There's... there's a saying that those who forget history are doomed to repeat it. I want you to hop back... hop in the Wayback Machine with me or if you prefer *Back to the Future*, hop in my DeLorean. We'll go back to a year and a half ago. In May of 2014 when the budget was passed, they purposely underfunded this same program that we're talking about. Then let's go back six months from now. What happened? We came together and came to an agreement, and I believe it was this side of the aisle that stepped up and helped fund... helped fund that very promise. So to put us on the spot saying that we do not care about this is completely ridiculous. We stepped up. We helped fund that promise. So don't forget history, don't forget who purposely underfunded this program just a little over a year and a half ago. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. First of all, I would like to thank the Members of the House for wearing black today and showing your willingness to work together. I can see it's not an easy task that we have when we come here, but for those of you who did wear black, thank you. I appreciate it and so do our peers. Thank you also to Representative Gordon-Booth for bringing this very important Bill to the

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table and giving us an opportunity to do the right thing. It's really quite simple. People can work and get paid, or they cannot work and get unemployment. Now, any kind of sound fiscal policy would keep people working, not cutting jobs. I can't imagine why anyone would even consider voting against this Bill. Then the people who are able to continue working, because they have day care, can put that money back in the economy. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. SB570 adjusted the critical program of the Child Assistance Program here in the State of Illinois. And I came to work today, crutches and all, to fix this program because children, women, families, child care providers, over 70 thousand Illinois citizens have been adversely impacted by the Governor's administrative rule implemented July 1, 2015. Over the past months, we have taken the time to listen, to discuss, and to assist the Governor in understanding that this has caused many families, many citizens much concern. And he has listened and heard and now sees he has to change the eligibility back. We collectively must fix this policy so that this misstep will not happen again impacting lives that are really, really precious. I believe in Representative Gordon-Booth, and I commend her for her work. We must fix the Child Care Assistance Program, and we must fix it today. I ask each and every one of you to vote 'yes' to create policy that supports the needs of children, women, families, and child care providers. It makes us one... it makes us all one in addressing human needs. Thank you for your attention, and God bless us all."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Bill. I first want to start by thanking Representative Jehan Booth-Gordon for the Bill. I want to first tell her that I completely support in it and... and behind this Bill. You may not know this, but my first Bill had to do with expanding child care, and it passed. I would like to share also that my children, all three of them, are a product of the child care system. For... so for me it is personal. It's personal because I... I've seen it. I am a part of that which has made this... this program a success. I've seen it. I've felt it. My children are a result of it. I think what we're talking about today, and what this Bill does truly, it brings back some sort of trust, because let's face it, trust has been broken. And this current admin... administration has not quite given us that opportunity to believe or trust. The public does not trust. So this Bill does definitely bring some sort of certainty to the families, to the children that need this program. So, Representative, thank you. And Members of the House, I hope you stand in support. Families and children who are trying, and this is the program that makes effort to bringing them to self-sufficiency. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative McDermed."

McDermed: "I have a question for the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

McDermed: "Do you know the life expectancy of a child born in Illinois this year?"

Gordon-Booth: "My assumption..."

McDermed: "I do..."

Gordon-Booth: "...is you..."

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McDermed: "...if you don't..."

Gordon-Booth: "...know the answer, so go ahead and tell me."

McDermed: "I looked it up. The answer is 89 years. So, to the Bill. I think the situation that we've got here is not a question of what, but a question of how. If we know that our children born this year and all the years around here are going to live for 89 years, why are we voting for a Bill which we cannot even fund for 89 days? I'd like us to step up and take the long view here. I think if we really care about families, if we really care about working mothers, if we really care about children here in the State of Illinois, we have to look beyond the Primary, which is in about 89 days, and we have to look at the long-term and we have to think about how we're going to take care of our children for all of those 89 years. When we have out migration, when we have a loss of jobs, when we have the worst credit rating, and all the other emergencies that we have in the State of Illinois, we have to look at long-term solutions to those for the good of our precious children. We have to take a big picture, long-term view of our finances, cherry-picking each little issue, no matter how important, whether it's taking care of the disabled, whether it's taking care of the elderly, whether it's taking care of our children. These are all important. It's not a question of what. It's a question of how. How are we going to take care of these of these folks for more than 89 days? We have to work on a bipartisan basis. We have to have a real budget that involves not only spending but balancing the spending with the amount of revenue we have. Let's take real care of our families. Let's take real care of

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our children, our disabled, and our elderly. Let's vote 'no' on this Bill and work toward a balanced budget that takes care of all the needs of our state."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the remarks from my fellow freshman and colleague who just spoke. I agree whole-heartedly that we need to work toward a balanced approach to resolve our state's budget problem, couldn't agree with you more. I look forward to working with both sides of the aisle and bringing in the revenues that we need to fully fund all the programs that our state requires. And I understand the point that my colleagues on the other side are making about trying to trust the Governor. But when you're talking to the providers who are here today in the gallery and who are here by the thousands down in Springfield, it's kind of like this, like you... you imagine you go to school, and the school bully beats you up every day and takes your lunch money, right? Every day you show to school, and he comes in a beats you up and takes your lunch money. And then one day you're going to bring... bring your big brother with you to stick up for you. And that day the bully says, okay, you know what, I've changed my policy. I'm reversing my policy. From now on I will never beat you up and take your lunch money again. It's sort of hard to ask that little kid to go trust that bully for every day from then on out, right? And if I'm the big brother, I might think maybe I'll stick around here for a couple days and just make sure this guy sticks to his word. We're the big brother. We, the Legislature are here sticking up for child care providers who have had their lunch

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money taken from them every single day since July 1. So it's our responsibility to stick around and make sure these guys get what they've been promised. I hope that the Governor is true to his word, but we've seen him go back on it enough times that I think it's our obligation to stand by these folks. I'm proud to be voting 'yes' today. I hope everyone will join us on both sides of the aisle. And I look forward to making this thing work in a bipartisan fashion going forward."

Speaker Lang: "The last speaker on this Bill is Representative Monique Davis. Welcome back to the House, Representative. Representative Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you very much, and thank you for the other appreciation that has been given to me for returning. Thank you very much. First, I'd like to say Senator Jehan, I support 100 percent for the support of Senate Bill 570. This Bill did pass in our Senate. On the Senate House, there was a support and passage for this Bill. Yesterday's dollars will not take care of the needs for today. The young people who are offered in SEND help or child care many times are without the money that is needed. Some may not even allow to continue in a class or have new children sitting in child care because the dollars are not available. Yesterday's dollars hardly pay the same bills that any of us used to pay today. How important are children to you? Children to you should not have to be children of color. They should not be just children of Latino tension. I think one of the important things is sometimes the child that we neglect a chance to sit in that class and offer some of the child care that's available is very harmful. Who

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can be so selfish to babies, for children, just because you thought it was enough for yesterday. It is not enough for yesterday; we can't keep all that we have. We can't add new ones. We can't take care of them as well as they deserve. I urge an 'aye' vote on this Bill because you do support all children and you do have concern for those who attend the child care centers. I vote 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Gordon-Booth to close."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Obviously there's been a lot... there has been a lot said about this legislation, but I would like to take a moment to refocus us, to refocus us as to why Senate Bill 570 is necessary. As stated before, this is not about gotcha politics. This is not about... someone else said it's about a Primary. Someone else said it's about a mailer. For me, this is about Chandra Ankoor. Chandra Ankoor was a woman who from Springfield, Illinois, sat with me, the beautiful mother of two children, two beautiful girls. This young woman works not one, not two, but three jobs. She works seven days a week because none of the one jobs that she has... none... none of the one jobs that she has provides enough money for her to feed and support her family. This is the only subsidy that she receives from the State of Illinois or from the Federal Government, might I add, the one support that she receives. Chandra came to committee and was in tears. Chandra could be any one of your sister. She could be your aunt. She could be your chief of staff because she's that sharp. She was that smart. She was that together. She was that dedicated and committed. This Bill is about a young woman who came to a DHS hearing about a month ago named Shantay. And the only

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reason why I share her name is because she already shared her name on the record. Shantay is a woman who relied upon this program so that she could work. But unfortunately, the rug was pulled from underneath her. Chandra, when she testified to that program, she was homeless because she didn't have child care. Because without child care she was forced to stay home. She couldn't go to work. This Bill is about my best friend, my best friend in the world who's been my friend for over 20 years. My best friend who now lives in a very high property tax district north of Chicago. She was doing incredibly well, because she is now a business owner. She now has a straight-A student that attends Vernon Hills High School, but when we were in college she became pregnant and she brought life to that child. And she pours into the child. And that child watched her go to school. That child watched her work. And now that child sees those same... she practices what she saw her mother walk because her mother had the opportunity to do so because of this program. I am so proud of both of them. I don't know many of you who haven't received calls from families in your district. I don't know many of you who haven't received calls from child care centers in your district. Indulge me in this one moment, if you have had more than 100 phone calls in your district office about the Child Care Assistance Program, please raise your hand. Well, I don't know, maybe it's just people on this side of the aisle have received phone calls. With that being... with that being said, what I know very clearly is that what child care centers are looking for is stability. They want predictability because they're running a business. No different... as stated

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before, no different than the Fortune 500 companies want predictability so that they can make long-range plans. Child care centers want the very same thing. They want to know that from month to month, week to week, year to year the sort of changes that were made this year to the Child Care Assistance Program, they want those changes to come through the legislative process. Many of those child care centers like Rogy's Learning Center in Peoria, Illinois, like Tri-County Urban League Learning Center, like PCCEO, like ABC 123, and so many small child care centers that are economic engines in their communities. They want this certainty. This Bill is not being argued based on eligibility alone. This is based on the fact that programs that are this important to our communities, they should come before the legislative process. That's it. That's what this is about. I have never demonized what was... what was discussed between a Senator and the Governor. The Senator is someone near and dear to my heart, and she's very special to me, very special to me. And I thank her for her hard work, but she negotiated for the Senate. This is the House, and in this House on this day we are calling this Bill, because we are asking for certainty in this program from this day moving forward. So for all of you who have worked, to all of you who are in the gallery who have called and set meetings and marched and called your families and friends and asked them to call their Legislators to say please vote for Senate Bill 570, I thank you. To all of you in here who have built great relationships with many of your child care centers in a very unfortunate and in a very difficult time, I thank you for learn... for learning what it is that they must go through

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day after day when they try to figure out how do we keep our doors open. So, again, let's be mindful about what this is about. When we make changes to the gaming Bills, when we make... when we have gaming Bills that come before this Body, what do we do? It must go through legislative process. When we make changes to the Medicaid Program, what do we do? We bring it through this Body. When we make changes to managed care, what do we do? We bring it through this Body. That is all that I am asking today is that we give child.. the Child Care Assistance Program the same respect that we give other programs in this state, that we bring them through the Legislative Body, that we work with the individuals who are impacted by these programs, that they have a seat at the table because they... this is the House of Representatives, and we represent the people. So please I ask you today, represent your people. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. Mr. Demmer has asked for a verification. Members will vote their own switches. 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. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 70 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no', 4 voting 'present'. And the Motion fails. Mr. Demmer, do you withdraw your Motion, Sir? Mr. Demmer withdraws his Motion to verify. Page 9 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, House Bill 4305. Mr. Moylan, Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. The Sponsor asks the Bill to be

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moved back to the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill on the Order of Second Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4305, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Moylan, has been approved for consideration."

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

Moylan: "Yes, I... I move for the adoption of the Amendment, please."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack, any objection to move it to Third? Those in favor of Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4305, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moylan."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 4305 distributes non-general funds to a variety of recipients including municipalities, 9-1-1 operators, lottery winners, and others. This money does not, I repeat, does not come from the general fund. All this revenue is being held in special accounts that are designed to be temporary holding places between collection of the money and disbursements by the state. These disbursements include the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, \$582 million; the State Gaming Fund, \$100 million; the State Lottery Fund, \$1 billion to pay for pri... payment of prizes, and additional 16.5 million for five

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scratch-off games provided by the Department of the Lottery to pay for games that are used as grants for special causes. The five scratch-off games are Multiple Sclerosis research, \$3 million; AIDS/HIV prevention and education, 2 million; breast cancer research and funding services for victims of breast cancer, 2.5 million; Special Olympics charities, \$700 million; and veterans' services PTSD research projects, veterans' homelessness, health insurance costs for veterans, veterans' disability benefits for a total of 8.3 million. The state 9-1-1 program, \$154 million. The Illinois Math and Science Academy Income Fund, 3.5 million. The IMS Income Fund services received its revenue from fees received from developing classroom plans and student life fees. Local Government Video Distributive Fund, \$45 million. This is the amount owed to local governments and required under the Video Gaming Act. The state imposes a 30 percent tax on terminal income. Fire Prevention Fund is 3.6 million. The Fire Prevention Fund to the University of Illinois, 3.8 million. Three hundred ninety-nine million five hundred thousand dollars from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund and Local Government Distributive Fund. Seventeen million from the Traffic and Criminal Conviction Surcharge... Surcharge Fund. Ladies and Gentlemen... It's in there. It's in there, Mr. Stewart. Th... this Bill has over 400 proponents, no opponents. I have letters from municipalities. There's over a hundred here from municipalities and mayors and over a hundred here from 9-1-1 systems. Ladies and Gentlemen, I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Durkin. Leader Durkin."

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Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Durkin: "Representative Moylan, I don't know if this should come as a surprise for you, but I plan to vote for your Bill today."

Moylan: "Yes."

Durkin: "And I've also encouraged my caucus to vote for your Bill as well. So that's what bipartisanship and cooperation does, when we can work together on issues that, you know, we can get some things accomplished, where we don't play gotcha sports and politics. Just a couple questions. There's some other things that I want to talk to you about. This is a House Bill, and if it does pass, and I presume that it will pass with flying colors today, when would be the earliest that the Senate could take up this Bill?"

Moylan: "Well, I would... hopefully, they'll take it up as soon as possible, but this is a very important step. This Bill, we've been working on this Bill for six weeks. And I think it... we vote 'aye' today and send a message to the Governor we cannot sweep these funds."

Durkin: "Well, I agree. But when is the Senate scheduled to come back into Session this year?"

Moylan: "I don't have an answer for you for that."

Durkin: "The Senate has already adjourned for the day. No? All right, I take it back, they haven't. All right, Marty. Now, last week, again, in the spirit of bipartisan cooperation, which we've been trying to do with the last two Bills with child care and also with the DON score, there were discussions between the administration... Mr. Speaker, could you lower the

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volume? Representative, there was a request made of the Governor to say that let's work together. Let's make sure this Bill is going to be comprehensive because there's some other things we would like to have included in the Bill. Let me just go through a couple of them. One of them was a request to put \$3.6 million into the Anna, Illinois, Veterans' Home. Is that in the Bill?"

Moylan: "Mr. Speaker, today this is the Bill..."

Durkin: "Oh, thank you. A little presumptuous, but that's all right."

Moylan: "Mr. Leader. Mr. Leader."

Durkin: "Yes."

Moylan: "Today this is the Bill that's on the floor. I respectfully ask you that if you have a Bill or have something that you would like to add to a Bill, I will be the che... the first to be a chief cosponsor, and I'm sure that Representative Franks will be on the Bill also. And I really believe in bipartisanship, but today this is the Bill that we are talking about."

Durkin: "Okay. The Quincy Veterans' Home there was request made from the Governor to put \$24.6 million into that home. That's not in the Bill, correct, Marty? Marty?"

Moylan: "Today, as I mentioned, this is the Bill I'm talking about."

Durkin: "I'll take that as a no."

Moylan: "Okay."

Durkin: "LaSalle Veterans' Home \$12.6 million was requested from the Governor to put that money in the home. Not... it's not in the Bill either, correct?"

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Moylan: "I look forward to working with the administration and certainly Leadership from your Party to work in a bipartisanship manner to the Bill that you are going to be proposing."

Durkin: "That's code for no."

Moylan: "I will be your chief cosponsor."

Durkin: "The Manteno Veterans' Home \$21 million dollar, not in the Bill either. Correct, Marty?"

Moylan: "I look forward, naturally, to working with a great Leader like yourself in the Minority Party to work on a Bill that's going to be proposed by the Governor and yourself."

Durkin: "You know that these requests..."

Moylan: "I will be..."

Durkin: "...were made of last week..."

Moylan: "I will be..."

Durkin: "...for the Governor to place this in the Bill. Do you know that?"

Moylan: "I will... I will... what I know is I have over a hundred... a hundred letters from mayors, townships, municipalities, and wait a second, this late-breaking news, we also have municipalities in your district that are proponents to our Bill."

Durkin: "All right. No... no, no, no."

Moylan: "Yeah."

Durkin: "There's also \$31 million that has been requested for IDOT for salt purchases, snow plows for state highways and our local governments. Representative, is that in your Bill? The \$31 million requested by the administration to handle

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salt purchases for IDOT and local governments and also for new snow plows and snow removal services. In or out?"

Moylan: "Again, Mr. Leader, you're familiar with Burr Ridge, Homer Glen, Lyons, Southwest Central Dispatch, Will County 9-1-1 Dispatch. These are all... agencies in your district that support and sent letters of support for this Bill..."

Durkin: "I got them all too."

Moylan: "...as it's being presented here today."

Durkin: "No... no... no disagreement, I got all those. But I guess the question I have is that there was a request, again, a very reasonable request that was made of the administration to say, could you please add on these Other State Funds to this Bill? And we could do this and we could actually break through these clouds and show some... there's some sunlight that's actually made its way into the House, if we could work together on something. Something that was very easy to do. And Representative, whether you... I hope that you're a part of those negotiations. It's your Bill. But the fact is, the Governor did make that request of the House Democrats, and unfortunately, none of those are in the Bill. We have an issue regarding the civic centers throughout the State of Illinois that are very close to not being able to make the any type of... make the payments on their debt service on their bonds, and I think that would be a tragedy. So, Representative, my question is are we going to get to these this year? This year?"

Moylan: "Mr. Speaker... I mean, Mr. Leader, as you being the Leader of your step, I hope that we would get this done as soon as possible."

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Durkin: "All right. Representative, that's fine. You know, we're going to support your Bill today, but I think it's unfortunate. It could have been a lot better. It's a good Bill. It solves problems, but it could have solved more problems based on a request from the Governor, making a fair and reasonable request to make some additional adjustments to that Bill. And I'll take you on your word, but let's get this done. Let's make sure that these Other State Funds, the ones that the Governor requested, let's make sure we don't default on our bonds for the first time, because we're dangerously close with the civic center. That would be an absolute tragedy. So, said... as I said earlier, I plan to support your Bill, but this is not the end of it. We have to finish the other half. The other half of that being what the Governor's requested last week of your... of the House Democrats. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we still have six people... five people that wish to speak on this Bill that might very well fly out of here. So those of you that really don't have to speak, turn your lights off. Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "With the Speaker's permission I have a couple questions..."

Speaker Lang: "That wasn't pointed..."

Sandack: "...of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "...at you, Sir. We have a lot of business to conduct today."

Sandack: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

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Sandack: "Thank you. The people's business is important. Marty, there were some questions put to you, and let... let's put the jocularity aside. Were you part of discussions with the Governor's Office about expanding your Bill, yes or no?"

Moylan: "As I mentioned earlier, I look forward to working with the Governor and Leadership from your Party to... on a Bill that you will present. I will be a chief cosponsor, and I'm sure that other individuals will be a chief cosponsor."

Sandack: "So I guess you weren't part of those discussions, is what you're saying. You heard today, in a form of a memo from the Governor's Office, that there were a number of add-ons sought to make your good Bill even better."

Moylan: "Right."

Sandack: "Did you see that memo today, Marty?"

Moylan: "This is the first I was aware of it. I'm the Chief Sponsor of the Bill. I am available 24/7. As you know, I've worked many..."

Sandack: "So who negotiated your Bill..."

Moylan: "...here."

Sandack: "...with the Governor? You were out of the circle. Who negotiated it for you?"

Moylan: "As you know, this is the Bill that we are presenting today. It has bipartisan support. This is over a hundred... 50 letters from all the towns and municipi... all around the state. These are the letters from all the 9-1-1 centers..."

Sandack: "Yeah."

Moylan: "...of proponents."

Sandack: "Save it."

Moylan: "You know what... No, no, no, wait..."

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Sandack: "I heard it the first four time."

Moylan: "Excuse me. I'm not gonna save it."

Sandack: "So, to..."

Moylan: "I'm not save it."

Sandack: "...to the Bill, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. To the Bill. I... look, I... I kind of feel bad for the Sponsor because clearly he just learned for the first time today that there were negot... negotiations and discusses that did not happen in his presence and maybe Leadership didn't advise him that there were opportunities to make his good Bill better. I don't understand the process on your side of the aisle. Typically, a Sponsor would know if there were negotiations taking place with the Executive Office with respect to his Bill, because it's in writing from the Executive that there are a number of items that should be in this Bill, that could be in this Bill, but again, we're kind of playing gotcha politics even on a win for most of the citizens of Illinois. This process is similar to what were just saw in the two previous Bills. We can't let anybody share in a victory, can we? We can't move forward together in cooperation, in some collegial atmosphere. Dammit, we can't be fair, and we can't work together because one side won't let it happen. Representative, you're going to get your votes, but it's a shame it's not on a better Bill. And it's a shame that it's not in a fully bipartisan, cooperative fashion. That's a shame 'cause we continue with this slimy game of gotcha politics. We're not playing this time, so we're going to vote 'yes', but it's a shame it's not better. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Reis: "I would like to draw attention to everyone in the chamber and those in the balcony and those who are listening. A lot of good things in this Bill, but it's been pointed out already on the floor that is a House Bill. It has not went through the Senate. I went to the Sponsor. I went to other people on the other side of the floor. We're doing this for nothing today. It takes three days for this Bill to pass the Senate. The odds of them coming back one day are slim to none, let alone three different days. Road funds are very, very important to my district, and I've made that point known to the administration and everybody who would listen. I have over 3 thousand square miles in my district. Interstates, state highways, county roads, many, many, many thousands of miles of township roads, and they haven't received a check since July. I have county government highway departments that have shut down already for the winter. So when you discussed, Representative, that you have 400 proponents that's signed in favor of your Bill, you're giving them false hope. This Bill... these Amendments should be attached to a Senate Bill that already passed the Senate, so that they can act on it this afternoon. There is no way that they're going to get their money this year, and the people standing in the balcony and listening to this debate thinking they've got a ray of hope that they're finally going to get their money, you're giving them false hope. False hope. And I'll give you a chance to respond."

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Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Representative. I'm extremely optimistic. The Senate is at the call of the Chairman, Mr. Cullerton. I... hopefully, that will act on this as soon as possible, but we can only do what we can do."

Reis: "You could have put it..."

Moylan: "And today..."

Reis: "...on a Senate Bill."

Moylan: "...today this is an important measure and a first step to making sure that these funds will not be swept. And I... I... appreciate all of your support from the Leaders on down to every Member."

Reis: "And we've tried to give you support on this, so that we could move forward. Go home and send out your press releases that you passed a Bill funding 9-1-1 and motor fuel taxes. Wink, wink, nod, nod. It's not going to pass the Senate this year unless they come back three separate days. If... if you're telling... if I'm wrong on that, please tell me, but we cannot give these people that are included in this Bill false hope that they're going to get their check this year. Would you like to refute that it take three separate days in the Senate to pass this Bill?"

Moylan: "What I would like to say is this is what we can do..."

Reis: "Would you like..."

Moylan: "...as a chamber."

Reis: "...to refute that?"

Moylan: "What I'm saying, again, I'm looking forward to the Bill that's going to be presented by your administration. I will truth... naturally be a cheerful cosponsor. I'm sure the other Representatives will. This is what we can do. I've talked to

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hundreds and hundreds of mayors that have hundreds and hundreds letters of support throughout the entire state. And I would ask that every Member in this General Assembly vote green."

Reis: "Well, to the Bill, Representative. I hope you send a letter to them saying that, whoops, we tried but we passed a Bill that had no chance of passage this year. You're not going to get your checks. Thanks for sending me a letter, but we just couldn't get it done. I intend to support your legislation. I'm not going to send out a letter and a press release saying that we voted for it because they have no chance of getting their money. We can do better than that in here. We come to compromise on it. All we had to do was put it on a Senate Bill and send it back for today's Concurrence."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ford: "I want to ask a... Will the Sponsor yield? Okay."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor still yields."

Ford: "He still yields. Okay. Sorry, I was asking a question. So, Representative, I have one question first and that is, if this Bill should become law, will the lottery winners receive their full prize or will they still be limited to \$600?"

Moylan: "No. At this... when this ball... when this Bill becomes law and I would... hopefully, that we could act as subpoena as possible. The lottery winners will receive their full share."

Ford: "So, if this Bill should pass and if the Senate acts on it, as you hope they will..."

Moylan: "Yeah."

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Ford: "...you have no control over it, you're doing everything that you can to do your job as a State Representative of the House, right?"

Moylan: "Correct."

Ford: "It's not your responsibility whether the Senate passes a Bill or not, is it?"

Moylan: "Correct."

Ford: "So why are they beating you up about the Senate? Well, I mean, it makes no sense to me. Is it possible that, we have all of November and we still have some December that the Senators could see fit to come back to Springfield to pass this Bill and send it to the Governor?"

Moylan: "Right. The Senator is at the call of the Chair... the Senate."

Ford: "So, I thank you. And I'm happy that the Illinois Lottery winners will be able to get their full prize because of you and everyone else that will be voting on it and stop going to the bordering states to buy gas, to buy lottery tickets and bring the money back home. Thank you, Representative."

Moylan: "Thank you for your support, Mr. Ford."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. While there are many great things in this Bill that I would like to support, unfortunately, due to a possible conflict of interest, I will have to be voting 'present'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... I heard some incredible arguments from the other side. And continuing on my Ronald Reagan mode I'm going to channel my inner Reagan and say,

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there you go again. I can't believe that you're criticizing Representative Moylan for bringing this Bill forward saying, oh, you didn't put this in, you didn't put this in. It could be so much better. But this... three days ago, this is the same Bill that you couldn't vote for 'cause it was going to crush the budget. You're all off of it. Every one of you were off of it. But today... but today, oh, boy, we should've done some much better. So that's a real problem when you talk about gotcha politics you're playing. Not one of you guys has spoken said, you're talking about press releases. I guarantee you're going to vote for it and then send the press release. Guaranteed. So let's just... let's just tell the truth here. We're in gridlock now. We're in gridlock because we keep asking the same questions an... and thinking we might get a different answer. Now, I'm going to ask my friends on the other side, 'cause we had somebody showing hands before. By a show of hands, how many of you ran for office this last time on the promise of making Illinois a right-to-work state? Please show of hands. How many of you think that the private sector unions are the problem that are holding local governments back? Come on, raise your hands. Every one of you believes that, raise your hand. But since none of you believe it, why are we holding up the budget for these things? So if you want to get past gridlock, let's quit playing games. If not now, when? And if not us, who? When is this nonsense going to end? Quit playing the games. Stand up to your Leader. Tell him you don't agree with some of those things, so we can move forward together. So we can get the property tax relief that we need. So we can get some workers' compensation change that

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we know that we need. But let's quit the nonsense and quit attacking Marty for bringing forward a Bill that every one of you are going to vote for because you know it's necessary. I can't tell you how tired the people are of the political games. Stop the politics. Let me tell you this little secret, good government is good politics. You ought to try it."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Drury."

Drury: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. You know, I haven't spoken much this entire summer. I... I've listened to the arguments; I've listened to the rhetoric. I'll wait. I've listened to people falsely claim that they're here for good government. I've listened to people say that they're here on behalf of the victims. But what has this summer been about? What has this summer been about? It's been about exploitation and enabling. Exploitation and enabling. The legislation that comes before us on a weekly basis allows us to exploit the very victims that we say we're helping, and it enables us to keep this budget impasse going. You know, I did some looking up. Since 1976, the Federal Government has failed to pass a budget in a timely way 18 separate times. How long do you think the longest budget impasse, the longest government shut down lasted in those 18 separate times? Twenty-one days. Twenty-one days but we're going over 121... over a 120 days. And why is that? Because we have done everything possible to keep this impasse at an impasse. Everything possible. As soon as th... even before the impasse started, we signed an education Bill so everybody's kids could go to school. So that would take the pressure off. If kids weren't in school, you know what, this budget impasse would've been over on day one.

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Because our kids would not be in school, our constituents' kids would not be in school, and we would hear about it. But we took care of that. So if it was a pressure chamber, we let off the relief valve. Then what did we do? We paid the workers. We paid our own workers, we paid ourselves, so the impasse could continue. What are we doing lately? Well, now we have... everyone's talking about this grand meeting on November 18, because five people can find the time to get together on November 18. That's how important this is to people. Right? You know another day that everybody was available? November 10, today. We're all here and that meeting could've happened today. And if we really cared about the victims that we've been victimizing, the meeting could have happened on July 1, on July 2. It could've happened as soon as it was suggested by the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform. I'm sure if it was that important, everybody could've found some time in their schedule to come together to meet, to stop victimizing the victims. But we don't want to do that. We want to keep the impasse going because it benefits us, right? Our bases have never been more solid. As long as there's an impasse, business loves the Republicans. As long as there's an impasse, the unions love the Democrats. So that's great for elections. Will you tell me where in the word 'public service' it says that we need to have our bases solid for the upcoming Primary? Where does it say that? It doesn't. It's embarrassing. We've all used the word shameful today, but what has been going on this summer is absolutely shameful. Shameful on the part of all of us who take part of i... part of this. And what's been the impact of all of this,

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all of this exploitation and enabling? We continue to victimize victims. We continue to give false hope. We pass Bills that have no chance of passing for 60 days, and then we don't even try to override them. We just let them go. And today we try to explain, well, this isn't real money, thi... this is other money. Before we release federal money, now this is other money. That's Springfield talk. The public doesn't get it. This is money that we're releasing, and we are picky... picking winners and losers. We are picking who it is okay to victimize and who it isn't. We had a real opportunity here. The municipalities, we all represent them, they're very upset and you know what, if we didn't give them the relief that we're about to give them, we would probably get a budget. Because they would all be really mad. But we're going to let off that relief value, and we're going to say you know what, we don't need a budget. It'll probably get us through the holidays so we can pat ourselves on the back and say we did a good job this year. It's like we're a bunch of heroin addicts, because what happens is when it gets too painful and we can't deal with reality, we give ourselves some legislation like this, and it numbs us to the pain. It makes us feel good, makes us feel good about ourselves. And when the pain wears off in 60 days, we give ourselves another shot, and we feel good again. It's short-term relief, people. And it hasn't accomplished anything, and it hurts the very people we claim that we're helping. Well, I'll tell you this. We need to break the cycle. And whether it's today or whether it's when we come back in December we need to have the guts to break the cycle and talk about what really needs to be

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done. No one wants to talk about revenue. No wants to talk about cuts. We just want to talk about whatever is going to make our bases happy. Well, as someone who's dedicated a greater part of his li... professional life to public service, I can't go along with this process anymore. I cannot go along with the process anymore, a process that exploits the victims that we're trying to help, a process that enables us to do absolutely nothing. I'll be voting 'no' on this Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Kay."

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

Speaker Lang: "Of course he will."

Kay: "Thank you. Marty, I'm going to be brief. You've taken a lot of heat today and maybe rightfully so. I... I don't really know. But I'm going to compliment you for going as far as you can. I'm also going to take on a comment that was made about why it is that Republicans always follow their Leader? Well, let me ask you this, Representative, walking up the aisle over there. Do you ever... do you ever take on your Leader? No. No. So let's get that straight. No. No. You know it's true. And oh, by the way, the workers' compensation comment, please. How patronizing. Give me a break. I sat on that working group; I sit in Labor. And you know what, we've had the chance to pass every good reform Bill in this state and you said 'no'. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. The Gentleman farmer from McHenry and the former prosecutor from Highland Park like to give pretty good speeches. But Ladies and Gentlemen, once again, what we're seeing is we're... we're

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entering into the extreme instead of the reasonable. What we have is a Gentleman that's put forth a good Bill. I think we're all going to vote for it, so I don't know why we're having all this consternation. It's a good Bill. The Governor, who many people have criticized for having tactics that they don't appreciate, has come around and tried to move the ball forward, and he asked some simple requests to add to the Bill that we're finding out the Sponsor didn't know about. Nothing unreasonable about that. That's being reasonable. Marty or Representative Moylan, has done a good job presenting the Bill that he believes in. That's reasonable. Right now the consternation that we're having right now is a little bit into the extreme. So maybe we can have the former federal prosecutor and the for... the Gentleman farmer maybe sit down and relax. And let's get to this Bill and pass it forward."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moylan to close."

Moylan: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. And I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 1 voting present. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 9 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Third Reading, Senate Bill 155, Mr. Turner. Ples... Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, before we move on with this Bill, a Committee Report."

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Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary-Civil reports the following committee action taken on November 10, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1260, Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 155."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, at the request of the Sponsor, please place Senate Bill 155 on the Order of Second Reading and please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 155, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Turner, has been approved for consideration."

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

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 becomes the Bill that extends the sunset date for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Program. I'd ask for its support."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack, can we move this to Third. Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. 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 155, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, Members of the General Assembly, House Floor Amendment #2 is a gut and replace Amendment that becomes the Bill. It extends the operation and

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repeal date for the foreclosure sale fee that funds the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Program by one year. Currently, it's set to... the foreclosure fee becomes inoperative on January 1, 2016 and is fully repealed on March 2, 2016. This will extend it to make the final the... the inoperative day January 1, 2017 and the repeal date March 2, 2017. I'd be happy to answer any questions about the program. I... I look for its adoption."

Speaker Lang: "There being no debate, those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 79 voting 'yes', 32 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 317, Representative McAsey. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 317, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Unfortunately, in the State of Illinois since October the 1, the Illinois State Museum as well as all of its branch sites have been closed to the public. While the doors have been closed to taxpayers, all the while employees have been re... reporting to work and state money has been spent. Senate Bill 317 is an attempt to correct that. It does three things. First, it says that the state shall operate the Illinois State Museum in Springfield as well as at branch sites located at the Dickson Mounds, Lockport, Rend Lake, and the James

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Thompson Center. It also says that the Illinois State Museum and all branch sites shall be open to the public. And third, that the Illinois State Museum shall operate a research and collection center to preserve and maintain access to the extensive Illinois State Museum collection. There is widespread support for this legislation throughout the museum community here in Illinois as well as across the country. It is supported by the Illinois Arts Alliance, AFCSME, the Native American Rights Committee, Illinois Environmental Council, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Museums in the Park, and many more. Illinois communities and taxpayers understand the value of the Illinois State Museum institution and are supportive. Despite the... despite all of this support, despite COGFA's opp... opposition to closing the facility, the Governor and the administration moved forward with the closure. The museum system as a whole has a very significant economic impact, bringing more than \$33 million annually into the State of Illinois, 16 to 17 million dollars in the Springfield area alone. When you contrast that with the operating cost around \$4 million, certainly, the beneficial economic impact outweighs the cost. Additionally, because of the large number of Native American artifacts and the Native amaid... American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, closure of the museum and the potential denial of tribes to have access to those artifacts can result in Federal... the Federal Government fining or lawsuits and additional cost to the state. There is a significant community impact of... with regards to the museum. More than 300 thousand people visit the museum annually; 40 thousand students visit our site here

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as well as the branch sites, all benefit and have lost that ability. I speak as a former educator, as a parent, and as a Legislator representing my community as well as communities all over the state and ask you to join me to reverse this closure of the museum, which is short-sighted and will have an appreciable negative impact on our local economies as well.

Join me in support and I will take any questions. Thank you."

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

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Sandack."

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

Speaker Turner: "She indicates that she will."

Sandack: "Representative, I... this is funded out of GRF, right?"

McAsey: "That... that's correct. That's correct."

Sandack: "You voted against funding your balance. Isn't that correct, your... your budget?"

McAsey: "I'm sorry, what?"

Sandack: "You didn't fund your spending plan. You voted... you didn't fund the budget that you sent to the Governor. Isn't that correct?"

McAsey: "I voted to support the budget that was sent to the Governor."

Sandack: "You didn't fund it though, did you?"

McAsey: "I... I... I voted to support the spending priorities that were sent to the Governor's Office."

Sandack: "Right. That was a spending plan but there weren't enough revenues. You know that there were \$4 billion short with revenues matching that spending plan..."

McAsey: "I..."

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Sandack: "...right?"

McAsey: "I... I also know that the operation of the Illinois State Museums brings in \$33 million in economic impact. I know that the museum in my community costs \$190 thousand to operate. There are administration officials, who it is my understanding, earn more than that in salary."

Sandack: "Okay. To... to the Bill. So what we have here is a piecemeal fu... budget Bill on a matter that the Sponsor didn't fund. So let's be clear. We're now all of a sudden going to expend GRF without a tax increase, without a mechanism to pay for it, and we know today we have over \$6 billion in unfunded backlog of bills. Right now there are bills that we can't pay as a state. And the Sponsor wants... without a tax increase, without a funding revenue source, without a budget... wants to spend more money. Unfortunately, we have completely been derelict in our duty. We have not funded a budget. We haven't come together on a bipartisan budget, and now we're going to be trying to jam the administration with another expenditure that they in the discretion that they have, have to balance. And yeah, I don't like they closed the State Museum and the museums. I think it's... it's awful. So why don't we spend our time on a budget? But this idea of now passing an appropriation Bill and that's what it is. It's spending GRF, is what it is. Ordering a... something open without funding is a... essentially asking for an expenditure of GRF. We can't and shouldn't do that. This is another unfortunate waste of time, and I will agree with an earlier speaker, we have spent the summer doing this and it's... it's not productive. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Sullivan."

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Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is what we would consider a want not necessarily a need. When we talked about child care, and many on both sides of the aisle gave impassionate speeches about child care and the rest, that was a need. Right now we have something that is a want, a noble want, and I don't want to take anything away from the Sponsor for trying to do something for her community or something that she believes in, but to vote for this without funding it, is a promise that cannot be fulfilled. And should it be fulfilled if it would get to the Governor and signed into off... into law because, once again, if you're taking \$6.8 million to fund the museums, does that mean you're taking \$6.8 million away from child care or taking away from education or taking away from so many other things that you could be funding? So Ladies and Gentlemen, once again, here we are another Bill, noble intent, noble speaker. I don't want to criticize her for... for what she wants... wants to do, but folks, it's got to end. We can build upon the good things that have taken place this week and move forward, but if we're going to go back to piecemealing budgets together, that's all going to break apart. So let's think about this, and let's shut it down, send it a 'no' vote, and let's get back to work. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you. Just to respond. I want to clarify that this is not an appropriation Bill. This is changing the enabling statute which presently provides for the operation of the Illinois State Museum and specifies that the State Museum in Springfield as well as at the branch sites are to operate.

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And there was also men... mention made of a \$6.8 million figure. I don't know where that amount came from. The cost estimates that have come out of the administration are th... presently it costs about \$4 million to operate all of the sites. Currently, employees are reporting to work and are being paid. So there is no savings going on, and even if the closure without the employees were present, there would still be a \$1.5 million continuing cost to operate and maintain the collections. So again, we are talking about approximately \$3 million but losing \$33 million that presently come into the state and local communities through economic impact."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Demmer."

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

Speaker Turner: "She indicates that she will."

Demmer: "Representative, this is a pretty simple Bill, isn't it? Seven lines, eight lines. Pretty short, to the point."

McAsey: "Pretty short."

Demmer: "What doe... does the Bill define what it means to operate a museum?"

McAsey: "Ther... there actually are not specific guidelines with regard to hours of operation, an... and I think that that is..."

Demmer: "No guidelines on it..."

McAsey: "...by design."

Demmer: "...what it means to operate a museum, what it means to maintain a research and collections facility. I mean..."

McAsey: "So, wha..."

Demmer: "...this is... this is pretty open, right?"

McAsey: "So what it does say is that the facility would need to be open to the public, which is something that presently is

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not happening and in fact has facilitated that the Illinois State Museum is currently on probation with regards to its accreditation because of not being open to the public. But by not having specific details with regard to operating hours, for example, it does allow for the... the museum, the administration, the Department of Natural Resources, the flexibility to make some decisions, if they think that they are in... in the best interest. But while balancing both the economic impact and all of the, as I mentioned, the different federal fines and lawsuits that..."

Demmer: "Sure. Sure."

McAsey: "...we are likely facing..."

Demmer: "So, I understand..."

McAsey: "...\$17 million..."

Demmer: "Yeah, I understand the..."

McAsey: "...a month."

Demmer: "...flexibility may allow. And you're making the argument that may allow them to make financially reasonable decisions. But my question is, what the... what limits the scope here? Couldn't a museum come back and say... point to this piece of State Law and say, we're required to operate, we're required to maintain an co... extensive collection. And so that means we're going to go out and acquire all this extra property and add all these services and add to our collection? And point to this piece of State Law to say, we're required by State Law to do this? I mean, there's no... there's no limitation to this."

McAsey: "So..."

Demmer: "Isn't that correct?"

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McAsey: "...the ...the intention of the legislation, I think is pretty clear. And... and right now I will make a statement for purposes of legislative intent as well. Thi... this is about continuing the operation of the Illinois State Museum system, the site in Springfield, the branch sites, and the Collection and Research Center."

Demmer: "Thank you."

McAsey: "So... so..."

Demmer: "To the... to the Bill."

McAsey: "...this... this is not saying..."

Demmer: "Sure."

McAsey: "...go and expand to 10 additional sites. That is not what this language says."

Demmer: "An... and I understand that's... that's what you're... that's what you're saying right now. But I... I'm pointing out the fact that this Bill is very short, very brief. Leaves open, I think, some significant definitions to interpretation about what it means to operate a location. I'd also point out that one of the requirements here that we're going to put into State Law says that the state shall operate a branch at the James R. Thompson Center, which if you've been reading the news recently, you know, is... there's been proposals to sell that property. So we're putting into State Law this obligation to operate a site of the Illinois State Library in a location that may not be part of state property going forward. I just think this is a... this is a rushed attempt. This probably obligates the state to far more than what we intended to do. I don't think this Bill is drafted in its appropriate form, that we should really come back and look at this from an

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operational side to know what kind of commitment we're making,
and the appropriate place to do that is the budget process."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Breen."

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

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

Breen: "Representative, I... just trying to read your Bill here.
What... what's the current authority to operate these various
sites of the Illinois State Museum?"

McAsey: "So... so, presently the Illinois State Museum in statute..
Pardon me one moment. So... so, the present statute simply
states, with regard to the State Museum, that the Department
of Natural Resources shall have within its office the Illinois
State Museum. So the statute really speaks to the siting of
where within State Government is housed. And it also creates
the governing board for the... for the museum."

Breen: "And... and it's... Right."

McAsey: "So this... this would create an additional statutory
requirement with regard to the actual operation of the
museum."

Breen: "And... and my analysis had shown that under current law, in
order to close a site, you follow the same regulations that
you have to follow to close any other site within the state.
Is that... is that your understanding?"

McAsey: "Under... under current law that the requirements to close
a site are like any other site. Yes, that... that would be my
understanding and in fact, this past summer the commission,
the COGFA Commission did go through the COGFA process. I... I
believe that I already noted that after extensive testimony
that was taken by that commission, hours and hours of

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testimony, seven of the members voted against the closure. They opposed the closure of this facility because they understood the impact on the state and on the local communities. However, the administration did move forward with the closure effective October the 1st."

Breen: "But now... so you would be actually you... your intent with your Bill is to pull these sites out of the normal process, set them aside specially, including the site of the Thompson Center just because you think the State Museum should never be subject to closure?"

McAsey: "I... I think that this is a... an essential and important entity that is part of the... the culture and the history of our state..."

Breen: "Sure."

McAsey: "...and I think that it does deserve this sort of treatment."

Breen: "Now, what's the enforcement mechanism for your Bill?"

McAsey: "Wh... whatever en... enforcement mechanism would be otherwise available with regard to..."

Breen: "See my... my problem is..."

McAsey: "...legislation."

Breen: "...as I... I am not a former federal prosecutor who's given almost his entire life to public service; however, I've done enough legal work to know that there's very little way to force an Executive to do something he doesn't want to do. And so, I don't see an enforcement mechanism in your Bill. So I don't... I don't know that it does anything at all, much less does what you've asked for it to do, which is to force an

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Executive to operate something, keep it open for certain hours, keep it open to the public for certain hours. I mean..."

McAsey: "Wh... which it does..."

Breen: "...I could read your Bill and..."

McAsey: "...which it does not do."

Breen: "Okay."

McAsey: "It does not specify any particular hours of operation."

Breen: "See, because as best I can tell, the current state of affairs at all of the Illinois State Museums is perfectly consistent with your Bill. In other words, your Bill does not change the status quo at all."

McAsey: "It does because it does state in the Bill that the sites shall be open to the public. So..."

Breen: "Right."

McAsey: "...presently the sites are not open to the public. So... so that would change..."

Breen: "But if..."

McAsey: "...what's going on."

Breen: "...if the sites aren't open, the state shall operate. And they say, well, we're operating, and we're open not at all, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. I... I don't see how that's inconsistent. The current... the current practice is not inconsistent with your Bill, and you can't force the Executive, under your Bill, to force those things open anyway."

McAsey: "I... well... I suppose that you and I just disagree, because I'm reading the second sentence of the legislation and it says the Illinois State Museum and all branch sites shall be open to the public..."

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Breen: "Right."

McAsey: "...presently they are not open to the public."

Breen: "Well, I mean, the Capitol..."

McAsey: "So, that would be a change."

Breen: "...is open to the public too. Doesn't mean it's open all the time. This is open to the public."

McAsey: "And... and I have said that there's no specifics with regards to the hours of operation."

Breen: "Right."

McAsey: "But... but presently not open at all is quite different."

Breen: "Okay. Thank you. And to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a lovely... a lovely aspirational statement, but the Bill itself has no enforcement mechanism. It doesn't actually change State Law, state practice. And for that reason, as much as you might feel good for you to vote 'yes', it really doesn't do anything to help the State Museums or to get us out of the budget impasse we find ourselves in. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative McAsey to close."

McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Thank you for these thoughtful questions and the thoughtful debate on the legislation. The Illinois State Museum, I do believe is essential to our communities where these sites are located. I do represent Lockport, which includes the Illinois State Museum Lockport Gallery. And as a former school teacher who took my students on a field trip to that facility, I know firsthand how very important it is to the development of our... our students, to their ability to... to have experiences with art. Right here the Illinois State Museum that is on this

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complex is important to students, and families, and tourists. There is a significant economic impact. And additionally, the closure has put our accreditation in jeopardy, and we now have the potential of federal fines and lawsuits. For those reasons I encourage the Members of the Body to vote 'yes' and appreciate your support today. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Members, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 317 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Members, please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 82 voting 'yes', 32 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 317, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 377, Representative Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 377, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is simply a trailer Bill to a Bill that we passed and became law regarding a town... township sewer districts. In that Bill, we said that if you increased or attempted to increase connection charges or increase any other cost, you had to do a study. That hasn't changed at all. But we also said that it cou... it could be requested that every two years you do a study i... even if you don't increase costs. So you would still have to do a study if you increase costs; however, if you don't increase costs it would be once every five years. I discussed that, I believe, when we passed the Bill. I know of no opposition.

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It's just cleanup language to an agreement that we made in order to lessen the burden on the township."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 377 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 74 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 377, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1369, Representative Rita. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1369, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Senate Bill 1369 is basically a trailer Bill from... we passed the collection agency's sunset for another 10 years and we hit some corrections or unintended consequence that we needed to clarify through this Bill. It's all agreed; the Department of Professional Regulation and the Collection Agency Association. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1369 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no' and 1 voting 'present', Senate Bill 1369, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed.

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Representative Wheeler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Representative, we're going to hold all points 'til the end of the day. Thank you. Members, on page 15 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have Senate Joint Resolution 29 offered by Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I move for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 29. It creates the Complete Count Commission which is tasked with devising a plan to ensure the full participation of all Illinoisan rel... residents in the 2020 Census. Move for the passage... went out of the Senate on a unanimous vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, I want to make sure before we get too deep into this commission. In the past there has been some effort to count certain individuals that are incarcerated back to where their home should be as opposed to where they are presently residing in a correctional facility. Is this Bill an... and I have not been able to read it so I apologize... this has just popped up. Is this Bill have to do with reallocating census population numbers back to where people came from originally before they are incarcerated?"

Ford: "No."

Sullivan: "Okay. Can you go over what this Bill does because you've had a couple... and I think there was one that we were

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fine with and a few of them that we were not... so we're just trying to figure this out real quick."

Ford: "So the Bill simply sets up a commission, a bipartisan commission, to make sure that we have an accurate count of people in Illinois for the 2020 Census. So it's a bipartisan effort and we just... it's tasked with making sure that we come up with a plan to have a... have an accurate account of Illinois."

Sullivan: "So this commission to get an accurate count, what would they be codified to do or requested to do to make that happen to get equal representation throughout the state?"

Ford: "They... they would come up with a plan. That's what they would do. They..."

Sullivan: "Does your..."

Ford: "...would come up with a plan to best make the count available for Illinois."

Sullivan: "Is there anywhere embedded in this Resolution that orders them to do it a specific way or to follow certain best practices..."

Ford: "Abs..."

Sullivan: "...anything of that nature?"

Ford: "No."

Sullivan: "Okay. An inquiry to the Chair. What does it take to pass this Bill?"

Speaker Turner: "Sixty votes to pass this Bill..."

Sullivan: "Because there's no eff... okay."

Speaker Turner: "...this Resolution."

Sullivan: "Great. And Representative, thank you for your comments."

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Ford: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly a couple questions of the Sponsor."

Speaker Turner: "He indicates..."

Sandack: "Rep..."

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

Sandack: "Thank you, Sir. Representative Ford, given all the stuff we got going on right now I'm just questioning the timing because I, too, haven't had a chance to really read this. Is there a reason why this is being presented now amid kind of all the other stuff we're trying to get going, and by the way if it's bipartisan, I'm naturally inclined to support it, but I'm just wondering the timing. Could you elaborate a little bit?"

Ford: "No. I think it's just important that we... you know, I'm a teacher by profession and we're used to multitasking so we do everything that we can while we're here for the taxpayers."

Sandack: "Yeah, but you're in the House of Representative's right now and we're pretty slow. We're one at a time. Seriously, is there some... I mean, because we're coming up on 2016. Is there a reason why we're doing this right now?"

Ford: "Well, they passed it in the Senate and we don't want to delay the Senate work. Just like we wouldn't want them to delay ours."

Sandack: "Agreed. So this came out of the Senate?"

Ford: "Yes."

Sandack: "What was... what was the Roll Call on that?"

Ford: "I... I think it was unanimous."

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Sandack: "Thank you."

Ford: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Hays."

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

Speaker Turner: "Indicates that he will."

Hays: "So I... Representative, I'm trying to... I'm trying to understand your Bill. So does the work of this commission somehow supersede the United States Census Bureau?"

Ford: "No. We work... its... we're working to make sure that we have an excellent count for the United States Census."

Hays: "What would be the mechanism to enact any of the recommendations by this commission?"

Ford: "What would be the..."

Hays: "...the mechanism to enact any recommendations that the commission would come up with. What would be the... the mechanism to fold those into the guidelines that the United States Census Bureau will operate under?"

Ford: "Well, it's our responsibility in Illinois to have the best count that we can. So this commission is charged with making sure that we do that."

Hays: "I've noticed the commission, and the Members, and I appreciate that you've laid those out very specifically. And there are many, many groups represented that are very appropriate to be represented, but I noticed it's pretty Chicago centric. I don't see the Farm Bureau. I don't see a lot of entities that would be very, very important downstate, to represent the full diversity of our state. Do you have any commentary on that?"

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Ford: "I think that the each Legislative Leader has the ability to make appointments to those suggested organizations. So I think if you vote for it, I think you should make recommendations to your Leader."

Hays: "I... I guess my... my final commentary would be and I... I almost forgot about this today, so I'm so glad that your legislation came up. You and I had a friendly and spirited debate I'm sure as you recall when the Bill came to count in Mason at our... at our correctional facility, not in the community that I argued where they actually reside but back in the last previously known address. And since you actually ended up prevailing with that, I... I'm going to walk over to you the water bill in the amount of \$2,011 owed to my local water company 'cause if you got the residents, baby, you ought to have the bill."

Ford: "I appreciate that. It won't get..."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Moffitt."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Moffitt: "Representative, you've had legislation similar to this I think intent several times before. Just exploring with you what you would expect the outcome to be if this were to pass and the commission be appointed. If there are winners or areas that some way and another gain, then I assume there would have to be areas that would lose. Do you have any thoughts on where those areas might be?"

Ford: "I think that everyone can be winners if they participate the way they should. I mean, the commission will be made up of Republicans and Democrats. So I hope that the Republicans

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on the commission will do everything that they can to make the commission the best, so that all the Republicans can be counted and Democrats that want all the Democrats to be counted. This Bill will allow for you to make sure that you get all Republicans counted in your district and in all the Republican districts."

Moffitt: "Wouldn't this potentially change where some people were counted as being a resident where they.. where they li... like if they were in Corrections instead of being counted where they were currently residing, they'd be counted where they... their original home was?"

Ford: "No. No. This is just a commission Bill to make sure that we have an accurate count of people in Illinois for the 2020 Census. That's it."

Moffitt: "I just... I think it's a... we're looking... we're tampering to lo... coming awfully close to tampering with... with what's been precedent..."

Ford: "Don... don't..."

Moffitt: "...and Federal..."

Ford: "Yeah."

Moffitt: "...Federal Law."

Ford: "Don't let my past Bills poison this one. This one has nothing to do with the prison sentence Bill. This a simple commission that we all can agree on. It's a bipartisan commission to simply get a... a Senate Joint Resolution. That's all it is. It's setting up a commission to get an accurate count of Republicans, to get an accurate count of Democrats, just to get an accurate count of people in the State of

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Illinois. So, that's all it does. This just sets up a commission."

Moffitt: "And..."

Ford: "Because if we count more people, we get more money for the state regardless to whether they're Democrats or..."

Moffitt: "Okay. Is it... and that was my next question. There's several sources of revenue that are based... you receive them in the state base per capita. So do you anticipate this would increase that revenue and if so, which revenues?"

Ford: "Well, I don... I can't answer both of those questions, but I can say that we both know that if we set up a good commission by passing this and we do an accurate count of the population in Illinois, it will automatically bring more revenue to the State of Illinois."

Moffitt: "In the analysis, or our analysis, it says... that you, the Sponsor, wants to look into alli... Illinois to get more geographical coverage and equal representation among the Parties. Are you trying to help Republicans get more representation?"

Ford: "You know, I want to make sure that new baby on the Republican side is counted."

Moffitt: "It... I mean, the balance right now is kind of lopsided and I... I think if... if we've undercounted Republicans, then that's... that's interesting. Well, my concern is that the potentials for changing direction that in... in communities that have correction facilities might possibly because of this lose representation that that population wouldn't be counted there anymore if... depending on what the recommendations were and what was found..."

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Ford: "Absolutely not."

Moffitt: "...and... and yet the cost, there are lots of costs associated with... you know, with providing adequate services. So, I just... it throws up a real caution flag here that this is a... could be a major change in policy if..."

Ford: "As it... as it stands today, Representative, prisoners are counted in the prisons where they're incarcerated; therefore, what will happen today, they will be counted there again."

Moffitt: "Representative, thank you for your responses."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ford to close."

Ford: "Thank you very much. I suggest an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is... Well, the Gentleman moves that the House adopt Senate Joint Resolution 29. 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 65 voting 'yes', 49 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Joint Resolution 29 is adopted... having received the Constitutional Majority, is adopted. Representative Butler, do you have a point of personal privilege? Okay. Representative Sims, point of personal privilege? Representative Wheeler, point of personal privilege."

Wheeler B.: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Wheeler B.: "I would like us all to welcome back our Representative and colleague, Christine Winger. She gave birth... she gave birth exactly two months ago to a beautiful baby girl, Samantha. So, welcome back, Representative."

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Speaker Turner: "Congratulations and welcome back, Representative. Leader Lang in the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "Members, the 2016 Session schedule is being distributed to you as we speak. Don't kill the messenger. This will be in your hands shortly. Leader Currie now moves that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for purpose of a subject matter hearing on Higher Education Appropriations with guidelines established by the Speaker. You heard the Ladies Motion. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. And the House hereby resolves into a Committee of the Whole. Is there leave for the Attendance Roll Call to be accepted for purposes of establishing a quorum in the committee? Leave is granted and a quorum is established. Representative Lang is appointed as the Chair of the Committee of the Whole and is recognized to conduct the hearing in accordance of the schedule established by the Speaker."

DISSOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DO NOW ARISE

Speaker Lang: "(sic-Return to regular Session.) Page 7 of the Calendar, under the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 4156. Representative Kelly Burke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4156, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by

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Representative Kelly Burke, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Burke."

Burke, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment 1 will be familiar to many of us. It contains most of the provisions that were passed in a variety of appropriations Bills this spring for higher education including, appropriations for the state universities, the MAP Program, and IMSA. It fund... in... in summary the MAP is funded at about an 8.8 percent increase from FY15 and the universities are funded at about a 6 and a half percent decrease from FY15, the FY15 post supplemental. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote and entertain any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm assuming this isn't going to be called on Third, so I'll ask my questions on Second. Representative, how are we going to fund this appropriation? Where is the money coming from?"

Burke, K.: "Well, I think that's a conversation that's continuing and we'll... we'll get there eventually."

Sandack: "Well, I... I would propose that that continuing conversation needs to occur before we actually vote on a Bill. We did this last time with the spending plan your side of the aisle proposed and did not fund. We have to do something different. We can't expect this repeated activity of putting Bills out there and not having a source of funding. It's just... it's just irresponsible. So what I would ask is, in the absence of a known revenue source and a plan for actual funding, this is a pipe dream. This is not a realistic process and it's more of the same. So, to the Bill. To the Amendment,

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excuse me. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Sponsor's zest for trying to take care of a continuing problem; funding higher education is absolutely important, but we're not funding it. We're just passing a spending plan again that goes unfunded. This is not the appropriate way to budget. This is more of the same and unfortunately, it's asinine. A 'no' vote is required. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock for an announcement."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will you please excuse Representative Harris?"

Speaker Lang: "Thank you..."

Bellock: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "...very much. Representative Burke to close."

Burke, K.: "We've heard some testimony from the universities. This is a critical time for them. Not only in th... the cash flow that they have but also their continued livelihood. This is a situation, a time of year where they are trying to attract as many students as they can. Qualified students both within the State of Illinois and out... outside the State of Illinois, and this budget impasse is doing them no favors. The higher education system is one of our strengths. It is... We... we are strong in the fact that we have a highly educated workforce, a highly educated populous much higher than our neighbors, and it's also the economic engine for many downstate communities and is a very strong component of the Chicago Economic... the Chicago Economic Climate. So to continue to not give a budget for both operational and the Monetary Award Program to these universities is... is detrimental. It is... it is destroying an economic engine that

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ec... that drives many of our communities. I don't understand the reluctance to engage in a discussion about funding these universities and... and the fact that there has been no additional discussion since we passed this Bill in the spring is beyond ridiculous. So I would ask for a 'yes' vote on this Amendment. And please let... let's keep our state universities, our private universities, our community colleges strong. Let's stand up for our students who depend on us to make sure that they can go to school next semester. And to do otherwise is... is foolhardy and... and short-sighted. I ask for a 'yes' 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? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 68 voting 'yes', 15 voting 'no', 10 voting 'present'. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Members, we're going back to the second panel to the Committee of the Whole."

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DO NOW ARISE

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order in regular Session. Members, plan on being in Session on Wednesday, December 2 at 11 a.m.; Wednesday, December 2 at 11 a.m. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, pursuant to House Joint

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Resolution 85, the House is adjourned until Wednesday, December 2 at the hour of 11 a.m. or until the call of the Speaker, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Crespo, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on November 10, 2015: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 805. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on November 10, 2015: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 838. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on November 10, 2015: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 96, House Joint Resolution 99, Senate Joint Resolution 19. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on November 10, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendments #1 and #4 to House Bill 853. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2043, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. This Bill will be held on the Order of Second Reading. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 2944, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 2945, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 2946, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act con... making appropriations. House Bill 2947, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an

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