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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 June 30, 2016: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 318, Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 2047, Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2822."

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

Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, bless this House and all who serve, here. Amen."

Speaker Lang: "Be led in the Pledge by Mr. Moylan."

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

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

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Monique Davis and Mayfield are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representatives Brady, Leitch, Pritchard and Wehrli this morning. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Take the record, Mr. Clerk. One hundred-ten Members answering the roll, we do have a quorum. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on June 30, 2016: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 318, Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1810, Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2562, Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2822. Introduction of Resolution. House Resolution 1349, offered by Representative Sims, is referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Lang: "Chair recognizes Mr. Brown for an announcement. Mr. Brown for an announcement."

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

Speaker Lang: "The Republicans will caucus in Room 118 immediately. The Democrats will caucus in Room 114 immediately. The House will be in recess 'til the call of the Chair. The House will be in order. Mr. Clerk, on page 7 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 1810, Leader Currie."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1810, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie on Amendment 1."

Currie: "Thank you. I'd move adoption of Amendment 1. This would be the implementation of the budget that we are going to be voting upon very soon."

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1810, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This basically does four things. It permits the Governor not to repay the interfund borrowing that we authorized about a year and a half ago that was supposed to be repaid on December 31. The point is to free up \$454 million that can be used for expenses in fiscal '17 and part of fiscal '16 as well. It... it permits some re-funding of some bonds which will help us meet the requirements of the higher education funding that I hope we will shortly approve. It will maintain the Internet Lottery Pilot Program for one additional year. And it will continue the freeze on cost-of-living adjustments, per diem and mileage payments for Members of the General Assembly, for the Comptroller's Office, and the other Constitutional Officers. I'm happy to answer your questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Wheeler. Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Leader, I just wanted to put a little more context on one of the last things you said with respect to the one-year prohibition. That's on legislative COLAs, mileage per diem reimbursements. It's a freeze and a vote against this would mean, essentially, you're voting against the legislative COLA... you're voting in favor of a legislative COLA increase?"

Currie: "And Constitutional Officers and state attorneys."

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Sandack: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, help me understand. I believe you said that we are going to forgive the need to repay the \$454 million that was borrowed at the... at the June 30 in the dead of the night last... last year. Is that correct?"

Currie: "Correct."

Harris, D.: "And of that \$454 million, I believe it's... 15 million of it is going to be repaid, is it not, to... I think 10 million to the Secretary of State and 5 million to the Medical Disciplinary Board?"

Currie: "I believe... I believe you are right. I should have..."

Harris, D.: "So, we're actually at 430..."

Currie: "I thank... thank you for that correction."

Harris, D.: "So we're actually at \$439 million. And I understand that we need to pass the Budget Implementation Bill, but just... just a reference here. Some of the moneys that are not going to be repaid, \$179 million to the school infrastructure fund. Is that correct?"

Currie: "I believe that is."

Harris, D.: "And the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund is \$40 million?"

Currie: "Correct."

Harris, D.: "And the fund for the Advancement of Education is about \$18 million?"

Currie: "Correct."

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Harris, D.: "So, those are moneys that are not going to be available to those funds for future use, correct?"

Currie: "That's is correct."

Harris, D.: "Okay."

Currie: "But my understanding is that these are all funds that are replenished during the course of each year and that calls upon the use of those dollars are not currently being unmet."

Harris, D.: "True, but those dollars will no... not be available to those funds. Two other questions, if I may. Explain to me the need to... part of the Bill, as I understand, exempts state bonds sold in FY17 from the 7 percent debt service cap. What... what is that?"

Currie: "Apparently, what the... the Office of Management and Budget told us in the working groups is that we could actually do well. We could save about \$20 million were we to refinance some of those bonds. Under the current refinancing cap, however, we can't do it. In order to do an adequate job of funding or almost adequate job funding higher education, funding the Monetary Assistance Program, tuitions for low-income college kids. For example, refinancing these bonds makes good fiscal sense, but we had to make this change in the statute in order to enable OMB to go ahead and do the refinancing."

Harris, D.: "Well, I understand what you said. I just... with these... with these Budget Implementation Bills that come up at the last minute, I... I have a concern that we are not increasing our bonded indebtedness here, which is... which requires General Assembly authority to do."

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Currie: "And... Right. And we are not. My understanding is that we are absolutely not doing that, but we are... And let me just tell you that, in fact, in the working groups starting way back last spring, this was one of the... the issues that had been on that table in search of a grand bargain. Now, we went ahead and decided to go ahead with this proposal now because there were serious issues about funding higher education, both the allocation to universities and community colleges, but especially the program that provides college assistance to low-income students."

Harris, D.: "Thank you for your answers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Moffitt: "Thank you. Leader, just real quick. There's some loan forgiveness in here. Different times we're dealing with sweeps. There are no sweeps in the BIMP Bill, are there?"

Currie: "There are no sweeps."

Moffitt: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you. I appreciate your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 6 of the Calendar, under the Order

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of Senate Bills Second-Reading, there appears Senate Bill 242. Representative Moeller. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 242, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 242, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Speaker. Senate Bill 242 allows very specific school districts within the State of Illinois who meet certain criteria, to employ a CEO for the management of their school district for a time limit not exceeding five years. The criteria in order for... that would apply to the school district is a... is a district that has boundaries that lie within three counties. One county must have at least 1 million or more inhabitants and have an enrollment of over 35 thousand students. The... in order to be eligible to be hired as the CEO, one must have at least 5 years of administrative experience working in that district in a management capacity. This... this permissive ability for the school district to hire a CEO would expire after 5 years from the commencement date of hiring. This is a... a Bill that came to my attention. Representative Crespo has done the lion's share of the work on this Bill in order to address the local need of our school district U46 in retaining their current CEO. Ask for an 'aye' vote and would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andersson: "Representative Moeller, so my understanding is presently U46 employees both the CEO that you referenced and a retired superintendent to meet the criteria of the statute, correct?"

Moeller: "Correct."

Andersson: "And by enacting this change, we would eliminate the need for that duplication of efforts. So, would we be saving money or would the school district be saving money on this?"

Moeller: "Correct, yes."

Andersson: "And are you aware, is the school board at U46 in favor of this?"

Moeller: "The school board is supportive. This... this initiative came at the request of the U46 school board."

Andersson: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Sandack: "Thank you. Representative, just out of curiosity, how is it... today we're here for some pretty important Bills, and not to diminish what your Bill does..."

Moeller: "Yeah."

Sandack: "...what happened and why wasn't this addressed in our regular Session?"

Moeller: "So, this is a Senate Bill. It did pass the Senate."

Sandack: "Right."

Moeller: "And the... in the normal frame of business, the... the time... this Bill was not assigned to a committee here in the House

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until later... until this month. We were able to get an extension. And so, it passed out of committee yesterday. Today is the deadline for its passage. There are some time constraints that the school district is facing in terms of retaining the current CEO. And so, we are requesting that this be addressed today before the time limit expires."

Sandack: "Now, I was just interested in what happened procedurally prior, you know, to us being here?"

Moeller: "Yeah."

Sandack: "Would... did it ever get a hearing, a committee hearing, prior to May 31?"

Moeller: "Not the Senate Bill, no."

Sandack: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ammons: "Thank you. I just want to clarify the request here in this Bill. So, the request as I read it, is to allow the CEO almost a waiver, Representative, to not actually meet the requirements of a superintendent?"

Moeller: "This would give the CEO five years to meet the certification requirements for a superintendent."

Ammons: "So, after the five-year period, if he doesn't meet those requirements, what is the next step?"

Moeller: "Then he would... he would no longer... he would no longer be eligible to serve as the CEO. He would either... they would either have to hire a superintendent who meets the qualifications of a superintendent in the State of Illinois or he, himself, would have had to have acquired those

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certifications. This... the power and authority granted under this Bill would expire."

Ammons: "Does that explicitly say that? Because it actually doesn't in... in what I'm reading."

Moeller: "Yes. It's my understanding that that is contained within the legislation."

Ammons: "And just finally, is... is there a reason why the school district couldn't recruit a appropriate superintendent that meets the qualifications to be superintendent?"

Moeller: "The... the incumbent, right now, who is serving as the CEO has been with the district for several years. The school district is very happy with his performance. The community is very supportive of his performance and they... they would like to retain him. Unfortunately, because of... he had been enrolled in a program to achieve his certification. That program was... was phased out. And because of the responsibilities that he had in his previous position with the district, the fact that he was negotiating with the... working with the unions on their contract negotiation and the expiration of this program that he had been at, he was not eligible to or not able to achieve his... the certifications that he needed within the time frame. He was just recently hired within the last couple of years. So, this would give him the ability to work on that, meet the criteria and have the school board retain his services while he does that."

Ammons: "To the Bill."

Moeller: "And... and to the previous Representative's point, it will save the district money. They won't have to hire a

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retired superintendent to fill out those ceremonial jobs or positions that a superintendent is required to fill."

Ammons: "So, I'm sorry, Representative, you just... so does this person, because he hasn't met the requirements of superintendent, does the school district's board then give him an increase in salary as superintendent?"

Moeller: "That... that is not contemplated as part of the Bill. He is currently working under a contract with the school district. That... the conditions of the contract can change, you know, when they're renegotiated. But it's not contemplated that that would give them the... this does not give them any ability or extra authority to raise his pay. That would still be at the discretion of the school board."

Ammons: "Thank you. To the Bill. I... I think... I'm concerned about the process because we've not... this is the first we've seen of this and it went through so quickly where we couldn't raise some issues. One of the issues to this Bill is the precedence that it sets, that a person who's hired in a particular position that may not meet the requirements of another, that we can just change the State Law and give them an opportunity to meet those requirements without actually following the process. There are many people, certainly that graduate from the University of Illinois that could be excellent administrators, but they won't have an opportunity to even be considered for such a position under this Bill and under this process. So, I... I appreciate the Sponsor attempting to do this, but it seems to be a very bad precedent for us to change State Law so that one single person can meet a requirement of a hiring process that they want to do. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Bill. You know, when I was the Appropriation Chair and I got a chance to go around the state, what I found is because we had so many educators in the pipeline, that we didn't have true leadership as far as business sense on how we... we allocate and how we save dollars within the school system. And I'm just giving you one... one point because I was trying to do this for the ROE also. So, when I was first elected 14 years ago, I went into East Aurora School District and we looked at all their nonemployee costs, and a private company could have come in and saved them millions of dollars and they chose not to. So, you know, I think sometimes that because education is set up by all educators through the system, great, great. But at the top, I think when you're running a multimillion dollar organization as a school district, you do need business people in there to look at... check and balance on RFPs, are we doing a good job, are we rejobbing out every three years on our contracts so we can save money in the system and put that money back into the classrooms? So, I think this piece of legislation that Chairman Crespo and Representative Moeller have been working on makes total sense. It's just for one district. I think we need to shake up a little in education on making sure that the dollars are getting into the classroom and paying our good, hardworking teachers the salaries that they deserve from K... from preschool all the way through 12th. So, I am in support of this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Moeller to close."

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Moeller: "Thank you. Senate Bill 242 did pass the Senate unanimously during the regular Session. It is unopposed... there is no opposition to the Bill from any other interested parties. And would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 100 voting 'yes', 11 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk. Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on June 30, 2016: recommends be adopted Floor Amendments 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 2562, and Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 2822; and recommends be adopted Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4334."

Speaker Lang: "Page 7 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 2822. Leader Currie is recognized for a Motion."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. I'd move to suspend applicable rules so that we can consider Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2822."

Speaker Lang: "You heard the Lady's Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted and the applicable rules are suspended. Mr. Clerk, please read Senate Bill 2822."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2822, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments

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1, 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie on Amendment 1. Mr. Sandack, can we just move all these..."

Currie: "Yeah. I'm sorry only..."

Speaker Lang: "...Amendments to Third Reading? Excuse me. Just 3?"

Currie: "I believe I only want Amendment 3."

Speaker Lang: "Amendment 1 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie withdraws Amendment 2. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Currie."

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2822, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker and Members of the House. What this Amendment does is to establish the appropriate fiscal '17 contribution from the state to the Chicago Peach... Chicago Teacher Pension Fund. And the amount specified in this Amendment will be 215.2 million. This represents, basically, the... the money that we have traditionally given to the Chicago Teachers Pension, which is... would have been 12 million this year, but is also helps pay for the normal

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operating costs. This is one year only beginning in fiscal '17."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you. Would the Leader yield for some questions?"

Speaker Lang: "Majority Leader yields."

Sandack: "Thank you. Representative Currie, I want to make sure, because we're on Amendment #3, that we're talking about a one-year item only. Isn't that correct?"

Currie: "That is correct."

Sandack: "All right. And can you elaborate a little bit on some of the... some context, if you wouldn't mind, with respect to what happens should this Bill pass the House and pass the Senate. What is contemplated next?"

Currie: "It becomes effective June 1 of 2017, so it is a one-year proposition but the due and owing clause does not begin until June 1, 2017, a year from tomorrow. Oh, no, sorry. June 1, not July 1. Right."

Sandack: "And with..."

Currie: "Eleven months."

Sandack: "Thank you. And with respect to the procedures and some of the agreements entered into by the Leaders, procedurally what will happen once the Bill passes both chambers?"

Currie: "Well, then, I assume that the Governor, since this was an agreement between the Governor and the four Leaders, I assume the Governor would sign the Bill. But that's 'cause I trust the Governor."

Sandack: "Well, I don't think that's the case, Leader. So, let me try this again. I was under the understanding that either a Motion to reconsider or some parliamentary procedure holding

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the Bill was going to occur because there were further actions contemplated by this collective Body prior to the end of the... of the year?"

Currie: "Representative, my understanding is that there was an agreement between the Governor and the Leaders and I'm not privy to the specify... the specifics of that agreement, but I do believe that that agreement will be in place and that all parties will abide by its terms."

Sandack: "Let me speak to the... to the Bill, please. Thank you for answering my questions, Leader Currie. I understand the Leaders have entered into some conversation and that perhaps it'll be on the Senate side where the Bill will be held on either a Motion to reconsider or in some type of parliamentary procedure in advance and that it would be held pending further discussions and votes, hopefully, on a comprehensive pension Bill that has been needed by this state for a very long time. So, that is the condition precedent I think many of us are acting upon and are relying upon. And to that, obviously, that's a pretty integral part and parcel of the House Republicans' participation. And I... I suspect Leader Durkin may speak to it, too. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you. I just wanted to clarify what's going on here. I was in the meetings. And yes, the way the Bill is currently drafted that it has an effective date of June of next year, 2017. But here's what's going to go on. It's my goal that we'll pass this Bill out of the House; it'll go over to the Senate. The agreement is that the Bill will lie dormant for us to negotiate some collect... pension reform Bills down the

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road. This is the agreement that we've had and this is what the four of us and the Governor have agreed to. So, I respect that the Majority Leader cannot speak for what will happen in the other chamber after... when they take that Bill up. I respect that, but I just wanted to give this... this chamber some clarification about what the understanding is between the administration and also the four Legislative Leaders. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, I listened to your opening comments and you gave some figures as to what this is worth. I thought I heard \$250 million. Is that correct?"

Currie: "Two... 215, point something."

Harris, D.: "Excuse me? Two hundred..."

Currie: "Two... two hundred fifteen. Basically, 215 million."

Harris, D.: "Two hundred and fifteen?"

Currie: "Normal costs. Right."

Harris, D.: "Two, one, five million dollars?"

Currie: "The original Bill talked about 205.4 million and that really didn't represent the normal costs for a year. So, we revised it with Amendment 3."

Harris, D.: "Okay. So, our... I just want to clarify then. Our analysis shows 205, which is apparently what is the original figure that has now..."

Currie: "That was the original figure."

Harris, D.: "...that has been revised to 215, 2-1-5 million dollars?"

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Currie: "That is correct."

Harris, D.: "Thank you."

Currie: "And come..."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "To... to compare and contrast, the state this year plans to send 900 million for operating costs for downstate teachers. So, this would be something close to parity, but only for one year beginning in June of 2017."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting 'yes', 37 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 318, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 318, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie on Amendment 2."

Currie: "Thank you. I'd like to withdraw Amendment 2 and move to Amendment 3."

Speaker Lang: "Amendment 2 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Currie."

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 318, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This is similar to an issue we had earlier addressed in this chamber. What this measure provides is that the City of... the Chicago Board of Education would have the ability to tax for purposes only of payments to the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund up to a maximum of .383 percent. In the old days, there was already a separate levy for pension payments. That levy was merged in 1995 with all the other levies for the Chicago Board of Education. As you know, the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, very much like the state funds, is very badly funded at this point. This would help the City of Chicago take care of the problem by using resources, local resources, to help make sure that that fund does not run out of cash. I would appreciate your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you. Will the Leader yield for a few questions?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, I want to make sure we're very clear because there have been some pronouncements in the press and otherwise. This is not a mandated property tax increase, is it?"

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Currie: "It is not."

Sandack: "In fact it..."

Currie: "This would be... it gives the Chicago Board of Education the ability to establish a levy only for purposes of payments to the Chicago Teacher Pension Fund. It max... it maxes out that levy at .383 percent."

Sandack: "And so, it's basically a measure of local control letting citizens of Chicago have a participation in school funding and pension payments for the city schools?"

Currie: "Only for pension payments under this measure."

Sandack: "But it's local, it's permissive and it's a measure of local control, wouldn't you say?"

Currie: "I would."

Sandack: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Gordon-Booth, Thapedi. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 82 voting 'yes', 29 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2562, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading. Mr... Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2562, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment... Floor Amendments 2, 4 and 5 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie on Amendment 2."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This is TIF omnibus Bill, tax increment financing. It provides the opportunity for, in Chicago, the development of transit oriented development around various kinds of subway stations and elevated lines. And it would enable the City of Chicago to capture some \$800 million in federal funds for which there must be a local match. None of the TIF money in this particular piece of the program would come out of the hides of the school children, that is to say schools would.. are out of this equation. The only other local governments providing TIF revenues would be the park district, the libraries and so forth. But at the end of the day, 20 percent of those TIF proceeds would go back in a... in a prorated fashion to all of those governments. Transit oriented development is a really good idea because it does encourage development in ways that reduce pollution, congestion, all the rest. In addition, there are perhaps 9 other TIF projects, primarily extensions of existing TIFs. I would be happy to answer your questions. I appreciate your support for the Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of adopting Amendment 2 say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Chair recognizes Leader Currie on a Motion."

Currie: "Yeah, Motion on both Amendment 4 and Amendment 5. I would.. I would move to suspend the posting requirement so that we can hear these Amendments immediately."

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Speaker Lang: "You heard the Lady's Motion. Seeing no objection, is there leave? Leave is granted and the applicable rules are suspended on Amendments 4 and 5 so they can be heard immediately. Leader Currie is recognized on Amendment 4. May we... may we just move Amendments 4 and 5? Those in favor of Amendment 4 say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #5 is offered by Representative Currie."

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2562, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I've already explained the meat of the Bill and that has to do with the transi-oriented development in the City of Chicago and the other extensions for TIFs across the state. With Amendments, the TIF in Chicago, the transit oriented TIF, would be required to hold a certain number of public hearings and there would be some opportunity for individual properties near at least one of those L lines to avoid adverse condemnation. I'd be happy to answer your questions. I appreciate your 'aye' votes for the Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley."

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

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Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Riley: "Leader Currie, the requirement for public hearings, was that in the original Amendment #2?"

Currie: "It was not in Amendment 2, but under the federal requirements, there would have been a significant number of public hearings. So, that language was deleted as duplicative, but we have put language back in ensuring that there would be public hearings."

Riley: "Well, there definitely should be public hearings. This is a TIF. This is really a super TIF. This is unlike any other TIF district that I think has ever been created in the state. And generally speaking, many of us, especially some of us who are in the suburbs and downstate, have done TIFs where the hearings take place before the legislative action takes place. Now you're going to have public hearings, essentially, after the horse is already out of the barn. Isn't that true?"

Currie: "My understanding is that public hearings actually have already been held for... for these streamlining of the three separate pieces of the... of the CTA rapid transit program. But there will be additional hearings because that's what this Bill says."

Riley: "Well, there should be additional hearings because there... For example, I think people want to weighed in on some of these issues. We've dealt... when the Mass Transit Committee was active, we dealt with a lot of these issues dealing with the CTA. And you know, I just have a litany of them; for example, like the Red Line Extension. The Red Line Extension, which is mentioned in this Bill, it is the only project that, since the inception of all of these other projects, it is

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always mentioned that it will be subject to funding. Now, if this project was going to be funded, couldn't that be stated in the Bill itself?"

Currie: "But my under... my understanding is that when you develop a TIF program, what you're doing is making improvements and then the effect of the improvements to the extent that it raises taxes above the base level is then available to plow back into the project."

Riley: "Yeah, but it... but a determination of priority should take place. In other words, if the Red Line Extension was so important, then that would be stated in the Bill itself with money and with a date and time certain and that is not done because one of the things that I will tell you is the Red Line Extension has been promised for over 30 years."

Currie: "Right. But that does not make..."

Riley: "People have... people have..."

Currie: "You're right. This is..."

Riley: "...run for office on it. And it's kind of like waiting for Godot. You know, it... it never comes. And there are people along where that extension should be that have been asked to wait, that have been told, essentially, lies that it was coming. Now all of the sudden, rather than floating a bond, which is usual and customary, you're going to have a TIF district where the people who have been shortchanged, with regard to CTA services, are going to be asked to pay for something that they may not get. And that's where their concern comes from. So, what's... what's addressed in this Bill or what's in this Bill that would address the concerns of those people?"

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Currie: "Well, I... I guess I would say this, first of all, there's no mandate that the Red Line Extension happen under this Bill. And I would say to the extent that there are promises made to people along the route, I would certainly want to hold public officials feet to the fire to make sure they retain those commitments."

Riley: "But can't we hold their feet to the fire by the legislation rather than them, you know, going out and having glossy little manuals talking about what's going to come? That's what... that is what codifying it in law actually does. For example... and let me ask another question. When TIFs were created, it was a means of developing an area in blight. And the definition of blight has always been a bone of contention, the definition of blight. One can say that out of the, I don't know, 300 and some-odd TIFs, maybe more, that are in the City of Chicago, there's questions as to whether or not they're in blighted areas. Doesn't this Bill, essentially, take the whole issue of blight and redevelopment out of TIFs; therefore, you can develop TIFs in any affluent area?"

Currie: "No, it does not. It says in these specific transit corridors there can be a TIF created that would improve those stations, that facility, only in those. And yes, it says blight is not an issue because that's not what transit-oriented development is about."

Riley: "Why?"

Currie: "This is a totally different idea about how we develop exciting, vibrant cities using transit as a way of enticing commercial and residential development."

Riley: "Leader, I want..."

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Currie: "That's why groups like the Metropolitan Planning Council are so enthusiastic about this Bill."

Riley: "Leader, I'm a planner. I've done a lot of TODs. I have TODs in my district. This is essentially, in my mind, with all due respect, a TIF Bill. It's a TIF Bill. And essentially, the whole issue of taking out blight, out of the definition, means that a TIF can be created anywhere. And that... and that's my understanding. Let me... let me ask the question. There's a famous edifice on the north side where the baseball team is playing pretty good and it's right down the street from the Addison Street Station. Would some of the developments that they wanted to talk about in that area come under the jurisdiction of what this Bill affords?"

Currie: "I'm not quite... I'm not quite sure what you mean? But if you're talking about the... the..."

Riley: "Wrigley Field. They want to do development around Wrigley Field. The owner wants to do development around Wrigley Field. Wrigley Field is down the street from the Addison Street Station."

Currie: "Yeah."

Riley: "So, would that qualify as the transit."

Currie: "That..."

Riley: "...oriented development under the definition of this Bill?"

Currie: "I don't... that's certainly not the intent and I don't even... I'm not even sure it would qualify. Besides, I thought they had just finished redeveloping Wrigley Field to the hilt?"

Riley: "Oh, you haven't seen the hotels and so forth that's... that's planned for it?"

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Currie: "Yeah. This is not... and in... the record should make it clear that that is not the intent of this Bill, nothing to do with Wrigley Field. We want other kinds of new development across the places where these three systems run."

Riley: "Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Members, let's pay attention to what this Bill does. Now, there was a speaker earlier that talked about the currency of a piece of legislation that a Member was... was putting forth and that question was answered. But certainly with regard to this that question should be asked. Why now? Why haven't there been the myriad hearings that any TIF Bill, even little ones that only go 22 years, rather than, essentially, a super TIF that goes out to 35 years? Where were the hearings? Where are the promises? Where is the language in the Bill, that we can put in the Bill, to be sure that the right things are being done? As I said before... and it's not just the problems with the Red Line Extension. The whole issue of transparency, you could look at that. The whole issue of expanding the life of the TIF. The whole issue of people who have been shortchanged by a service board, continuing to be shortchanged and asked to pay for development that may not even be in their area. It's a bad Bill. Or it's a Bill that needs to have more oversight. It needs to have more oversight, Ladies and Gentlemen and that is all that I'm asking for the service board... for the CTA to do. I've said many times, many times, if you look at the CTA map, it tells on itself. Coincidence that keeps happening is not coincidence; it's policy. There's a Skokie Swift, the Evanston Express, Forest Park. If it wasn't for the Kennedy Expressway, O'Hare wouldn't be in the City of Chicago. But

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the CTA line stops at 95th Street, as if there's not 750 thousand people in the south suburbs. There should be more oversight on this Bill. And I would ask you to join me and vote 'no' on this Bill. Vote 'no' on this Bill. And let's bring some clarity and transparency to what is a tremendous, tremendous change in statute. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "I'll be voting 'present'. I have a conflict of interest on this."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I understand there's some reasonable concerns about this, the Leader has raised some of them. There was severe concern about the public hearing process related to this Bill, which has now been restored and I'm grateful to the city and to the Sponsor for that. I would just note a couple of things. There was a concern raised and has been raised around this issue on the issue of blight and that somehow this being a TIF-related Bill, we are undermining the use of the word blight as it relates to TIFs. I disagree with that fundamentally. I think that to use blight in this case for a transit TIF that affects an entire line across the City of Chicago would, in fact, undermine the use of the word blight in other cases. This is a unique revenue capturing opportunity to get unique dollars from the Federal Government that, based on statute, can only be used for infrastructure.. transportation infrastructure projects. This is not an ideal way, necessarily, to do this, but it is a reasonable way to do so and it captures dollars

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that theoretically might not be available if the administration changes. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andrade."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Andrade: "Sponsor, I just wanted to clarify what my colleague over here just said about... this funds can only be used for infrastructure and not any private development?"

Currie: "Well, infrastructure... traditionally, in a TIF project, there may be benefits to a private developer. For example, if you put in a sewer system, that's infrastructure. But it may be that the sewer system is needed because somebody is building housing."

Andrade: "Right. But..."

Currie: "No, this money does not go to developers, if that's your question."

Andrade: "Right. But this is..."

Currie: "But this is money that can be used for infrastructure improvements that may encourage development. And the whole point of a transit-oriented development project is to make better use of transit in establishing the vibrancy of a city."

Andrade: "Right. But Leader, my question is, is that a specific part of CTA?"

Currie: "Yes."

Andrade: "The CTA part... portion and their TIF, can the funds be used for private development or only for the... with the projects that they're talking about?"

Currie: "Well, my understanding is that they would be able to use..."

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Currie: "...this for things like..."

Andrade: "Right. As I... as I..."

Currie: "...sewers."

Andrade: "As I understand..."

Currie: "Yes?"

Andrade: "...the CTA portion of this TIF Bill is specifically for CTA projects?"

Currie: "It is for... yeah. For modernization of the CTA and upgrades of the system..."

Andrade: "Right. So, the CT..."

Currie: "...and extension of the Red Line for the south."

Andrade: "So, the CTA portion of this Bill is strictly for their projects that they're talking about and not housing, not hotels, not... Is that correct?"

Currie: "Yes. You are right."

Andrade: "So, the Cubs would not benefit from this directly?"

Currie: "The Cubs would... right."

Andrade: "For their hotel?"

Currie: "Yeah."

Andrade: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you. I do appreciate concerns about sometimes lack of specificity in our statutes, but in order for us to access \$800 million in federal transit-related projects, this is a critical piece of legislation for the City of Chicago and for the Chicago Transit Authority. It is also critical to the continuing development of a variety of other communities across... across Illinois, including, for example, the City of

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Springfield, the Village of Dieterich, the City of LaSalle, Village of Fremont. So, I would urge your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 78 voting 'yes', 27 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Concurrence, House Bill 4334, Mr. Andrade. Please proceed, Sir."

Andrade: "Thank you, Chairman. I Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4334. Senate Amendment 1 puts back the original intention of this Bill that it is a temporary Bill. This sets a deadline date of June of 2017. So, it goes back to the intention of the Bill to make this temporary. I ask for an 'aye' vote, respectfully."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andrade moves to suspend the posting requirement so that this Bill can be heard now. Is there leave? Leave is granted. On Mr. Andrade's Concurrence Motion, is there any debate? Seeing none, those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. There are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4334. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Morrison. For what reason do you rise, Sir?"

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Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Senate Bill 1810, it was my intention to vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention. Representative Willis is recognized."

Willis: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Willis: "This coming Monday is our... is our country's birthday, but we also have a number of Legislators here in the room that will also be celebrating their birthday. So, I'd like to wish a happy birthday to Representative Sam Yingling and Representative Brady. Thank you. And happy birthday, both of you."

Speaker Lang: "Happy birthday, Gentlemen. House Bill 4678, Mr. Harris on a Motion to Concur. Please proceed, Sir."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. I just want to explain this Bill in some detail because the title that is shown is not what this Concurrence Motion deals with. This is the Bill that is the ACA hospital access payments. This is a very important piece of legislation. It was amended in the Senate. It involves a new fund of \$800 million for the hospital systems in the State of Illinois. This is not money that comes out of GRF. It comes by expanding current hospital assessments and obtaining \$400 million in new federal match. In addition, this program will bring \$150 million to the State of Illinois, to our GRF, that we have in previous years not been able to access. And on top of that, this legislation provides \$3 million per year for the continued operation of the Illinois Poison Control Center. So, I would be happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to speak in support of the Bill. We've been waiting a long time for this Bill to come. I think that this Bill is something that not only helps the ACA Medicaid adults that are enrolled in the managed care program, but it also helps the State of Illinois. It helps the hospitals; it helps health care in general. It helps the Poison Center, which we always want to fund. It seems, every year at the end of the budget, we're looking for money for the Poison Center. But especially, this Bill stands out, because with our fiscal crisis in place this Bill, with not requiring any General Revenue Funds at all, will generate \$150 million for us in 2017. It will generate another \$150 million for us in '18. And I want to thank working with the hospitals with Greg Harris and with everybody that was involved with this Bill because this is a good Bill that I think will be very beneficial to the State of Illinois and especially to all the ACA Medicaid patients for their access to health care. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, I have a question on one aspect of the Bill and that deals with the Poison Control Centers, the funding for the Poison Control Centers. My analysis shows that the funding for the Poison Control Centers is at \$3 million per year."

Harris, G.: "Three million dollars per year."

Harris, D.: "For... for both years? What is their funding now?"

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Harris, G.: "They're... they're getting funded now out of a different funding stream, Representative. It... it's in that vicinity. I don't have the exact number."

Harris, D.: "It's my understanding, I thought that they were in the vicinity of \$2 million per year. And I'm... I was struck by the 3..."

Harris, G.: "They... they went do... they went down, I believe, this year because of the funding stream. They were moved into, you know, a different methodology. But this would fund them at \$3 million per year which would restore their full operations."

Harris, D.: "Okay. And just... just a comment that it is a significant increase. I realize it's a small amount in the total amount of the Bill, but it does, if I'm not mistaken, goes from..."

Harris, G.: "Well, I..."

Harris, D.: "...2 million to 3 million dollars?"

Harris, G.: "...I also just would point out that the Illinois Poison Control Center is a resource that is used by, you know, every emergent... emergency first responder and hospital emergency room in the state."

Harris, D.: "And it is..."

Harris, G.: "...so, being able to restore their full functional capabilities is a very important thing."

Harris, D.: "Right. And is... it's a phone-in center, correct? It is a phone-in center located at a central location, correct?"

Harris, G.: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "It's a significant increase, that's all I'm at."

Harris, G.: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "Okay. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Concurrence Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4678. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes the Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on June 30, 2016: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #4 to Senate Bill 2047."

Speaker Lang: "Page 11 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, HJR152, Mr. Butler. Please proceed, Sir."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 152... if I could have the Body's attention a little bit. House Joint Resolution 152 would name a portion of Interstate 155 in the 87th District after Major Reid Nannen. On March 1, 2014, Major Nannen of the U.S. Marine Corps was piloting his F18 Fighter over the Nevada desert. He was in the midst of a training program to become a Top Gun Pilot. While on a training mission that day, Reid was killed when his plane crashed. He was 32 years old. Reid Nannen was a true American hero. A native of Hopedale in Tazewell County, he graduated from Olympia High School where he was a two-year captain of the swim team, section leader for the drum line, a member of two Elite Eight baseball teams and was an Illinois State Scholar. At the University of Illinois, he met his future wife, Sarah. He was a member of the NROTC Battalion, was in the Marching Illini

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Drum Line and the NROTC Drill Team. He also... he and Sarah met their freshman year in Champaign and struck a wonderful relationship there. Reid was commissioned in May of 2004. In his decade of service, he served two tours of duty in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His service also took him from North Carolina, to California, to Japan. Reid and Sarah have four children, including one who was 6 months old at Reid's death. His parents, Mary Ann and Dale, still live in Hopedale. His unit's commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Gordon, said this of Reid. He was a fighter pilot through and through. He embodied all the qualities of the heroic aviators of old and was the leader of the current generation. His love of flying was surpassed only by his love of family and there was no better husband, father or friend. Finally, I'd like to thank and recognize Representative Sommer. He's a good friend of the Nannen family and he was the lead Sponsor of legislation that you might remember last year which honored Reid's legacy by changing our State Law to allow flags to be flown at half-staff for service members who also died in training, not just in combat. And I believe... if Keith wants to say something, I'm sure he probably would. And I think after that, Mr. Speaker, I'd ask for a moment of silence and adoption of the Resolution."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sommer."

Sommer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Representative Butler, for reminding us that the Nannen family was here with us a year ago and we honored them at that time. For those of you who travel north from Springfield, if you cut off on Lincoln to 155 towards Peoria and Morton, you will be driving along

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that section of highway we are dedicating today to Major Nannen. In fact, his family lives just north of Hopedale, just off that road, and if you could see through the trees, that's where the family residence is. So, I think this is a very appropriate designation of that highway. And I thank Representative Butler for bringing this forward."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Butler moves that all House Members be added as cosponsors to this Resolution. Is there leave? Leave is granted. All House Members will be added. The Body will take a moment of silence. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed will vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 892, Mr. Cabello. Please proceed, Sir."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Resolution 892 would create a task force that shall research, analyze, and consider existing laws, programs, and benefits that could be used to assist wards of the state in a cost-effective manner to live independently as they age out of foster care. This Bill is brought to us by the social workers. There is no opposition. And I would respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution

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926, Mr. Davidsmeyer. Out of the record. House Resolution 960, Mr. McAuliffe. Please proceed, Sir."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 960 is like a trailer Bill to Senate Bill 636 that dealt with O'Hare noise. We're asking the City of Chicago and the FAA to follow along and ask for the CNL, which is a community noise equivalent level to pass and do more contour maps. There's new areas of communities surrounding O'Hare noise that didn't experience noise. We're just asking the FAA to use the best data and technology available so that we can get some more relief to these homeowners. And I ask for the adoption of House Resolution 960."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 968, Mr. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 968 asks for the Department of Veterans Affairs to better do its health care benefits through the Depart... United States Department of Veteran Affairs and the Veterans Health Administration. There are those who served in Illinois Reserve and National Guard to receive the proper health care that they earned while serving in the United States Armed Forces. And I ask for the adoption of this Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR977, Mr. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you... thank you. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This would just declare in February...

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21 of February 27 of 2016 as Eating Disorder Awareness Week to make people more aware of what they're putting in their bodies and live a happier and healthier life. And I ask for the adoption of this Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Mitchell on a point of personal privilege."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Mitchell, B.: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I appreciate this moment. Today, we will pass a budget and that's good. Everybody welcomes that after the last 12 months without a budget, but our job isn't done here. We have a huge issue, an issue from my district in terms of the Clinton Nuclear Power Plant, but an issue for the State of Illinois in terms of reliable energy at a cheap cost. We need to address the Clinton and then the Quad City issue this year, this summer. We all talk about jobs, jobs, jobs, but what are we doing about it? In my area, the Clinton plant has 700 good paying jobs that about average salary 90 grand. There's over 1 thousand trades people that come in there every year: electricians, pipefitters, plumbers, laborers. They need some jobs. If the General Assembly has not acted remember... I'm old enough to remember there's a movie in 1976 called *Network*. And Peter Finch, the character... his name was Howard Bell... Beale, and he kept saying, yelling out the window, I'm as mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore. And the people

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of Illinois have that point. After 12 months with no budget, after high unemployment, the people of Illinois are saying, I'm as mad as hell and we're not going to take anymore. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, let's act on Clinton. Let's act on the Quad Cities. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "HR1011, Mr. Ford. Please proceed."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. HR1011 simply requests that President Obama form a commission to study..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford, may I interrupt? I believe you have an Amendment. Is that correct?"

Ford: "Yes."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford moves... tells us what the Amendment does, Sir."

Ford: "The Amendment made it clear that this Resolution does not automatically commission a study."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Ford, please proceed on your Resolution."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. The Resolution is simple. It's about slavery and it's asking President Obama to commission a study, if he sees fit, about the impact that slavery has had on the people in this country and the benefits that slavery has had. So, before we vote, I think that I would like a moment of silence for all the slaves that made the impact on America and all our lives, before we take a vote for House Resolution 1011."

Speaker Lang: "The House will rise for a moment of silence. Thank you. Mr. Ford, you may proceed."

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Ford: "The Resolution speaks for itself. I move for the passage of House Resolution 1011."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR1062, Mr. McAuliffe. Please proceed."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Ladies... or Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 1062 declared May 2016 as Hepatitis C Awareness Month. As many of you are aware, we did Hepatitis C testing here in the State Capitol and I also did it in my district office. And this just makes it Hepatitis C Awareness Month along with the Federal Government that also designates May as Hepatitis C Awareness Month. And I ask for the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted HR1092, Representative Flowers. Please proceed."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 1092 calls upon Congress to adopt a National Credit and Banking Policies under the American Recovery Act. It's a constitutional program that would create mass employment for a very large unemployment workforce. And I would urge for its adoption."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Chair recognizes Mr. Reis. For what reason do you rise, Sir?"

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

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed."

Reis: "It is always with sadness that we see one of our staff members move on, but today is Laura Roche's last day. I've

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known Laura since she was in elementary school. She started as an intern policy analyst. She stood by the Bill box for four years and has been legislative liaison for the Governor's Office on the House Floor for the last 18 months. Please help me in thanking Laura for her service and welcoming her to the new Chief of Staff for DCFS."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations, Laura. House Resolution 1105, Mr. Thapedi. Please proceed, Sir."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 1105, of which I'm moving for its adoption, encourages Mondelēz International, which operates a large Nabisco bakery in my district, to maintain its operations. It's been quite a bit of discussion about this particular bakery that Mondelēz International has made the decision to begin exporting many of its jobs to Salinas, Mexico. But this Resolution encourages Mondelēz to work with the labor unions and to work with the surrounding community to stay a viable entity as a part of the State of Illinois. And I urge for... and I move for its adoption."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR1136, Mr. Ford. Please proceed."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to adopt Amendment... is there an Amendment that needs to be adopted?"

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, is there a pending Amendment?"

Clerk Bolin: "There are no pending Amendments. There's been one Amendment filed, Committee Amendment #1, and that was adopted."

Ford: "Okay."

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Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This Resolution is simple. It simply urges Congress to strengthen the national freight laws for cars carrying firearms across state lines. I move for the adoption of House Resolution 1136."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR1138, Mr. Hoffman. Please proceed."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. HR1138 provides that the General Assembly urge the President of the United States, President Barack Obama, to take action to halt the illegal dumping of foreign steel into the U.S. markets and to protect the vital American steel industry and steel products. As you know, we've had a dumping of steel problem in the United States, which has resulted in the closing of Granite City Steel and several other steel foundries throughout Illinois and the rest of the United States."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR1223, Representative Kelly Burke. Kelly Burke. No running, Representative. Please proceed."

Burke, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 1229... House Resolution 1229 (sic-House Resolution 1223) establishes May 29 as 529 College Savings Day. It's an initiative of the Illinois Treasurer's Office, which is seeking to encourage folks to save for college using 529 plans, especially ones administered by the Illinois Treasurer's Office."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Page 7 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 2047, Leader Currie. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2047, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2, 3 and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie, before you proceed, the Chair recognizes Mr. Brown."

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

Speaker Lang: "Do you... Is that your only request, Sir? Leader Currie on Amendment 2."

Currie: "And I wanted to... can I just ask the Chair whether I want to withdraw that one or whether I can go to Amendment 3?"

Speaker Lang: "Amendment 2 is withdrawn. Leader Currie on Amendment 3."

Currie: "Thank you very much. Amendment 3 is the omnibus general revenue, other state fund appropriation across the elementary and secondary, general services, higher ed, human services. Okay. Sir, I want to withdraw Amendment 3. I didn't like it."

Speaker Lang: "Amendment 3 is withdrawn. Thank you, Leader. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Kelly Burke."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Burke on Amendment 4. Before you proceed, Mr. Brown is recognized."

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Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans request an immediate caucus in Room 118 to review an 800-page Amendment. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The... the Republicans will go to caucus in Room 118 immediately. The House will be in recess 'til the call of the Chair. The House will be in order. Page 7 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 2047. Mr. Clerk, please put Amendment 4 up on the board. Representative Kelly Burke on the Amendment. Members. First, Mr. Clerk, please take Senate Bill 2047 out of the record. Secondly, Members, were going to be at ease for about 10 or 15 minutes and then we'll complete this process. It would be good if you stayed close to the chamber, please. Thank you. The House will be in order. The Chair recognizes the Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action on June 30, 2016: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #5 to Senate Bill 2047."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie is recognized. Mr. Clerk, please put Senate Bill 2047 on the board, Amendment 4. Representative Burke. Representative Burke on Amendment 4."

Burke, K.: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to withdraw Amendment 4."

Speaker Lang: "Amendment 4 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #5 has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie on a Motion relative to Amendment 5."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I move to suspend the posting notices so that we can hear Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 2047 right now."

Speaker Lang: "You heard the Lady's Motion relative to posting notices. Is there leave? Leave is granted. And the applicable rules are waived. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #5 has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie on Amendment 5."

Currie: "Thank you. I'd like to adopt the Amendment and discuss the Bill on Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Just a couple questions of the Leader for clarification sake, please."

Speaker Lang: "Leader yields."

Sandack: "Representative, just so the record is unmistakably clear, Amendment 5 is essentially what Amendment 3 was previously to your withdrawing it. Isn't that correct?"

Currie: "Correct."

Sandack: "It's identical in form in all respects."

Currie: "Correct."

Sandack: "Thank you."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2047, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker and Members of the House.

This is the stopgap temporary spending measure that has been agreed to in the working group and also by the Governor and the four Legislative Leaders. It combines funding for elementary and secondary education. That piece of the proposal would be for the entire year. It increases general state aid funding by \$361 million. It also provides funding for this current fiscal year and half of next for higher education. The amount in that would be about a billion dollars. Human services are also included in this Amendment. And what we would do would be to use the funds from the Commitment to Human Services for many human services-related items. And what this would mean is that many of those programs that were left on the cutting room floor in the current fiscal year would, in fact, be funded and they would again be funded through half of the coming fiscal year. That would be proration because there isn't enough money to go around. Oh, yes, my heavens. We've been graced by the presence of Tim Nuding, who is the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Welcome and thank you, Mr. Nuding. There's limited capital funding in the... in the budget. IDOT projects, the ones that were part of the five-year plan, some EPA programs and some... some capital projects that had been mothballed because we did not appropriate money for them. Some of those will be resuscitated and the projects will continue. This means some 25 thousand construction workers will not be without work in the coming summer months. There also is money for agency operations. So, for example, some of those people

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providing food to the folks in our prisons and people in those prisons with utility bills, some of them will get paid. In addition, we are expending other state funds and federal pass-through funds. So, for example, area agencies on aging and LUST Fund reimbursements, emergency response appropriations, they are included as well. I'd be happy to answer your questions and I'd be grateful for your support so that we can approve this stopgap budget and get on with it."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Durkin is recognized."

Durkin: "Thank you. I just have a few brief comments. I want to thank the House Democrats for abiding by the good faith and the trust that we've had with our working groups, and also with the negotiations we've had with the Governor and the Leaders with this Amendment. Thank you. 'Cause we eliminated some problems which we would have seen on the floor. I don't think we're... it serves anybody well at this point, which is the last day of our fiscal year, this is our last vote. This hasn't been easy, folks. It's been a year and a half before we've actually agreed on something that's positive for the state. I'm sad that it took that long, but we're here. And people deserve credit. Our working groups on both sides of the aisle in both chambers deserve incredible applause and I think accolades for sticking to it and living within the boundaries of what we believe is fair, balanced, and responsible for Illinoisans over the next year. I also want to thank the Governor for marshalling the four Leaders over the last few days and, folks, that wasn't easy, but that was a great exercise in compromised negotiations of what people have been demanding from us for many months. So, thank you,

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Governor Rauner, for getting that done. But, right now, I'm not going to dwell on the past on how we got here. That's kind of for the history books and... but mark my word that it will be articulated during the fall from various entities. But to leave out... to leave this building today without having some sense of accomplishment with respect to fundamental, vital services that we owe to citizens in Illinois would be atrocious. It would be unacceptable and the public revolts would be one which we have never witnessed before. So, I think I'm... I feel confident. I feel good where we're at today. Again, I want to reemphasize that we accomplished this today in the spirit... we accomplished this with the spirit of compromise, of negotiation. That's what adults do. And that is what we've been preaching for many months. So, we've got more work to do, but what we have done is that we have provided certainty for children, parents, educators throughout the State of Illinois. Not only in southern Illinois, the suburbs, but also in the City of Chicago. And that's good. I will just say that there's a better way of going about this process. The finger pointing needs to start coming to a close. There's plenty of things that are going to be done outside of this building over the next six months, but let's not pay... take... take away from what our inherit responsibilities are as Members of the General Assembly. We've got to provide for the greater good of Illinois. That means if we've got to take votes... tough votes at times, and we've done that today, but we are responsible to our constituents. And our constituents never... like I've never seen in my life, in serving in this

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capacity, are demanding that we work things out and get things done. And that's what we're doing today. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Leader Currie, just for intent. I've got a lot of people in my district that are worried about this, have been calling me about this. Do you think the funding that we are providing to these agencies will be sufficient to prevent any layoffs or facility closures for the next six months?"

Currie: "I mean, I can't guarantee no layoffs, but there's no reason to think that anything in this Bill would encourage layoffs. And there are, after all..."

Phelps: "So, you... so you..."

Currie: "...court orders so that workers continue to be paid. And that... that is not even the subject of this Bill, and those court orders will continue."

Phelps: "And I'm not trying to put you on the spot, but you just... you feel though that this is sufficient funding to keep... to keep that from happening, right?"

Currie: "Yes."

Phelps: "Thank you, Miss... thank you, Leader."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ammons: "First, I want to just ask a couple of questions about the higher education portion of this Bill. The MAP grant

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funding in the Bill is for... is that '16 and '17, or just '16?
Or how does that work?"

Currie: "It... '16 will be a priority. Many students were in fact covered by their own individual colleges and universities and that money need to be paid back. So, we are focused on fiscal '16 to make sure that the map grantees are made whole."

Ammons: "Okay. So, the Bill does include the money to repay those institutions..."

Currie: "Yes."

Ammons: "...for '16, but we have to revisit in... in '17?"

Currie: "Right. And this way, we think we'll set the stage for making sure that in '17 when we come back and finish the bud... this is only a half-year budget, that we will do an appropriate level... we will create an appropriate level of support for those people who rely upon tuition help in order to go... to institutions of higher learning."

Ammons: "So, I just wanted to clarify that this stopgap measure today does not close the books on MAP grant funding..."

Currie: "Absolutely... absolutely not."

Ammons: "...going forward. I also wanted to... traditionally, looking at past budget practices, two items that are usually itemized in the budget like the Prairie Research Institute and the U of I Medical School, which are usually separate line items, is it your legislative intent that those items be covered at their appropriation amount in this lump sum that is given to universities?"

Currie: "Yes. And in addition, of course, the University Hospital gets a good deal of Medicaid funding and that, by virtue of consent decree court order, continues."

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Ammons: "Okay. I just wanted to make sure that that was clear. And to the Bill. First and foremost, I... I want to thank the working group Members. This is a very... this was a very difficult task. I'm sure for Members who were on that task, it was very difficult for us to follow and... and make sure we understood what was going on and what was going to come out of this. So, I know it was very hard for those who were on the task... on the working groups themselves. It is... it is our intention to fully fund the needed services of the state. I believe it is the intention of the Leader who's running this Bill and certainly the Members of the working group. We are in an unfortunate crises that I believe, in many regards, could be avoided, but we are where we are at this point. I'm hoping that the administration will, with good faith, carry out the allocations and appropriate the necessary dollars as they have been agreed upon in this piece of legislation, with an open mind and understanding that we will be back for '17 to begin this negotiation again to make our communities whole. So many people are not in this budget. I just want to say that for those who are listening. I know that I'm going to get calls like many of you that are not covered in this budget. So many people... not our intention to leave them out, but because of what we're dealing with at this point, and we don't have to go down the historical road to do that, many of those items are not there. And so, for those who are not funded, we intend to continue to advocate on behalf of those needed community organizations and those services that provide needed services in our state and we will be back continuing to work on this over the next several months. And

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at that point, I hope to perhaps join one of the working groups because this is a critical issue. Certainly, higher education funding for my district that I would love to be on the inside of that conversation and not on the outside. So, thank you for this Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to say thank you to all of the people, all of the Members of the working group, who put in all the hours and hours of time into putting this together. With that said, I do want to say due to... to alleviate any possible conflict of interest, perception of conflict of interest, I will be voting 'present'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Moffitt: "Leader, I, too, want to thank everyone involved, a lot of hard work, but it specifically... an area it would impact a number of people, school construction grants. They're specifically listed in there so that's a commitment, specific dollars to those districts that were counting on those school constructions bonds. Is that correct?"

Currie: "There are some school construction programs in the Bill."

Moffitt: "And they're actually listed by name and so that's definite?"

Currie: "No."

Moffitt: "No?"

Currie: "No. But it's been... it's a defined universe 'cause there's already been a listing of... of who's on the priority list..."

Moffitt: "Yeah. Okay."

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Currie: "...through the State Board of Education."

Moffitt: "I mean, we have schools in some cases actually built,
just waiting on the money..."

Currie: "Yes."

Moffitt: "...and where everything was approved. So that... I'm
assuming we're making good on that?"

Currie: "Yes."

Moffitt: "One other quick question on some construction projects.
It's... quite a bit of latitude is given to IDOT, but if IDOT
has made the commitment, property's been bought, buildings
removed that had to be taken away for construction projects,
matching along with, even going back to '09 Capital Bill, if
IDOT has made that commitment, this will be empowering IDOT
to make good on their commitment. Is that right?"

Currie: "Right. And... and while there certainly could be... could be
described as discretion, what the Department of
Transportation uses for making these decisions is the five-
year plan, which is updated every year."

Moffitt: "Yeah."

Currie: "So, there's no surprises in that plan. We know what's in
the plan. We have known year after year, year upon year,
what's it in and that's what will guide their decisions about
construction under this proposal."

Moffitt: "We're making it possible for them to keep their word
on... on the planning..."

Currie: "Right."

Moffitt: "...the five-year plan, the commitments that have been
made."

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Currie: "Right. And to take out of the mothballs some of those projects that were unceremoniously stopped in midstream."

Moffitt: "Yeah. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Welch: "Leader, thank you and the bipartisan working groups for all the work that they've done the last three and a half weeks. You know, we've been talking a lot about our state employees and I just want to put something on the record for legislative intent. Am I right that the appropriation levels provided for in this budget for state employee group insurance are not an indication of support or agreement with any health care proposals that have been made in negotiations with various labor organizations?"

Currie: "I... I think that's a fair statement."

Welch: "So, once final collective bargaining agreements have been reached, we will have to make necessary adjustments to be consistent with those agreements?"

Currie: "Yeah. If... if that's necessary, we will."

Welch: "Thank you, Leader. And I... I strongly encourage support of this Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Nekritz: "Leader Currie, on the... on the human services portion of this budget, this is not... this includes some payments for those who were under contract but that those contracts were subject to appropriation for FY16?"

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Currie: "Yes. And it will also include contracts for some of those that were not offered contracts but who have continued to provide service. So, it's... there are really two groups. The... the ones that were given contracts and it was suggested that when the money was appropriated they'd get paid, and there were some groups that were not given contracts, but those also are covered under this Bill."

Nekritz: "But it does not fully..."

Currie: "Only to the extent that they actually provided services."

Nekritz: "Correct, sure. But it does not... the... the amount of appropriation is not sufficient to fully cover those contracts."

Currie: "In fact, I would say it's about 65 percent of what all those contracts would have... would have been worth had we done this as a whole process."

Nekritz: "So, I was not part of the working group. It's my understanding though that there was some discussion in the working group of what... about... about what might happen if and when we actually reach a full resolution and have a budget that we might anticipate actually doing something, whether it's borrowing or an appropriation, that would fully fund those... all of those contracts?"

Currie: "There was discussion, in fact, in the working group. We did not reach a conclusion about all of the human services, and that decision was made ultimately by the Governor and the four Leaders. The funding for those... those entities that did not have contracts in fiscal '16."

Nekritz: "Right. But for those... but even for those that did, is there some plan for... they performed the services under a

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contract and they were encouraged, as I understand, by the Governor's Office to continue performing those services despite the fact that they were not being paid. Is there some plan for getting them paid at some point?"

Currie: "My recollection is we plan a grand bargain. A grand bargain that will go back to the working group, led as this one was by Tim Nuding from the Office of Management and Budget, and the effort then will be to find a way fully to fund State Government for the remainder of the Fiscal Year '17 and for those items that were left unfully funded in the first half of the fiscal year."

Nekritz: "To the Bill. I, as I think everyone in this chamber is, I'm relieved that we're finally doing something and I applaud all the work that's been done to get here. But I think we have to be mindful of the fact that... that especially on the human services side there were a lot of services provided that were encouraged to be provided, I think, by the administration and we need to honor those commitments at such time as we are back at this and we are able to."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Martwick: "Representative Currie, can you tell me, how does this budget affect court orders related to Medicaid, state employee salaries, and continuing appropriations?"

Currie: "Nothing in this Bill should have any affect on those court orders and it is my understanding that the courts are likely to continue those orders. I believe some... some lawyers are going back into court just to make sure, but that would

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be the intent of... of this Bill. We did not fund those programs by and large in Senate Bill 2047 because they were already funded through consent decrees and court orders. It's my expectation that those will continue on unchanged."

Martwick: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to speak to the Bill, if I may? I... I know that I'm in the minority and I know this is going to pass. We all understand what's happening here today. I just think that the people of Illinois deserve better than this. And I oppose this measure because I believe we're kicking our problems down the road and, frankly, making them worse. Nothing with what we're doing here will fix the financial problems of this state. In fact, just the opposite will occur. Our financial situation will deteriorate further as a result of our actions today. I think that both sides are afraid to face the voters and tell them the truth as to why this Body is refusing to do it's constitutionally mandated job, which is to pass a balanced budget. This is not balanced. We are knowingly, willingly, violating the Constitution. Neither side wants to face the voters because they don't want to tell them the truth that we have refused to work on pension relief even though the Supreme Court made a decision about 14 months ago. Neither want... neither side wants to tell the truth that as a result of our inability to change the school funding formula and to have the state finally pay its constitutional obligations of being the primary source for school funding that our property taxes will continue to rise and more people will flee this state. Neither side wants to tell the voters

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the truth because of our actions today of kicking the can down the road that after the election, that after the election, that what they're going to be seeing is a massive tax increase that will not only increase their income taxes, but will also have taxes on services and goods and probably also on sugary drinks. I don't believe there's any 'profiles in courage' today because after we... after we leave here shortly, our property taxes will remain the highest in the nation because we refuse to change the school funding formula. In fact, this Body just guaranteed property tax increases. They just passed that Bill. What we ought to be doing is changing our antiquated Tax Code. We should be closing corporate loopholes. We should actually be incentivizing job creation. We should be stopping the court orders which requires the state to pay more than we are bringing in. We just heard testimony of that effect. And what we're saying is that we will continue to spend \$33 million more a day than we bring in. It's just math. Understand that we will continue to deficit spend. This isn't a solution, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is just a way to delay the day of reckoning. Our debt will continue to grow. Our unpaid bills will continue to grow. Our pension obligations will continue to grow and our state will fall farther and farther behind in paying their bills, and our credit rating probably will be downgraded again. I believe this is a cowardly way to pretend that we have done something, but in reality, all we have done is to create a situation which our problems will multiply and cause Illinois more damage. So, it's time that we ought to be honest with the voters for a change. Tell them the truth that we have a

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dysfunctional state that's broken. It's putting politics above people and that politics here is trumping sound public policy, because that's what this is. This is so we can avoid the hard question before an election. I'd ask you to look into your heart. Vote 'no' on this. Let's stay here and let's do the real work of the people. Let's get a two-year budget done. But this here, folks, is going to 'cause many, many, many more problems than it will solve. I'd ask you to please reconsider and vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, I know there's an interest to get to the vote and be on our way, but permit me just a few minutes of comments. And they were going to somewhat echo what my... the previous speaker just said. But the... my outcome, in terms of the vote switch that I push, is going to be different than his. But you know, the people of Illinois want us to work on a budget. And after more than a year of acrimonious debate with political brick bricks going back and forth between the Republicans and the Democrats with... with bitter insults and words hurling between the... between the Legislative Leaders and the Governor, and with our constituents pleading with us, the rank and file Members, to come up with a budget. After more than a year, we have come to this. And the importance of this funding cannot be overlooked. We all recognize that. Elementary and secondary education, higher ed, community colleges, the MAP recipients, the Department of Transportation projects that we don't want them to close down at midnight tonight with a cost... the intended cost of restarting them later, we understand that.

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The human services and social services requirements that are needed. This Bill appropriates the federal funds that are going to come into the state. The Bill appropriates moneys from those other state funds, meaning that moneys that have been in those funds that couldn't be expended because there was no appropriation authority such as to the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Fund, those moneys can now be sent out to... to those folks and those companies that need them. But let us be clear. Let us not go back to our districts and tell our constituents that we have passed a budget. We have not. We have passed appropriations that fund many vital services. There's no question about that. We will have taken action on one part of a budget. But a budget contains two parts. A budget contains a part dealing with revenue and expenditures. And all we are doing today is concentrating on the spending side of the ledger. There is no consideration of balancing expenditures with the revenue that's coming in. We already know that our state's backlog of bills is big and growing. The Comptroller's website today shows our backlog of bills at \$7.8 billion, \$7.8 billion in backlog of bills and this Bill... this Bill does nothing to correct that situation but rather, quite frankly, adds to it. You know, we have put our state in a... in an absolutely terrible financial situation. The increasing backlog of bills is a... what I call a silent cancer that is wrecking our ability to move this state forward in any positive way. The reference that was made earlier to the rating agencies, those rating agencies like Moody's and S&P and Fitch, they're going to look at what we did today and I venture that they will issue a very harsh verdict. They

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will say we did nothing to correct or improve the financial position of the Land of Lincoln. Now, I realize this Bill must pass in order to keep Illinois, quite literally, from crumbling around us. And when it does pass, we will have acted, but in my opinion, we will not have acted responsibly nor will we have acted in the best interests of the people of the State of Illinois. The Bill is going to pass. It has to pass. But I tell you we can do much better than this Bill and I... I leave you with that. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davis, W.: "Representative Currie, before you started debating this Bill, there was an Amendment on the board; it was Amendment #4. What was in Amendment #4?"

Currie: "I believe there was some specificity about community college programs for minority participation and retention in institutions of higher learning. Now, that is covered by the lump-sum payments that are in the Bill. This added some specificity and I think at the end of the day there was a determination that we didn't need to be specific about these programs as compared with other programs. Although, I think it's important that the will of the chamber that these programs are critical, are important, and need to be funded, is one that I would be prepared to stand and support."

Davis, W.: "Well, under... under that context, and I appreciate the explanation, then why do you think we removed Amendment #4 from off the board for consideration?"

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Currie: "I did not withdraw the Amendment, so I'm maybe not the best person to answer, but I think there was a question. Since the determination has been that these would be covered by lump-sum spending to the community college board, there was a question, well, if we're going to line item these programs what about all the others. So, I think for that reason there was a determination that perhaps we should go back to Plan A, which is the way the Bill had originally been drafted, with the support of the Governor and the Leaders. Which doesn't mean that these programs are not critically important at all, but it does say that at the 11th hour, instead of pulling out these, we've decided to go back to the original idea."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, it's your feeling that because dollars are being lump-summed to the Board of Higher Education, Illinois Community College Board, among others, that the programs that would have otherwise... had been asked for in Amendment #4 may still receive funding? Do you know if that's a... how we can prioritize or if that's a priority? Or will they just be taken under consideration like any other grant program that rest in that agency? And the organization, the... the director, the board chair, presumably the Governor's Office of that agency will ultimately make a decision as to what receives or doesn't receive funding?"

Currie: "I would, first of all, suggest that people for whom this is a critical issue, and it is for me, that we write letters to the board, to the executive director. I think that the fact that we're having this discussion on the House Floor underscores the importance to Members of this chamber of those programs. Nothing in this Bill undercuts those programs and

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I think everyone should be clear about that. It's just that the... the effort to highlight some, but not all, of the programs that those lump sums have been used for in the past raised a whole different set of issues."

Davis, W.: "So, it is possible that the Governor, working with his leaders in those areas, could make the decision that these programs to support diversity in these areas aren't important enough and therefore should not receive dollars?"

Currie: "No, no, no. There's nothing... nothing in this Bill that would lead anybody to that conclusion. And in fact, I think the very fact that we're having this discussion underscores the importance of those programs."

Davis, W.: "Well, let me explain to you why I think that's a... a challenge for me, because if I look back in the documents that I have in front of me and what was presented by the Governor's Office in terms of their stopgap measure, particularly, in say, the area of human services, there were several lines specific to African-American communities that the Governor's Office chose not to fund. Wouldn't that be correct?"

Currie: "And yet, at the end of the day, they are funded in Senate Bill 2047. I think the distinction that I would draw is that those programs had traditionally been line items within various budgets. The programs that we're talking about right now, you and I, the community college programs have traditionally been part of lump-sum appropriations to the community college board."

Davis, W.: "Well, but there's still a need, I think, to determine how to prioritize programs that are meant for minority

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communities and I... I guess I'm just concerned, and lump-summing these dollars to the Governor's Office, that he won't see the priority the same way that I see them and will make decisions contrary to what we attempted to do in Amendment #4 in terms of identifying some very specific programs that should be prioritized as it relates to receiving funding. I mean, if we take a step back into some of these communities, it's communities like the ones that I represent and other Members of the Black Caucus are being hurt more than others as it relates to the challenges that we've had in passing a budget the last few years. So again, if... if you're saying that, yes, we're lump summing and there's the possibility of prioritizing, you are one of my Leaders and I trust what you're saying. But again, that's you saying it. Ultimately, the decision rests with the guy on the second floor. Isn't that correct?"

Currie: "I... well, actually, they're made by the community college board. But I guess I would say two things. First of all, this might be a lesson in how we begin approaching next year's budget. We might decide that we really want to do more line items, not fewer. And second, I would hold people's feet to the fire. And we have that, not only opportunity, but obligation. So, these are important programs and I think it's up to us to make sure the community college board and community college staff understand how important these programs are."

Davis, W.: "Well, thank you, Leader Currie. So, very... very briefly to the Bill, Mr. Speaker. What I experienced just in the last hour or so is... is very disappointing to me. When the

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Representative was going to withdraw the Amendment, or we took a brief recess before we heard that Amendment, and then subsequently the Amendment was withdrawn, I heard applause from the other side of the aisle. And I couldn't understand why they would be applauding the fact that programs to help minorities are not being debated. They're not being taken into consideration. That they're not being prioritized in the way that they should be. I thought that was a little odd that we were... would hear that applause. As a matter of fact, I think when I made that statement, I think Leader Durkin just nodded 'yes'. Did... you nodded 'yes'? So, I... I understand that maybe you don't care about minority communities as much as I do. I get that. I get that. I get that. I get that. Well, then... well, then, you should have not have applauded when such an Amendment was taken out of the record. Should not have done so. So, am I to be... am I wrong because I want to advocate for programs that benefit my community? Isn't that what we're here for? Isn't that what I'm supposed to do? Isn't that what I'm supposed to do? I'm asking you since you stood up the first time, stand up again. Isn't that what I'm supposed to do? To do it what way? I can stand up and advocate for any program that I want to. So, the Amendment was taken out of the record. We aren't going to debate it. It's not a part of the Bill. But I'm just expressing my displeasure with what appears to be the priority that I think is important that apparently others don't think is important. When you can applaud the removal of something like that, that's a problem for me. That is a huge problem for me. And I understand you disagree with me and that's fine. We disagree on a lot of

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things, and that's okay. But the fact that I'm going to be an advocate for what's important to my community, I unapologetically stand up for that regardless of what anyone in this chamber has to say and I will continue to do that. There's nothing wrong with trying to advocate for one's community in this process. Nothing wrong with it. So, Mr. Speaker, I applaud and appreciate all the work that everyone has put into this. I am a part of the budget working group. I attended those meetings. I attended those meetings, but in those meetings it was real clear that minority communities were not a priority. And I have the documents to show the zeroes in the lines that were important to minority communities. And if anybody wants to see them, come take a look at them."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Batinick."

Batinick: "I appreciate the timing, Mr. Speaker. Can I speak to the Bill?"

Speaker Lang: "You don't need my permission, Sir."

Batinick: "It's been a while. To the Bill. I want to echo some of the... some of the things that the Gentleman from Mt. Prospect and the Gentleman from Marengo said about, you know, this not being a budget and our job isn't done and so on and so forth. I don't want to go into it too much 'cause we already have, but I also want to talk about what the Representative from Champaign said and she was right. Some people have been forgotten in this Bill. There are small businesses that have been forgotten in this Bill. One of the toughest phone calls I had to make today was to somebody who's owed a million dollars from the Department of Natural Resources, pass-

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through federal money. Small business, they're not getting it. And I can tell you, just 'cause you're owed a million dollars doesn't make you a millionaire. Most of the time you pay it out in payroll, you're paying borrowing costs on all that. So, this is a sobering time. I hope... I hope when you guys home... go home you think about the small businesses because we talk a lot about education, we talk a lot about social services, one of the things I haven't seen a whole lot on the floor is to talk about the small businesses. And by the way, those small businesses create a majority of the jobs. And by the way, those jobs are how we pay for social services. Those jobs are how we eliminate the need for social services. Those jobs are... are what creates the money that allows us to pay for education and everything else. So, I do intend on supporting the Bill, but I want it to be clear that I am very unhappy with where we are and we can do better. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Thapedi: "Leader Currie, I think that you... you heard a very impassioned speech from Representative Davis who I fully agree with on all issues. I think that we're seeing that there is not a appetite to accommodate minority communities in terms of the priority list. Having said that, I'd like to make sure that I understand the dollar amount that we're actually voting on today. And in the memoranda that was provided to us before we began this morning, we have certain areas of the budget that are outlined and I want to make sure that I understand

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how much money is actually being allocated for each of these particular areas. Is that okay?"

Currie: "Sure."

Thapedi: "All right. So, with respect to P-12 Education, it's my understanding that that dollar amount is \$7 billion. Is that correct?"

Currie: "That's about right. It's 361 additional dollars in general state aid."

Thapedi: "Okay. And with respect to Higher Education, it's my understanding that that dollar amount is \$1 billion. Is that correct?"

Currie: "Just about right."

Thapedi: "All right. And then with respect to Human Services, that dollar amount is \$700 million, correct?"

Currie: "Correct."

Thapedi: "And then with respect to agency operations, that dollar amount is again \$700 million, correct?"

Currie: "That sounds right."

Thapedi: "And give or take a dollar or two, the area of the budget that deals with capital, which is primarily based upon the relief for the engineers and the road builders and the other IDOT folks, is in the ballpark of \$16 billion. Is that correct?"

Currie: "First of all, that also includes EPA, so water safety, those kind of issues are covered here as well. And also, some very specific Capital Development Board projects. Remember, too, that that dollar amount reflects multiyear funding. The... the 15 billion that you referred to."

Thapedi: "Correct. And I... I said 16 billion."

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Currie: "Yeah, 15."

Thapedi: "Is it 15 billion or 16 billion?"

Currie: "Fifteen to sixteen billion."

Thapedi: "Fifteen to sixteen billion."

Currie: "But my... my point is only that that's not just a one-year fund. That covers several years. Remember we talk about 5-year plans in the Department of Transportation, so you should think about that money not in terms of what we're spending this year compared to the 7 billion that we're spending on elementary and secondary education."

Thapedi: "Understood. But at the end of the day, the proposal that's before the Body today, this particular component of what we're voting on today is valued at in the ballpark of between 15 to 16 billion dollars, correct?"

Currie: "That's correct."

Thapedi: "All right. And then the last component, non-general funds, that particular portion of the budget is valued at somewhere in the ballpark of \$30 billion. Is that correct?"

Currie: "That's right. And that's other state funds, earmarked funds and it also includes federal funds that flow through the state on their way to local projects."

Thapedi: "Are those federal matches?"

Currie: "They're federal... federal dollars."

Thapedi: "Okay. Well, how many state dollars are at issue?"

Currie: "Some of them are matches and some of them are... are just plain federal dollars that go for particular programs."

Thapedi: "Would you be in a position to assign a percentage? And the only reason why I'm asking, Leader, is not... I'm not trying to challenge you on it. I'm just trying to lay the foundation

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for what Representative Davis was talking about as far as priorities are concerned."

Currie: "Yeah. No, I... I can't tell you what the match... which of the... of that 30 billion, how much of it requires a local match and how much of it doesn't."

Thapedi: "Okay."

Currie: "I mean, for example, today we talked about CTA improvements in Chicago, which we think will be able to bring in \$800 million in federal transit moneys because it does require a local match. But many of these federal funds don't require a local match and many of them do."

Thapedi: "Okay. So, can you... let me move on. Having said all of that, we've got a huge number here of billions of dollars, correct?"

Currie: "Yes."

Thapedi: "And... and the programs that Representative Davis was talking about, for an example, the Minority Teacher's Scholarship Program, that's \$2.3 million, correct?"

Currie: "Yes. Yeah, but... but the billions that we're talking about does include spending on capital, for example, at the schools, at higher education institutions. So, it isn't as if everything is in a separate mutually exclusive category. When I say we're spending a billion dollars on higher education, that doesn't count the moneys that might be in federal funds flowing through to the universities or other state funds that are going to build a... a new dormitory or what have you."

Thapedi: "And that's certainly understood. And I don't dispute the importance of all of these appropriations for all of these areas. These are all vitally important areas that need

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appropriations. There's no question about that. I'm just trying to make sure that I understand the distinction between this huge number that we're going to vote on today versus the relatively insignificant number that there's no appetite in this chamber to address. For an example, as I said, the Minority Teachers Scholarship Program, 2.3 million, Diversifying Higher Education Faculty Program, 1.4 million, \$4.1 million to providers for the Bridge Program. I mean, these are also important programs as well. And... and I'm concerned that at the end of the day, if this Bill is successful and it will definitely have my support this afternoon because I'm looking at the big picture, and that's what's important here, the big picture to get this done. But I would just urge the Body to listen to the remarks that were made by Representative Davis and take heed that we... our job is by no means done. Thank you, Leader."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I feel duty bound to correct the record a little bit on something. A previous speaker implied that applause was directed towards a minority group or in respect to certain line items. He's incorrect. The... the applause was with respect to the process. The entire Amendment, Amendment 4, had not been agreed to. It was not even told to us that it was coming. The agreement was 3, and now Amendment 5, that was what was agreed to. And so, when we get a last minute Amendment without a heads up, it is a breach of etiquette. It's a breach of trust. When that was withdrawn, applause was for the fact that good process and decorum was being followed, no more. So, please do not take any offense

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beyond the process because none was intended at all. Instead it was directed towards trying to regain some balance of trust and confidence as colleagues. It's been a long year, plus; in that endeavor we have made a small improvement in getting to this process right now. If we're going to finish the job, as others have said, on a more comprehensive level, a full budget, we had better start trusting one another and acting in good faith at all times and that means coming to agreements, adhering to agreements and moving on to fight another fight, come to another deal, et cetera. The... the items the Gentleman brought forward are absolutely vital, absolutely important, and absolutely something that should be discussed and debated. And as I understood it, the working groups decided, for whatever reasons, the only thing we could come to today at this point is an Amendment #5, formerly 3, sobeit. Handshakes occurred, deals were made, and legislation was drafted and checked. And you can wave it off, but that's what was agreed to by the Leaders and that's what the deal was. And when no one came over to say, hey, a new Amendment is coming, it was filed without warning, it was filed, frankly, as a breach of the deal, and that's what was applauded. It's being pulled back. No more, no less. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to have to do far better going forward. Far better. And our charge is to start acting as colleagues and friends. We can debate hard, but if we're going to come to a deal, let's honor those deals and then move forward. As to... as with respect to this Bill, it is the best we can achieve at this juncture. It is far from perfect. It's called a compromise. There are aspects of it I wish were not

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in; there are things I wish that were. But by and large, it is the sum of a work product hard fought and honorably achieved. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and I'll be brief. I just wanted to say thank you to all the people in the General Assembly for all their work that they have done over these last couple of months, especially the working group. I... I've been in the General Assembly a long time, and in all that time, I don't think I've ever quite seen 14 people come together that was totaling up almost 30 times within the last two months to go over all these issues. So, I think that today, even though it's not a solution, we know that, but the working group did give a major framework toward the budget and I'm hoping that people will go back to that when we come back in here to look at the full answer to the Bill and that framework is there. But this is a positive step today, I think, because of all the people that worked together and because of what happened that the Leaders and the Governor came together and came to an agreement. So, as of tomorrow, schools will be getting paid, children will be going to school. The taxpayers in all of Illinois, who are sick and tired of the status quo and the tug of war before Democrats and Republicans, have seen that we came together today into an agreement to move forward in a positive step with children going to school. The most vulnerable will get services. The seniors will get services. The prisons will stay open. And all together, we will move forward. So, I just want to thank everybody for being a part of that process. We all respect

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everybody and their advocacies for everything that they do for their districts, but we all know we need to move forward today and we need to move forward on the regular budget. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Representative Currie, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for making it plain and clear that the money is there, but it's not prioritized. And you also stated the fact that this will set forth an example for what we need to do next fiscal year in regards to line item, what should be in the budget the way we want it to be. But as far as this Bill is concerned or the Amendment that Representative Davis was talking about... Representative Davis, I just wanted to remind you, Sir, that what you were talking about was a Republican agenda. It was... it's called the *Public Agenda*. It... it was a report that was put out by Carrie Hightman that talked about that we have two Illinois here, one for the haves and one for the have-nots. And when it says the have and the have-nots, it... the have-nots said minorities as well as others. So, there's all kinds of people around this state that is suffering from a lack of education. And that's the reason why there needs to be more funding for the community colleges, for the adult education and postsecondary career and technology, so we can have jobs and job training to train the adults who lost their jobs. So, that's the reason why the community colleges are very important. And also, in the *Public Agenda*, it talked about grant programs. This is... excuse me, that public agenda I have to reiterate again that is a

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Republican Bill. So, the... this Governor is responsible. This is a part of his priority just so you'll know. So, getting back to my point, it talks about the grant programs including diversifying higher education facilities in Illinois. It talks about the science and the technology and the work study programs. It talks about the dual education. We are encouraging high school students to go to these junior colleges. So... but we do know that they need some help. And in doing so, they need the grants and the moneys to be there. So, what we're trying to do is to make sure not only are the prisons still open, but the colleges and the universities will still be open so we can create jobs in this state, so we will no longer have the problems that we're having today. So, that's what Representative Davis was concerned about, and you have the nerve to applaud and be happy that your Governor's priority was not prioritized. So, with that being said, I look forward to working with Representative Kelly Burke because we will be having hearings at the junior colleges and on the junior colleges and we will make sure that those issues are prioritized. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Kay."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields, Sir."

Kay: "Representative, in front of me, and trust me I don't want to go through this, but I... I have heard some things this afternoon that are just absolutely astounding, astounding. I've got the budget in front of me, 800 pages. And you know what, I don't necessarily care for it. Some things I like, some things I don't like. But, Ma'am, is it not true that we

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had an agreement between Speaker Madigan, President Cullerton, Leader Durkin, Leader Radogno and the Governor? Is that not correct?"

Currie: "That's my understanding. I wasn't in the meeting."

Kay: "And that... that's what was in this 800 pages. Is that correct?"

Currie: "That's my understanding."

Kay: "So, the Amendment, and the moneys in the Amendment, were not in this Bill when we had the Gentlemen's agreement last night. Is that not correct?"

Currie: "Well, Gentlemen and Lady I believe. I believe the Minority..."

Kay: "Okay. Fair enough."

Currie: "...Leader in the Senate is actually a woman, not a man."

Kay: "Fair enough, but it was not in this 800 pages was it?"

Currie: "I don't believe so, in... in specific terms, right."

Kay: "So, what we're doing, and I don't mind representing my district, we all do that, but we had an agreement. Everyone walked away and we said, good enough is good enough. Is that not correct?"

Currie: "I may have said that, you may have said that, certainly everybody in this chamber did not."

Kay: "Right. And... and I think that's where we are today. None of us like it, but we know we have to continue to operate. I'm very pleased that we have Gentlemen and Gentlewomen who kept their word, because it may be that that's what carries us on forward. So, when we start criticizing an agreement made by Leadership; Minority, Majority, the Governor... when we start criticizing that, then that doesn't bode well for the future.

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So, I think we need to be very, very, very careful when we criticize Leader Durkin for what was perceived to be something that it was not. I've known him for a long, long, long time and never ever has he mentioned, suggested or implied anything negative about funding for any community, Any community. Leader, I thank you for bringing this Bill forward today. I think you did the best you could and I think the Leadership did the best they can. And what we have is what we have, and we ought to be happy that we've got this much. Thank you very much, Leader."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie..."

Currie: "You're very welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you. Just first of all for a clarification, we had one earlier on this House Floor and I think this is an important clarification as well. The suggestion was that an Amendment pops up for this Bill that had never been discussed or identified with Members of the Minority Party. That is not accurate. Our staff did inform Minority staff as this Amendment was being discussed, described, considered before, in fact, it was filed. So, we heard a lot about trust and good faith. I want to make it clear to all the Members of this chamber that we did our part. I might also, when mentioning trust and good faith, let everybody know that robo calls against some of our Members in what we call targeted districts started two hours ago... two hours ago before we even adopted Senate Bill 2047. I'm not sure I consider that a sign of trust and good faith as we try to work beyond this stopgap 18-month budget Bill and try to make sure we fund all of State

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Government. To the Bill. People made it clear that there are missing items, important priorities, that were not clearly, adequately funded in this Bill. People have made it clear this is not a full and complete budget. I could not agree more. This is stopgap funding. It is meant to keep the lights on. Personally, I'd like this to be a complete budget, a full budget, a full-year budget, all of fiscal '17. Fix our commitments from fiscal '16 as yet unmet, but that's not the option before us today. I think it's critical for each of us to do our part to make sure that those lights at least stay on until we can come to a complete resolution down the road. Keep the lights on. Please vote 'yes' on Senate Bill 2047."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 4 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Members, an announcement. The fall Veto Session schedule is about to be distributed to you. We are now going to have closing remarks to this part of the Session by the Leaders beginning with Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Well, thank you, and I think most of you have heard enough from me today and over the past year and a half. But, I'd... I first want to start and thank the people that make this happen. It's been a year and a half. It's been a lot of work. We've traveled many miles to come back and forth, sacrificing from our family, but what we don't pay attention to sometimes is the sacrifice that our staff makes for us and

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what they've sacrificed this past year and a half. So, I want to speak on behalf of my caucus. I want to congratulate Andrew Freiheit, our Chief of Staff, Clayton Klenke, Colleen Atterbury and all the rest of the House Republican staff for the time and the hard work, but the fantastic work, you do day in and day out for us. But I also want to thank the House Democrat staff who have done a tireless job as well working with us. You're fine people, fine men and women that work hard and are very professional, and I thank you for the work that you do on behalf of your caucus. And I think we all owe them a debt of gratitude right now. So, if we can just do that at this moment, I'd appreciate it. I'd like to say I'm going to miss all of your faces, but I'm not. And so, in all seriousness, folks, I'm not going to talk about how we got here. There's plenty of time for that. I said I wouldn't do that earlier, but I'm glad we did get here. And I think it's important that we did walk about of here today at the end of the fiscal year with some type of an agreement. And again, as I stated earlier, our... our citizens, whether they're conservatives, liberal, independents, whatever you want, they want something done. They want us to agree on things and cut the nonsense and that's what we did today. So, I what I'm going to say is that we have learned a lesson. And the lesson that we have learned, to my friends on the other side of the aisle, when you engage the Republicans, the Minority Party, on the difficult issues, the most important issues of the day, we will achieve great and successful results. And that's is what's happened today. That is because the Democrat Party, the Majority Party, has engaged the Republicans to work in a

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bipartisan manner to get a great portion of this impasse out of the way. So, folks, I just want to say thank you for everybody for your patience, your hard work, your dedication towards your district and also the State of Illinois. And we will see each other soon."

Speaker Lang: "Chair recognizes Speaker Madigan."

Madigan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to extend my thanks to the Members of the House, both Democrat and Republican, and also to the Democratic and Republican staff. For the reference over the last several weeks and months in helping us to arrive at this point and in passing a temporary budget, very important work has been accomplished after serious compromise and good faith efforts, but our job is not finished. You all know there is much more to do. My view for the last 18 months has been that the most important job for the Legislature is to address the state's budget deficit and to pass a budget that provides the critical services the Illinois's middle class, the elderly, children, and the most vulnerable depend upon. Last summer, we heard from many individuals including breast cancer survivors, disabled children, elderly residents who rely upon local agencies, and many others who are losing important state funding. Democratic Legislators have repeatedly urged the passage of a budget that would fund programs like breast cancer screenings for women, services for children with disabilities, meals for homebound seniors and state funding for in-home care for the elderly. Passing a budget that meets our obligations to Illinois's middle class, frail elderly, children, and the most vulnerable has been, is, and will

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continue to be our most important job, not other agendas that hurt the middle class. Today's vote marks the seventh time that the House has passed a budget that did not include items from the Governor's personal agenda, seventh time. Many previous efforts to implement a more comprehensive budget failed due to the Governor's insistence on the inclusion of his agenda that would drive down middle-class wages and the standard of living. The difference today is that the Governor has dropped his demand that his agenda be considered before a budget could be approved. We have seen with previous successful budget efforts that we can come together. We can achieve compromise. We can pass a budget when the Governor's demands, relative to his personal agenda that hurts families, are dropped. That happened here today. This measure is a compromise. Republicans did not get everything that they wanted. Democrats did not get everything that they wanted. But this is a compromise effort that also makes important progress toward fulfilling our obligations to Illinois's middle class, the elderly, children, the most vulnerable, progress that must continue as we move forward. While important progress has been made today, I want to reiterate that our work is not done. My priority and the priority of House Democrats continues to be the passage and the implementation of a comprehensive, full-year state budget that fulfills the promises of Illinois's middle class, the elderly, children, and the most vulnerable. This can be achieved if we can again work together towards compromise instead of focusing our agenda that would hurt Illinois's middle class, rather focus on a budget that improves the

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quality of life for all Illinoisans. Mr. Speaker, I thank you very much. And I'd move that the House stand adjourned 'til the call of the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, pursuant to HJR155, the House will adjourn until the call of the Speaker."