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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The regular Session of the 100th General Assembly will please come to order. Will our Members please be at their desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Robert Timms, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois.

THE REVEREND ROBERT TIMMS:

(Prayer by the Reverend Robert Timms)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Please remain standing for the Pledge Allegiance. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Friday, May 26th, 2017.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcript.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 547, offered by Senator Bertino-Tarrant and

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McGuire and all Members.

Senate Resolution 548, offered by Senator Cunningham and all Members.

They are both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolution Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 549 and 550, offered by President Cullerton.

They are substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Landek, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, reports House Bills 348 and 3376 Do Pass; and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2647 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 32 Recommend Do Adopt; Motion to Concur - House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 41 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bill 434 Do Pass; House Bill 302 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3399 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

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Senate Bill 898.

Together with the following amendment which is attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 898.

Passed the House, as amended, May 28th, 2017.

We have received like Messages on Senate Bills {sic} 899, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 1029, with House Amendment 1; and Senate Bill 1223, with House Amendment 1. Passed the House, as amended, May 28th, 2017. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1000194

Governor's salaried appointment

To be the Director of the Illinois Department of Labor, Joseph Beyer

Appointment Message 1000195

Governor's salaried appointment

To be a Member of the Pollution Control Board, Brenda Carter

Appointment Message 1000196

Governor's salaried appointment

To be a Member of the Pollution Control Board, Carrie Zalewski

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3914, offered by Senator Murphy.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will all Members at the sound of my voice come to the Senate Floor immediately? We will be going to final action. All Members at the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor. We will be going to final action. With leave of the Body, we'll go to Supplemental Calendar No. 1. House Bill 302. Senator Collins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 302.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 348. Senator Tom Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 348.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 434. Senator Althoff. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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House Bill 434.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3376. Senator Manar. Senator Manar. We will be turning to page 39 of the printed Calendar, House Bills 3rd Reading, final action. House Bill 2401. Senator Mulroe. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Mulroe seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 2401 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 2401. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Mulroe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on your amendment.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I'd ask to move the amendment. I'd explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Mulroe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on your amendment.

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SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd ask that it be moved as well and I'll explain the entire package on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 2401. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2401.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Could we keep -- could we keep the conversations down, please? Please keep the conversations down. We are on final action. Senator Mulroe, on your bill.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President. The actual amendments removed any opposition that existed prior to them. 2401 amends the Condominium Property Act to require a seventy-five percent owner vote to sell property containing at least four but not more than six units and increases the vote requirement to eighty-five percent to sell units consisting of seven or more unless less than twenty-five percent of the units are owner-occupied, in which case the required

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percentage shall drop back to seventy-five percent. And it also establishes there's only one class of membership, unless predetermined -- or excluded by the bylaws or declarations. I know of no opposition at this time. I ask for -- for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2401 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 Ayes, no Nays, 1 voting Present. House Bill 2401, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. Can we please keep the conversations down? People are having a hard time hearing. House Bill 2527. Senator -- Senator Stadelman. Out of the record. House Bill 2771. Senator Hutchinson. Out of the record. House Bill 3737. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3737.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Is there an amendment? Was there a Floor -- was it already..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Mr. President, House Bill 3737 becomes the bill and creates the position of a Statewide Chief Information Security Officer,

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which shall be established within the Department of Innovation and Technology. The CISO is appointed by and will report directly to the Secretary of the Department of -- Innovation and Technology. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3737 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 3737, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3741. Senator Martinez. Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3741 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3741. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your amendment.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

I ask for its adoption. I'll be happy to discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 3741. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3741.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

House Bill 3741 establishes the Bedbug Inspection Act and requires a merchant to inspect any prior rented furniture and equipment before renting the items to a subsequent customer. The Act mandates the merchant to eradicate the pests before renting the items to another customer. If an inspection reveals pests, it provides that if any individual suffers damages as a result of violation of this Act, he or she may bring an action for actual damages under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Businesses Practice {sic} (Business Practices) Act. It also provides that the individual reports the presence of the pests to the merchant within forty-five days following the beginning of the rental. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3741 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 47 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House

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Bill 3741, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3817. Senator Hastings. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3817.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings, on your bill.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 3817 eliminates instances when juvenile records may be shared, establish sanctions for improper disclosure of juvenile records, expanding the scope and eligibility for expungement, and creating automatic expungement processes for juvenile arrests that do not result from a finding of delinquency and for delinquency findings based on any offense two years after the case proceedings are terminated provided there are no subsequent delinquency adjudication or conviction. There are no known opponents. And I'll answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Good afternoon, Mr. President. Happy Memorial Day. I wonder if the sponsor would yield, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

After that introduction, he said, yes.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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Thank you. And Happy Memorial Day to you, too, Senator Hastings. Thank you for your service. My question is whether or not you had -- had the opportunity to have conversations with the State's Attorneys Association about this legislation and -- and what their comments were, if you're willing to characterize them.
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

To my understanding, Senator Righter, through our conversations that I can recall today - 'cause we've been doing this for the last six months - we've worked with all law enforcement personnel and that no one seemed to have an issue with this, except for the fact of being able to retain documents in -- in case trials. That was the only conversation we had with the - the State's Attorney's Office. I know, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, we had some extensive -- we had some very extensive discussions with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in terms of giving away -- or not giving away, but allowing them to retain the records properly and we were able to come to an agreement with them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Hastings, in my read of this bill, we are adding to the list of automatic expungements misdemeanor domestic battery. Is that accurate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

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Senator Righter, if you give me a second. Let me go to the text of the bill to make sure I speak correctly, if you can give me a second. Yes, Senator, that's included. Obviously, this is to disqualify those that are juveniles from domestic battery. There's -- we spoke extensively with opponents and proponents to this bill. And we've -- we've removed a lot of offenses from this bill to bring people into an agreement with the bill. But, yes, to answer your question, that's the answer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

If that's the case, Senator, then my -- my concern is, is that if you have a conviction for misdemeanor domestic battery, you're prohibited from possessing a firearm. So, if that -- if -- if those records are expunged, then how will we know -- how -- how will we know about someone who's suffered a misdemeanor domestic battery as it regards their ability to possess a firearm?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Again, Senator Righter, this bill deals with juveniles and juvenile expungement. I think everyone in this Chamber can attest to a juvenile makes mistakes. Those that are under the age of seventeen years old -- I mean, you could be twelve years old and punch your brother or punch somebody and be a -- and be convicted of a domestic battery. That doesn't make you a bad person once you reach the age of obtaining a firearm. So, to address your question, I think that, you know, there's a -- a time period from which you're able to purchase a firearm after you reach the age of

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majority and I think this bill, you know, in -- in reference to that, I don't think there'd be an issue.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay. And I -- and I'm not -- I'm certainly not suggesting, Senator, by my questions that people can't change and improve. I -- I recognize that. All I was exploring there is that -- the practical mechanics of the bill: Someone who is a juvenile, so a seventeen-year-old, is convicted of domestic battery; by the time they're twenty-three and are applying for a FOID card or a concealed carry permit, those who are in charge of checking records to make sure that someone has a background that's appropriate, according to our policies, to have a FOID card or concealed carry license will be unaware of that individual's conviction or guilty finding for domestic violence. I -- I'm just -- I'm just exploring the practical effect. Is that accurate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I think it's probably better for me to explain this here: There has to be one or more year {sic} that has to elapse since the date of the arrest and that there's no other further arrest pending, there's no petition for delinquency or other criminal charges that are filed. And in relation to filing for a FOID card, obviously, when you file for a FOID card, you have to be at the age of twenty-one. When these records are expunged, is at the age of majority, that being eighteen, so that's still a three-year grace period. So I -- I -- I do -- I -- I believe this is fine

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and -- and I believe that's why there's no opposition to this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, if I might, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

You know, Ladies and Gentlemen, I -- I know it's early in the day and we're all talking about what -- how our Memorial Day weekend was and -- and bemoaning the fact that we're here on Memorial Day. I do -- I do think before we cast our vote on this bill, those who have concerns about firearms and FOID cards and concealed carry permits and who have been advocates for greater background checks and make -- and -- and doing more to ensure that people who have firearms are people who should have firearms, and whatever your view is and who -- and whatever the view may be of your constituents, are paying attention to this, because at some point, at some point in our drive to expunge records and set people free from the mistakes in the past, this happens: We run up against processes that are designed to ensure things like people who shouldn't be given FOID cards aren't or people who want -- who desire concealed carry licenses aren't given those. And I think this is one of those moments. We're like, okay, now, we have now limited the ability of the people who we're trusting to do the checks to accurately identify people who we have concerns with. This is one of those bills. I would simply ask the Members to please carefully review the bill and urge caution. Thank you, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hastings, to close.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I think everybody in this Chamber knows someone who's made a mistake before they were the age of eighteen, whether that was at a party in college, which I'm assuming at least one of the -- one Member in this Chamber had a couple of drinks before they turned, you know, eighteen. You know, some people make mistakes. And if you go around to a lot of the children in our communities, some of these mistakes follow them for the extent of their life. I think it's important that everyone gets a fair shake, because before you reach that age of majority, you know, you do make some mistakes. And some of these decisions prevent people not only from getting a job, but prevent them from getting into a higher academic institution or accomplishing their goals later on in life. I think everyone can understand that here in this Chamber. And I think that this bill does just that; it takes away those mistakes or at least expunges those mistakes, but it leaves a lasting lesson on the person who does that. That's why I'd urge an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall House Bill 3817 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 31 Ayes, 20 Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 3817, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill -- Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR HASTINGS:

Personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I want to, first and foremost, wish everyone a happy Memorial Day, but, moreover, the gentleman who spoke against my bill, I actually want to congratulate him and -- because I don't think that he'll brag on himself. I don't think he'll brag on his family on the Floor. This past weekend, the good Senator from Mattoon had a son who graduated from the United States Military Academy. And I will just tell you that as a product of the United States Military Academy, it's not very easy to get through, and we used to say that when your child goes there, it's a direct reflection of the parents. And the parenting team has to have a lot of care and compassion for their child when they go through there, because you struggle through the ups and downs. This past weekend, Senator Righter flew to New York. He had a chance to hear not only the Superintendent of West Point speak, but our Secretary of Defense, General James Mattis, who I -- I served with, and I will tell you that it's an honor and it's a -- it's a privilege to graduate from that institution. But, moreover, it's called the "Long Gray Line". The "Long Gray Line" not only extends to the graduates of that academic institutions, but of the family. And, for that, I want to congratulate Senator Dale Righter and his family on the graduation of his son. If we can give him a round of applause.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Congratulations, Senator. House Bill 159. Senator Hutchinson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 159.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson, on your bill.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Body. House Bill 159 creates a special assessment formula in the Property Tax Code for keystone property. It's defined as a prominent party -- property in the Village of Park Forest not of historical significance or landmark status that meets other certain criteria. The aggregate tax liability for keystone property cannot exceed seventy-five thousand for the first three years and will increase proportionally until the twelfth tax year. I'd appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 159 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 159, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 213. Senator Lightford. Senator Lightford seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 213 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 213. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford, on your bill -- amendment.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The amendment becomes the bill. I move for its adoption and be happy to explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 213. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 213.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford, on your bill.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a bill related to the Illinois lottery. The law requires that the entire net proceeds of the lottery to be used for the support of the State's Common School Fund, except for costs associated with administering various lottery scratch-off games.

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Currently, twenty-four percent of lottery ticket revenue is deposited into the Common School Fund. In FY'15, this represented six hundred and seventy-nine million dollars of the total 2.85 billion in lottery sales. The State Board of Ed spent nearly 7.5 billion in general funds in FY'17. The House sponsor had an idea to ensure that the entire net proceeds would not supplant any other funds that were going to the School Common {sic} (Common School) Fund. I want to thank Senator Weaver for providing the Floor amendment that did the clarifying cleanup language, and now, with his support, the language reads that "Beginning with Fiscal Year 2018 and every year thereafter, any moneys transferred from the State Lottery Fund to the Common School Fund shall be supplemental to, and not in lieu of, any other money due to be transferred to the Common School Fund by law or appropriation." I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WEAVER:

If -- if the sponsor will yield, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates she will.

SENATOR WEAVER:

I just want to thank Senator Lightford for working on this. We wanted to clarify how this bill actually works with regard to the fact that all existing dollars that are in education continue to stay there, the existing lottery dollars stay there, and going forward, it's not supplanting any future money. And she's done a great job of working through this and we want to thank her for

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that. I support -- I request we support the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Then the question is, shall House Bill 213 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 213, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 313. Senator Martinez. Mr. -- Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 313 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave -- leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 313. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your amendment.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

I ask for its adoption and I'll be happy to discuss the bill -- the bill on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill

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3-1-3. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 313.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. We finally have the bill, thanks to everyone that really worked on this nurses' bill. The amendment -- with all the amendment {sic}, it finally gives us this bill, which grants the APRNs full practice authority status, without a written collaborative agreement, upon filing a signed attestation of successful completion of two hundred and fifty hours of continuing education or training as defined by rule and four thousand hours of clinical experience. Clinical experience must be in the APRN's area of certification and attested by a physician. It's -- in order to prescribe opioids and benzodiazepines, an R -- ARPN {sic} with full practice authority must have a consulting relationship with a physician recorded in the State Prescription Monitoring system, participate in at least monthly discussions on the opioids and -- and prescribed with the physician, and is limited to prescribing opioids taken by mouth or through the skin. And finally, it clarifies that APRNs cannot advertise using the title "doctor" or "physician". For APRNs with a doctorate degree, if they are referred to as a doctor, then the APN {sic} must tell the patient they -- that their doctorate is not in medicine. This is a long bill. This has been really hard work. I just want to thank Senator Steans, Representative

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Feigenholtz, Senator Althoff. There's so many people that were involved in this. We finally -- I want to also thank the Med Society for really sitting and having a good conversation and having to work this out with the nurses. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConchie, for what purpose do you seek...?

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

I just want to commend the sponsor. This -- this has been a very long, hard road coming. There were a lot of concerns, legitimate concerns, raised on both sides of the aisle and from various aspects of the medical community. And I want to thank the sponsor. She worked very hard to bring everybody together and finally come to an agreement. And I just want to encourage an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Martinez, to close.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

...very much. I just want to say to the Nurse {sic} (Nurses) Association, to Erin O'Brien and Sue Clark, I mean they were wonderful. They were all at the table, give and take. The Med Society, I -- I got to just say thank you to them, 'cause we finally got a bill that I think makes sense and it's going to actually expand health care through our nurses. So thank you very

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much and I'll ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall House Bill 313 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 313, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Fowler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FOWLER:

He's hiding from me. I'll get him later.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, with me here today, I've got Jordyn and Jon. They're my Pages for a Day. Jordyn is an Urbana seventh grader. She enjoys shot put and singing - recently appeared as Simba in the junior high musical. Her brother, Jon, is a sophomore and he is all things sports. He's a pole vaulter and his favorite subject is science. If you'd welcome them to Springfield, I'd appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

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Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, there is a product that is being delivered to all of your offices. And I thought that it was appropriate, as we acknowledge today as Memorial Day and we recognize the sacrifices that many men and women gave for the greatness of this country, that we recognize an innovation here in our own State. It actually occurs in Senator Hunter's district. And at the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Center, they actually grow an Illinois product on their roof. And they take this product and they give it to a craft business in Bourbonnais, Illinois, and they use that ingredient as the -- part of -- of a recipe that ended in the product that is in each of your individual offices, and if it's not there yet, it soon will be. So, as this is a holiday weekend, we're celebrating innovation. I did this well. I did not say a bad word once. I want you all to go to your offices and enjoy the innovation that Illinois is known for, where we actually are taking the top of a roof, utilizing it to create a product, use that product and create another beverage that we can sell here in Illinois and help with the entire deficit and the running of that Met Pier. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, happy holiday and enjoy the product from Senator Hunter and myself. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We'll be looking forward to it. House Bill 369. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary -- Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 369 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing

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no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 369. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your amendment.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

I -- I ask for its adoption and will discuss the bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the amendment will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 369. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 369.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

As amended, the bill retains the underlying bill. It -- it -- it creates the Bedbug Disclosure Employees {sic} (Bedbugs

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Disclosure to Employees) Act requiring employees -- employers to notify employees if a person certified under the Structural Pest Control (Act) has determined the presence of bedbugs at a place of employment. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 369 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 369, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harris, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARRIS:

Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your announcement.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Today I brought down with me the best pizza in Illinois, Beggars pizza, and it's -- you're more than welcome to stop by my office, for every Senator, Democrat and Republicans, 'cause Beggars is a bipartisan pizza. So we want to make sure that everyone gets a opportunity to enjoy some Beggars pizza, for your LAs as well as yourself. More than welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Thank you. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

A second point of personal privilege, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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State your point.

SENATOR ROSE:

Ladies and Gentlemen, behind me - this being Memorial Day, where we're here to honor our fallen - I'm very happy to have with me a current Air Force reservist. He serves at Scott Air Force Base and he was formerly a -- a veteran of our Air Force. Sergeant Joe Bateman is with us today, and if we could please welcome him to Springfield, I'd appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield and thank you for your service. House Bill 690. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, please -- Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 690 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 690. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your bill. Senator Martinez, on your amendment.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you. I ask for its adoption. I will be happy to discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 690. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 690.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. House bill amends -- House Bill 690 amends the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act by requiring day and temporary labor service agencies to prove -- to -- to prove {sic} a notice to workers dealing -- detailing the types of equipment, protective clothing, and training that are required for the task; mandating that if a day or temporary laborer is provided transportation to the -- to the worksite, the laborer must be provided transportation back to the point of application; prohibiting a day and temporary labor service agency for charging the worker for any consumer report, any criminal background check, or any drug test. This also requires a day and temporary labor service agency to attempt to place a current temporary laborer in a permanent position with a third part {sic} (party) client when the client informs the agency of its plans to hire a permanent employee for that position. It also -- is mandating reporting requirements for gender and race of day and temporary laborers to the Illinois Department of Labor. This has been a bill that we've been working on and finally I think we've been able to work

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together with Chicago Workers' Collaborative and the AFL-CIO. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 690 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 41 Ayes, 9 Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 690, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Fowler. Again? Okay. Senator Biss, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BISS:

For purposes of introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your introduction.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members. I'm joined here today by my family, who don't get a chance to be with us in Springfield too often because of school, but here we are on Memorial Day, and so I'd like everyone to join me in welcoming Karin, who I am -- have the extraordinary fortune of being married to and our two children, Elliot and Theodore, who are nearing the end of their third and first grade school years. Thanks very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. House Bill 688. Senator Cunningham. Out of the record. House Bill 786. Senator Martinez. Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 786 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 786. Mr. Secretary, have there been any

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your amendment.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

I -- Mr. President, I ask for its adoption. I'll be happy to discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on 3rd Reading is House Bill 786. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 786.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 786 prohibits any park district from knowingly engaging a volunteer who has been convicted of or found to be a child sex offender. Furthermore, it requires park districts to terminate the services of the volunteer upon

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discovery of such an offender. It also stipulates that park districts shall require volunteers - I'll go back - volunteers beginning any work as a volunteer that shall include a question for an applicant to answer concerning whether they have been convicted or are found to be a child sex offender. As amended, it allows a volunteer under the age of eighteen to have the parent complete the application. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 786 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 786, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 2647. Senator Tom Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please -- Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 2647 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 2647. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton, on your amendment.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'll just ask for it to be adopted and explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 2647. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2647.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton, on your bill.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 2647 is a compilation of work based off of our Veterans' Suicide Task Force from last year. I was honored to work with Senator Schimpf while he was on this, as well as our two House Members, Representative Kifowit and Representative Ives. We had many issues with the bill when it first came over from the Department. However, we worked through all of those issues and they got -- came off of the bill as far as being opposed to it. And we look forward to these changes being implemented to sort of go after and combat over twenty veterans a day committing suicide. So I ask for an Aye vote and I'll be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2647 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 2647, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Blueroomstream.com seeks permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, permission granted. House Bill 3399. Senator Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3399 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3399. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, on your amendment.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 3399. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3399.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, on your bill.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. We don't have agreement on a budget, we don't have agreement on revenue, but I am pleased to report that our long national nightmare is over and we have an agreement on the hunting of bobcats. I want to thank Senator Althoff and Senator Weaver and the entire Commerce Committee for their hospitality and encouraging the Department of Natural Resources and others to come along. And I'm presenting to you that final agreement. I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3399 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. House Bill 3399, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3922. Senator Harmon. Mr. -- Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3922 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3922. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, on your amendment.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment's adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 3922. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3922.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, on your bill.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Senate passed Senate Bill 1807 by a vote of 53 to nothing. That bill has encountered some procedural difficulties in the House. I'm amending House Bill 3922 to make it identical to the bill that we have passed and to avoid those -- those hurdles, and I'd like to send it back on concurrence.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3922 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 3922, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I need to ask the record be -- reflect that I intended to vote Aye on House Bill 3399 and my apologies to Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The record will reflect your -- intentions. Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Well, I want to share with all my colleagues here in the Senate something -- something very special happened over the weekend, and that is that our youngest Member of the Senate got engaged over the weekend. And I just want to make sure we give him a nice little congratulations. Senator Omar Aquino just got engaged over the weekend.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Congratulations, Senator. House Bill 688. Senator Cunningham. Senator Cunningham seeks leave of the Body to return

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House Bill 688 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 688. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Cunningham.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Can we please keep the conversations down to a minimum? Senator Cunningham, on your amendment.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment moves language from House Bill 618 into this bill. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 688. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 688.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cunningham, on your bill.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 688 amends the Pension

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Code. It allows downstate firefighters to transfer service time from a downstate police fund to the fire fund within the same unit of government. It also allows the Chicago firefighters to transfer funds and service credit from a downstate fund into the Chicago firefighters' fund. Be happy to answer any questions and I ask for the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 688 pass. All those in favor will say -- vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 39 Ayes, 10 Nays, 2 voting Present. House Bill 688, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Mr. President, oftentimes in this Chamber we turn to our seatmates to help us in difficult situations. Usually, it is a situation where you need a thirtieth vote. And as I left town last Friday, I thought I filled my car up with gas when the gas pump clicked off and I didn't look at my gage. In about a little bit more than two-thirds of the way home, I started sputtering out and I ended up on a shoulder at about mile marker two forty-three. And I remembered my seatmate Pat McGuire passed a bill that became law this year that said that when you have a motorist stranded on

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the shoulder, the cars have to go into the other lane. The semis and the cars were not observing the law that McGuire passed. So I had to rely on my other seatmate, who noticed that I was stranded on the road and he turned -- turned back and helped me out. And anybody see Senator Mulroe here over the next couple of days, get him a soda pop and put it on me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. A point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I have joined with me, Marcus King. He just completed the fourth grade. He lives in Belleville. Today is his birthday and he decided to come join us here in Springfield. He's so excited, he just received a new computer. He's looking forward to doing research on his computer, because he hopes to be an astrophysicist when he grows up. He's the son of Barbara Staples-King. He's my nephew. Please welcome him to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senate Bills 3rd Reading, page 14 of the printed Calendar. Senate Bill 453. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Lightford seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 453 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 453. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford, on your amendment.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Mr. President, I move for its adoption and be happy to explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford, on your amendment.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you again, Mr. President. I move for its adoption and be happy to explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 453. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 453.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford, on your bill.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this bill has come a long way. The initial start was an effort of the Voices for Illinois Children -- excuse me, Voices of Youth in Chicago Education, VOYCE. Their -- their goal is to remove arrests from high school students being arrested on school grounds. It will take a lot of work and effort and support of our criminal justice system to help us get there, so what we decided with the last amendment that was adopted was to completely remove the arrest language. So there is no arrest language in this bill. What this bill does now is it establishes a grant program that would authorize us to have competitive grants to school districts. Select districts must reallocate funding for law personnel in some or all of their buildings to evidence-based practices designed to promote safe and healthy learning environments, including, but not limited to, restorative justice programs; increased use of school psychologists, social workers, and other mental/behavior health specialists; drug and alcohol treatment services; wraparound services; staff training on conflict resolution and disciplinarian alternatives. So the main goal here is to create a competitive grant program that is a -- subject to appropriation and an effort to assist the SROs in the school - not as a replacement of them, but to assist with other support services. The second thing that

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it would do is, the State Board of Ed would like for us to provide some data collection, so there will be a -- a report that comes out to help us gather data information that will help us understand whether or not the arrest piece is pertinent for us to entertain for next year. I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WEAVER:

Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you. First, Senator Lightford, there were three elements to this bill and you pulled out the arrest issue and we thank you for that. We'd asked you to also pull out this issue with regard to grants and try to make this bill just about data this year and we could have been supportive. But because of the grant issue that still exists in here, we have a couple of concerns. Is it your understanding that when the grant is given that the school must pull their other dollars away from resource officers or law enforcement in order to get the grant?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

That's not my understanding. My understanding is that it will be a supplemental to.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Weaver.

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SENATOR WEAVER:

If I could just address the bill here. In line seven of page six on the printed document I have, it says "selected school districts must reallocate funding for school-based law enforcement personnel in some or all of their schools to other evidence-based and promising practices designed to promote school safety and health {sic} (healthy) learning environments, including, but not limited to, restorative justice programs...". So my reading would be that this does require those dollars to be pulled away from law enforcement personnel.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

I read it as you do, but I don't see it to take funds away from, I still see it as a supplemental to.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you for your response. And just to kind of close, to the bill. We do have a difference in how we see that and the concerns that we have. But, also, any time we have any new grant dollars going to any specific program, those dollars are coming away from other programs, and we're just in the process, through Senator Manar's bill, of bringing forward the twenty-seven evidence-based issues, where schools get dollars based on those issues, and we're already trying to start adding new dollars to that. We feel that the process he worked through got us a long ways toward solving this problem, so we'd request a No vote on this. Thank you and thank you...

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Lightford, to close.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Weaver, for sharing your concerns. I believe that this is a huge step in the direction of helping to gather data to understand whether or not there is a problem. We believe it to be a problem. There is data that we've gathered from a number of school districts across the State that shows that there's an alarming rate of arrests that are happening in high schools, minor offenses that we just couldn't wrap our hands around to determine what category it should be put in, so we moved that part out of the bill completely. So now that we're just addressing the grant itself, it's a competitive bid grant program that is subject to appropriations. The goal is to approach and -- and target as many foundations and different supports across the country that is really focused on the prison pipeline restorative justice. There's a lot of funding that is available to help reduce the prison to -- pipeline numbers and this will be in an effort to get to that. If the State never subject to -- appropriate any funds, I think that we would still be fine in making sure that we add a supplemental program to help with many of the wraparound services. Drug treatment services is really important. If students are found in school carrying marijuana, I think it's important that we just don't suspend them or expel them or have them arrested, that we get to the root of the problem and address the drug issue. So many of this is just to get to the root of the problem and why kids are displaying bad behavior at school so that we can have a better, healthy, safe environment for all the kids. So we want to remove some of the

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bad apples, but we want to shape them and help them be able to come back to the school system and not find themselves in the criminal justice system. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 453 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 32 Ayes, 19 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 453, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 552. Senator Trotter. Senate Bill 779. Senator Biss. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 779.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, on your bill.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is a transparency bill to enable the public and also pension funds to have access to complete fee information regarding fees paid to private equity firms and hedge funds. It's something we passed before, but has not been called for a vote in the House. And I'm hoping that we can move this issue forward once again and hopefully move the State forward when it comes to having full transparency of the fees that our pension funds are paying today. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Is there any discussion? Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Question of the sponsor, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR ROSE:

Senator Biss, I'm a little, frankly, surprised to see the Better Government Association is opposed. Are they still opposed to this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

I think that -- I think the wrong bill came up there. There was -- I had two bills on this issue and they had a technical concern with one and not the other. So let me take this out of the record and we can talk it over and call it in a minute.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Out of the record. Senate Bill 1337. Senator Rezin. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Rezin seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1337 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1337. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Rezin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin, on your amendment.

SENATOR REZIN:

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I -- I believe there's another amendment to be adopted as well. Number 4. Yes, I'll explain. I'd like to adopt Amendment 2 and explain on 3rds.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment 4, offered by Senator Rezin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin, on your amendment.

SENATOR REZIN:

Again, I'd like to adopt and explain on 3rds.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1337. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1337.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Rezin, on your bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1337 is -- actually, there were three different bills out here that we compiled into one bill, Senate Bill 1337, which, currently, the statute currently allows fifteen counties to -- give them authority to set up stormwater commission. This bill allows fifteen more counties -- excuse me, ten more counties to set up stormwater management commissions. The remaining counties can set up the stormwater commissions by referendum. For those remaining counties, like I had said, it would be a front door referendum. The counties that have not currently set up a stormwater commission, the structure of the commission shall be as follows: equal number of county board members, one member from the drainage districts, and one member from the soil and water conservation districts. The principal duty of the committee shall be to develop a stormwater plan for presentation to be approved by the county board and direct the plans and implement and revise the plans. The counties that have set up stormwater commissions also have access - to my Members - to a levy of not --- not to exceed more than two percent of the EAV -- excuse me, .02 percent of EAV to be held in a separate fund for purposes of the commission. This tax -- or this levy must be approved, again, via the front door referendum during a general election year. The stormwater management planning committee may make grants to units of local government, of -- for non-for-profit organizations, and landowners. The municipalities located -- located within a floodplain must do the following in order to receive the -- the grants: be a member of FEMA's Flood Insurance Program and also adopt ordinances requiring actions consistent

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with the management plan and use the grant money in a manner consistent of that management plan. Let's see, that's -- bear with me as I find the next amendment. That was Amendment 2. Amendment 4 adds -- again, the stormwater commission has the ability to tax if they go first through a front door referendum, but before they can go for a front door referendum, the county must pass and enforce floodplain management or a stormwater management ordinance that's approved by the IDNR. They must also designate a certified floodplain manager, which is -- consists of a weeklong class that's given by FEMA. This amendment ensures that counties do not levy a tax without taking actions that make it clear that they're being proactive before -- about stormwater management. If a county does not continue to meet the above conditions, meaning passing and enforcing floodplain management ordinances and having a designated floodplain manager, the county may not levy a tax until they are in full compliance. This bill has come about, actually -- several years ago, in 2013, we had a major flood. Actually, we've had three one-hundred-year floods in my district in the last seven years. And in 2013, we had a catastrophic flood, which had over a hundred and fifty million dollars' worth of damage in my district. As a result of that, I saw my district, since I have a hundred and thirty miles' worth of river that go through my district -- there was one town that had zero damage and that's because they passed and enforced flood ordinances. So -- and I spoke with them and, from there, we started the Illinois Valley Flood Resiliency Alliance. To date, we have certified twenty-three flood managers throughout the 38th Senate District. We have many communities that have passed and enforced flood ordinances that -- such as -- dealing with

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compensatory storage, repetitive damage. We also have applied for and will -- have been somewhat successful with receiving grants at the federal and State level. And we have many communities that have joined the CRS, which is a rating system that if you have a very high rating system, you can actually increase your flood insurance in the community between twenty and forty percent. So we've seen firsthand how flood mitigation and flood prevention works in my district, since we've been dealing with this for four years. We feel that this bill is a next step. It's a good next step for many counties who have not had the opportunity to put their plans into place. And we've also, since there's a levy involved, even though it is through a front door referendum, we put some safeguards in place to make sure that these communities have done what they need to do before they go and ask taxpayers for more money. Like to thank Senator Steans, who worked on this as well with me, and Representative Fortner in the House. Be happy to take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We may be putting the timer on on any introduction of bills anymore. Is there any discussion on the bill? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1337 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 42 Ayes, 6 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1337, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 551 through 555, offered by Senator Link

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and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolution Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, we'll go to page 51 of the printed Calendar, Postponed Consideration. Senate Bill 569. Senator Bush. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 569.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Since this bill has been thoroughly debated, there will be one proponent, one opponent. Senator Bush, on your bill.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Excuse my voice. This is when you know you're dedicated. Illinois law prohibits a unit of local government from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing an ordinance or resolution that would have the effect of controlling the amount charged for leasing residential-commercial property. So what this does is allows for, in a manufactured home park, if there is a -- a violation, the landlords cannot continue to increase the rent without taking care of those violations. And I would urge an Aye vote and please don't ask me a lot of questions. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the Senator's bill, if I might, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the Senator's bill.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. We have debated this legislation before. It failed to receive a majority of the votes the first time around. This bill does take away the flexibility that tenants and the landlords might have to achieve an agreement on their own, which might include a rent increase in exchange for certain improvements. But I think the - - that the eye-popping omission in this particular legislation is, and I understand, I think, why the sponsor added it, but it exempts Cook County. So those who live in Cook County who would otherwise - and these are -- these are low-income folks - who otherwise might be protected by State law are carved out of that protection. So those of you in and around the Cook County area who feel like you are voting for something to help protect residents of these mobile home parks, those folks are carved out and will not be protected. For that reason, I would urge a No vote so that we can -- if we're going to have this protection, we can have it for people in all one hundred and two counties. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 569 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 32 Ayes, 18 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 569, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll go to page 18 of the printed Calendar, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 779. Senator Biss. Mr. Secretary,

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please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 779.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, on your bill.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I introduced this a minute ago. There was some confusion. It turns out that this bill is supported by the Better Government Association. I think there was a reference being made to a different bill. This is a bill about transparency of fees paid by Illinois pension funds. I'd appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will yield.

SENATOR ROSE:

So, first of all, I -- I do believe that we've cleared this up, although the witness slips are still technically wrong, so the presumption here is that the BGA, I assume, is supportive of this bill. That would somewhat make sense. So I think we're -- that's an assumption, not a -- not a fact, but that's what we're assuming. So I appreciate you pulling it from the record to give us some time to figure out what's going on there. I do have a question

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about the underlying bill, though, and that is that the -- is there a threat that investment opportunities will leave the State if this passes? Is that the problem here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

I'd say the problem here is that we don't have clarity about the fees paid by our pension funds to the various investment entities and that's the problem this bill is trying to solve.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Right, I get that, but I -- I think that the testimony on the bill was such that if this were to pass, you're going to lose vendors that are providing services to the State, and thus our critical functions, like the pension systems and other things we rely on these vendors, our costs would go up, our returns would go down, and we would leave -- we would lose quite a bit of the expertise we need to manage our funds. And so I don't think there's an issue here with respect to the intention of the bill, as much as the issue is what happens if the bill were to -- actually become law. And this could become detrimental to our pension systems and otherwise in terms of overall total asset return.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you. No, I -- I understand the concern you're raising. Let me say two things: Number one, the history of this issue, not one for a couple years but for a couple decades, is one of moving

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towards more and more transparency. When the private equity and hedge fund industries were very, very young, they functioned in absolute secret. And over time, there's been pushes from pension funds and other institutional investors across the globe to push for more transparency. This bill is a part of that effort. And over the years, as those steps have been taken, there have been - - every step along the way, there have been threats. There have been threats saying, oh, no, no, if you obligate the disclosure of investment returns, then we'll stop taking your money. If you obligate disclosure of what funds you're invested in, then we'll stop taking your money. And now there's another threat being levied about if you obligate disclosure about fees, we'll stop taking your money. Well, in fact, there is now something called the Institutional Limited Partners Association that has put together a template that more and more private equity firms across the globe are agreeing to fill out because there's such eagerness to have transparency around fees across the world. This bill says that if one of those firms fills out that template, they're in compliance with this bill. So this is something that's -- that's happening across the country and across the world. There's more and more compliance. Illinois has a responsibility, as a State with big pension funds, to be a part of that move towards more compliance. And I think this bill is an appropriate step that won't scare vendors away; instead, it will be part of a national move, a global move, towards more transparency.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR ROSE:

Notwithstanding the onward march of globalism, I don't think right now we can afford to lose one penny from our pension systems. Notwithstanding the -- the intentions of either the sponsor or the concepts at hand and at an extent that we would lower our overall total return should any of this happen, this is not the time to being doing that. So I would urge a No -- a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Biss, to close.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you. I'll just respond to that last point. I really agree that this is not a time for us to put at risk the assets in our pension funds. So it's not a time to risk the returns; it's also not a time for us to be paying fees that we don't know about. And that's the problem this bill solves. If you're concerned about the asset levels in the pension funds, you should be concerned about the fees that we're paying, and that is the only expenditure of a public body in the State of Illinois that's secret from you right now, which means that we can't dig into those fees. We can't figure out whether there's a way to get the same return with lower fees. Common sense says that if we pass this bill and have that greater level of transparency, we're going to be able to pay lower fees, and therefore that will be better for our pensions fund -- funds. That's why I'm passing this. So I would ask you to vote Yes for transparency, but vote Yes so that you and your

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constituents can know the fees the pension funds are paying right now. And vote Yes so that -- that knowledge will allow us to negotiate better deals and our pension funds will be doing better. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 779 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 34 Ayes, 19 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 779, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll turn to page 29 of the printed Calendar, House Bills 3rd Reading. House Bill 106. Senator Connelly. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 106.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Connelly, on your bill.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 106 is the same as Senate Bill 1299 that passed unanimously. Amends the School Code pertaining to the school business officer. Adds the master's degree in public administration as a partial qualifier. There's no objection -- there's no opponents. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall

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House Bill 106 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 106, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 136. Senator Manar. House Bill 140. Senator Cunningham. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 140.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cunningham, on your bill.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 140 amends the Attorney General Act. It will allow the Attorney General's Office to become a member of the Multistate Registration and Filing Portal (Inc.). This will help streamline efficiency for charities from -- from throughout the country when they apply to -- for the licensing process here in Illinois. They'll -- they'll only have to do it one time through this portal and it will apply to multiple states. Know of no opposition. Would appreciate the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 140 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 140, having received the required constitutional majority, is

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declared passed. House Bill 164. Senator Martinez. House Bill 169. Senator Tom Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 169.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton, on your bill.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 169 amends the Public Officer Activities Act -- Prohibited Activities Act. It's for a fix here in DuPage County. It passed a hundred percent over in the House. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 169 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 169, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 189. Senator Raoul. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 189.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Raoul, on your bill.

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SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 189 modifies several provisions of the -- Common Interest Community Associations {sic} (Association) Act and the Condominium Property Act. It incorporates a number of condo bills into one global bill. Amends the Condo {sic} Act by changing provisions governing accounting, sharing of expenses, sale of property, contents and {sic} (of) bylaws, and powers and duties of the board's managers, records of association, availability of records for examination, amendments to the condominium instruments or bylaws, and subdivision or combination of units. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 189 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, 1 voting Present. House Bill 189, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 223. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 223.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 223 is a recommendation of the Alzheimer's Association of Illinois. It amends the Nursing

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Home Care Act. Makes it clear that an identification -- wristlet may be placed on any resident per a physician's order. It requires documentation for the need of the identification wristlet in the resident's clinical record and also permits a nursing home to require the identification wristlet for a resident of the Alzheimer's disease unit who has a history of wandering. However, the -- the identification wristlet may be removed if the patient's guardian or power of attorney requests the wristlet to be removed. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 223 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 223, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 243. Senator Van Pelt. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 243.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Van Pelt, on your bill.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Yes, Mr. Chairman. House Bill - Mr. President - House Bill 243 amends the State Finance Act and the School Code and the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. The bill allows school districts in counties with -- counties with a hundred and seventy-five

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thousand or more inhabitants and that have a high school to establish partnerships with the local law enforcement to create police training academy job training programs and requires ISAC to administer a scholarship program for students who have participated in such programs and have been accepted into one of the State's public universities or colleges. The bill also allows ISBE, ISAC, and participating counties, school districts, and law enforcement partners to seek federal, State, and private funds to support the training and scholarship program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 243 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 48 Ayes, 3 Nays, 1 voting Present. House Bill 243, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 261. Senator Bennett. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 261.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett, on your bill.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Body. House Bill 261 basically attempts to -- to address the problem with homelessness in our school districts. It's an initiative of the school districts in the northwest suburbs that asked for

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clarification as to whether they could use some of their transportation funds for transportation -- for housing costs. This came through the House unanimously. I'd ask for -- it has no opposition. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. I'll have to get you flowers later, Senator Bennett. Is -- let me get this straight. So, if it costs too much money to send a kid -- send a bus to pick up a kid to bring him back to school who's homeless, you can instead use those funds to buy them an apartment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett, I think there's a question there.

SENATOR BENNETT:

With questions like that, the flowers should go to your caucus. But the -- this bill, what it's meant to do, Senator, is if -- if there is a student who loses their housing while they're in -- in -- in a district, currently, the rule is, the parent can decide if they want to keep the student in that school district, and if they can't afford to do so, then the school district has to pay for that, as you well know from a bill that you attempted to -- to pass earlier this Session. What -- what this would do, though, is recognize that sometimes it's cheaper for that school

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district to actually do housing assistance than the transportation. And so this gives them more flexibility. So it addresses the same issue you were trying to address with your earlier bill and that's why the schools have asked that we give 'em that flexibility in statute. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

So I appreciate the fact you said attempted to pass, as opposed to failed to pass. That was very nice of you, Senator Bennett. So, let me give you an example. If someone goes homeless two counties -- next county over, passed four, if not five, school districts to get there, and it -- they're sending a bus four times a day, over an hour one way, to pick up a kid, passing through, say, the -- from the Paris school district through the Kansas school district through the Charleston school district to the Mattoon school district, never mind the fact that Mattoon school district's got a -- wonderful schools literally just a few blocks walking distance from the homeless shelter, that that kid -- that now, instead of the -- Paris will have a new option. Instead of just letting the kid go to the school in the district where they're actually living, Paris taxpayers will now have a new option. They -- instead of spending all that money on the bus, they could just get them a housing voucher. That's a -- that's the -- that's the answer?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Well -- well, Senator, as you well know, currently the school

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district is responsible for paying transportation. So they're already on the hook. And in a situation like what you're talking about, I believe it would be Coles County and Edgar County would have to split the cost of that transportation. If either of those, however, found a cheaper option with help with housing, they could in fact do that. And the reason that I think this is important - there's two issues here - one, it's completely permissive for a school district to elect to do it. No one's making them do it. Gives them an option to do it. But they have to -- have to have gone to the school board and shown they've used all the resources they can before they can -- they can take that option. So, in the example you mentioned, Edgar County is a small county; it might not have any homeless shelters. But we need to acknowledge that a homeless shelter is not a permanent residence. It is a place for -- that these -- these families are temporarily, until they can get themselves to find some permanent housing, and that is why the current structure is -- we're not, in your scenario, not -- not considering them a -- a Coles County permanent resident. That's just the closest homeless shelter they could find. But it might well be cheaper for the school district to help out with some apartments or some housing and this just gives them the option to do that, if that's the cheapest option they can find.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

So, I guess -- to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR ROSE:

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Look -- look, and I guess this is where -- it's -- it's just kind of funny. Earlier this year I had this bill for exactly that situation, and my thought was, the kid could just go to the school that's right down the street from 'em. That would make the most sense, the most cost-effective way to do it, kid's still going to school. However, I was told by the State Board of Education that that was not allowed. And I gave 'em this scenario and they -- they said back to me, they said, "Well, you know, what would happen is, instead they'd just buy 'em -- they'd just rent 'em an apartment." I said, "Wait a minute. If someone from Chicago is homeless in Cairo, you're saying the Chicago Public School System is just going to rent them an apartment instead?" And the answer from the State Board of Education was, "Yes". And I thought that was just the most illogical, absolutely illogical extreme to an argument ever that made absolutely no sense, not to mention expensive, an expensive answer to the question. But then I found out that this bill existed and it was Representative Mussman's bill. And I guess, at what time -- at what point in time do we just say -- you know, cut the line and say, you know what, folks, we're not paying our bills, local property taxpayers are paying these bills, and we can no longer afford to be all things to all people. There are perfectly good schools down the road, but it seems to me the solution here is, let's have the government pay for everything. We've already got schools; kids can go to the school closest to them. Let them go to the school closest to them. That is -- that is a perfectly reasonable option. To offer a school district now a second choice, to pay for a housing voucher versus the transportation, ignores the obvious reality that in a very real circumstance - a very real circumstance, actual

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circumstance - there's a school right down the street. Just go to the school right down the street. But I know that my bill didn't make it. I know that your bill did make it through committee. I will not be supporting your bill. This is nothing about you as the sponsor. I know that you're trying to solve this problem, but I think this, frankly, is even more ridiculous than the -- the problem we're in in the first place. I mean, just go to the school you're closest to. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Bennett, to close.

SENATOR BENNETT:

I would just say this, few of us in this Chamber can understand or -- or even put themselves in the shoes of a student, who's already in school, it's already difficult enough, and then your -- your family loses their housing and you've got to figure out where you're going to go and where your -- where all your toys are and where your clothes are. Now to -- to require them to have to possibly move school districts in the middle of the school -- school year, I think is particularly cruel. This bill spends no more money. All it does is give these local schools the power to move the money around for the best of their purposes. I would ask you all to support this measure, which is just a -- just a -- a -- an endorsement of local control, and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall House Bill 261 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 39 Ayes, 15 Nays,

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none voting Present. House Bill 261, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

On leave -- on leave of the Body, we're going to go back to House Bill 164. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 164.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 164 allows certain Metropolitan (Water) Reclamation District retirees or their surviving partners buy back retirement benefits. The buyback is limited to members who retired before June 1st, 2011, and are party to a civil union or marriage under the Religious -- Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act on or before -- after June 1st, 2011, or a marriage under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act on or after February 26, 2014. A member must repay the refund received, plus interest at the fund's assumed rate of interest, 7.5 percent. The buyback period is for one year beginning five months after enactment of this Act. The fund believes this population is under five and -- and will have an estimated fiscal impact of a hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing

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none, the -- the question is, shall House Bill 164 pass. All in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 46 Yeas, 4 -- 4 Nays, no Presents. House Bill 164, having reached the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Link back in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

House Bill 284. Senator Harris. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 284.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harris, on your bill.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. House Bill 284 is an Act that requires mobilization payments to be made to subcontractors when the contract with IDOT provides for mobilization payments. The payments shall be on a tiered-based system on the initial -- on the initial value of the subcontract. This is the exact same bill we had in a previous General Assembly, which was House Bill 4477 that passed out with 56 Yeas and 0 Nays on a bipartisan effort. So I'd appreciate the support on this bill as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator McConnaughay, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Harris. This -- this is the second time we've seen this bill and there's been some confusion on it back and forth. And I think that when we voted on it last time, we didn't really understand some of the objection that was going to come with it, so if you can just answer a couple of questions for me. This has to do with -- with the percentage of a contract that a general contractor can get up front for the purpose of mobilizing equipment, so on and so forth, on a project, and -- and that percentage is six percent. Currently, it's three percent for the subcontractors, and my -- and this is now going to go up to, I think, a range between seven and twenty-five percent. My question is, is that -- is that correct? And why are we -- why -- what's the necessity for increasing that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Yes, that is correct. It's a sliding scale based on the amount of work that the subcontractor -- or the amount of work that the initial contract is. For example, if it is less than ten thousand dollars, it's twenty-five percent; from ten thousand to nineteen ninety-nine, it's twenty percent; and it goes all the way down from -- from seven hundred and fifty -- if it's over seven hundred and fifty thousand, then it's seven percent. And the scale goes up and down based on the scope of work and the size of the

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project.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConnaughay.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Now, my understanding is, the Associated General Contractors have shown some concern that this will raise the costs of projects at a time when Illinois can barely afford to have increased costs on any IDOT projects. Is there -- was there -- was there some conversation about taking this, the subcontractor range, from the three percent up to the same six percent range that the generals had?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Currently, it's six percent. The generals are going to still get their six percent. The purpose of this legislation is to simply make it possible for the subs to get paid. As of now, we have an issue with that sometimes. We have a larger -- generals who sometimes neglect to pay the subs, who are doing sometimes fifty percent of the work. And I think this is a way to even out the playing field to have some parity when it comes to subcontracting. And I don't see this being an issue or problem going forward.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConnaughay.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Thank you. Senator Harris, I -- I appreciate what you're trying to do and I -- you and I have worked on this issue before. This one I'm a little bit concerned about and I'm -- I won't be

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able to support this one. I know it came up in an amendatory veto before, but the seven to twenty-five -- I think it's twenty-five, twenty -- yeah, seven to twenty-five percent, it is suggested that it's going to increase the cost of IDOT projects. So at this point, I'm not going to be able to support it and would ask that if we get a chance to look at this again, we could look at doing something that was more in line with what the general contractors -- the six percent, taking the three percent up to the six percent. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Harris, to close. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just look for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall House Bill 284 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 32 Ayes, 20 Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 284, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill -- Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Unfortunately, I was not at my desk when we voted on House Bill 164. I'd like the record to reflect that I would have been an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The record will reflect your intention. Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR WEAVER:

Yeah, thank you, Mr. President. On House Bill 164, I'd like to be recorded as a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Record will reflect your indication. House Bill 303. Senator Harmon. House Bill 368. Senator Biss. Out of the record. House Bill 373. Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 373.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, on your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill requires the board of trustees of a municipal library to submit to the corporate authorities of the municipality and the Illinois State Library a statement of financial requirements necessary for the next year and the amount of taxes that will be needed to be levied for the library's purposes. There are -- there's no opposition to this bill. I would appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 373 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 373, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would also like the record to reflect that my intent was to be a Yes vote on House Bill 164.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Record will reflect your intention. House Bill 374. Senator McConchie. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 374.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConchie.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill provides that any individual who has a military special license plate may reclass their plate upon acquiring a new registration without a replacement fee of {sic} (or) the registration cost. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 374 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 374, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 375. Senator Steans. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 375.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans, on your bill.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This creates what's going to be known as Sam's Act, requiring Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board to create a course on awareness of mental health issues and expands the training requirements for probationary officers to include recognition of mental crises, which require an immediate response. This has been an initiative of the Cook County Sheriff's Department and I don't know of any opposition and had been on our Agreed Bill List. I look forward to your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 375 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 375, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 394. Senator Connelly. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 394.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Connelly, on your bill.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

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Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 394 is an initiative of the Secretary of State's Office. It amends the Secretary of State Act to allow them to solicit and accept sponsorships on publications printed and distributed by the Secretary of State's Office. The goal is to offset the costs of preparing and distributing registration renewal notices from the Office. I'm aware of no opponents and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 394 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 394, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 395. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 395.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Again. House Bill 395 allows the Secretary of State to implement the two-tier REAL ID system which -- under which applicants for driver's licenses and identification cards may choose to apply for either REAL ID compliant license or an ID card or a non-compliant license or ID. The federal REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005, establishes minimum security {sic} for the

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issuance of identification cards and prohibits federal agencies from accepting identification cards from states that have not implemented the Act's requirement. Illinois does not currently comply with the Act, but the Department of Homeland Security has issued an extension until October 10, 2017. Under this -- 395, applicants for REAL ID compliant identification must present documents, including a certified copy of their birth certificate, immigration documents or a U.S. passport, proof of their current place of residence, and documentation showing any and all name changes, including the same -- some women in birth certificate, marriage license, and divorce decree. Non-compliant licenses and ID will be -- will be issued pursuant to current requirements. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 395 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 47 Ayes, 6 Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 395, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 418. Senator Connelly. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 418.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Connelly, on your bill.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

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Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 418 amends the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. It prohibits a police chief from receiving annuity retirement payments from a defined benefit plan while working as a police chief for a different municipality and participating in their defined benefit plan. It does allow a police chief to participate in a defined contribution plan created by their employer while receiving annuity retirement payments. The language from the bill came from the Illinois Association of Police Chiefs. I'm aware of no opponents and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 418 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 418, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 425. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 425.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 425 changes the salaries of chief administrative officers and their appointed assistants at the suburban Cook County

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intermediate service centers to be in uniform with the State superintendent -- salaries of regional superintendents and assistant regional superintendents of regional offices of education - so lining them up with the ROEs. The bill also removes provision that currently provides funding for salaries at ISCs. I know of no opponents and I'll be happy to ask -- answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

She indicates she will.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Lightford, this bill rings a -- this bill rings a bell for me. Is this something we have seen before and sent to the Governor's desk?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

I don't recall doing such, Senator. If we did, it wasn't my bill previously, so I'm -- I'm sorry, I'm not aware of it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay. Well, I -- I will check that, because I thought -- woops, I think that -- Mr. President, I think Senator Lightford wants to speak again on that question I...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Forgive me, I just misspoke. Yes, Senator, I just found it in my notes. It is identical to House Bill 5025 that was passed in the 99th General Assembly by Senator Lightford and Representative Welch. It passed with a vote of 103 out of the House and 51 out of the Senate, no No vote -- no No votes here, but it was vetoed by the Governor. The Governor's Message cited a need to review the State's educational bureaucracy, education funding formula, and unfunded mandates on schools prior to making any changes to our funding system and school bureaucracy. That's in my notes, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator, is there - and thank you for that clarification - is -- is there a cost to this bill, an increased cost to this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

There could be a potential cost, but I don't see a fiscal slip, but let me make sure. No, I don't see anything that details funding, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator, when you say you don't see anything that details funding, do you mean as into a potential cost, or if there is a cost, whether or not it will be funded? I'm -- I -- I'm -- I'm

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not sure what you were referring to.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Both. I did two parts there. I don't see a fiscal note from the House, so -- and there's nowhere written that there will be a fiscal impact, so that was to respond to the first question. But, potentially, if they're lining these positions up with the ROEs, I don't know that the ROEs make more or less, so there could be a potential change in -- in salary, but I'm not exactly sure of that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Briefly to the bill, if I might?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. It is likely that if House Bill 425 were to become law, we would see at least some administrative salary increases. For those of you who think that high school administrators don't quite make enough, this would be a good bill for you to support. I think most Members don't necessarily believe that. At a time when we're talking about changing formulas and -- and things that we already can't pay for, I'm not certain that this is the right time for this particular piece of legislation. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Bertino-Tarrant, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

To the bill, Mr. President. Just for a clarification...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Sorry. Just for a clarification. ISCs are paid for by districts and not the State Board of Education. And regional superintendents and their -- and their assistants are set by statute, their pay. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Lightford, to close.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you. I'd like to thank Senator Bertino-Tarrant for clarifying that, considering that was her background and she would know much about ROEs. I do know that in Proviso Township we had some challenges there and abolished our ROE. The replacements apparently have a different scale, so this is just lining them up with the rest of the State ROEs. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall House Bill 425 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 35 Ayes, 19 Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 425, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 457. Senator Stadelman. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 457.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman, on your bill.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 457 amends the Opportunities for At-Risk Women Act by stating that appointments to this task force shall be made within sixty days after the bill is signed into law. The bill also states that the task force shall meet no less than quarterly, rather than twice per year in current law, and that an annual report shall be produced on or before January 1st of 2018 and on or before January each year after. I know of no opposition. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 457 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 457, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 465. Senator Bivins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 465.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bivins, on your bill.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. HB 465 simply creates a TIF

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extension for thirty-five years for the Village of Pearl City and I believe it was on the Agreed Bill List. I know of no opposition and appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Oberweis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

I'd just like to express, once again, I believe this idea of extending TIFs for an additional thirty-five years is bad policy. I believe that we should oppose it. It's very easy to come back and say, oh, we've had twenty years, that's not enough. Give us another twenty, another thirty, another thirty-five years. I'm opposed to those types of extensions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Bivins, to close.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. It is to thirty-five years. And also, I -- I did drive to Springfield in the left lane. So, thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall House Bill 465 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 48 Ayes, 3 Nays,

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none voting Present. House Bill 465, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 466. Senator Barickman. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 466.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation is an initiative of the County Treasurers' Association. It amends the Mobile Home Local Services Tax Enforcement Act to extend the time frame for tax purchasers to notify owners of the tax sale and the date of expiration of the redemption period, as well as the time frame in which a tax purchaser can file a petition for the issuance of a tax certificate of a title. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 466 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 466, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 470. Senator McCann. House Bill 481. Senator Hutchinson. House Bill 512. Senator Nybo. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 512.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is an amendment to the Election Code to provide that public questions must be published not more than sixty days, rather than thirty days, and not less than ten days before the election. I'm not aware of any opposition. Happy to answer any questions and would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 512 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 512, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 513. Senator Tracy. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 513.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 513 amends the Gasoline Storage Act to add a section to the list of locations where mobile

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fueling is permitted and it provides that only refueling at the sites is limited to off-road vehicles and equipment used at and for operation of the sites, such as waste disposal sites, sanitary landfills, and municipal solid waste landfill units. This passed unanimously, I believe, in the House and I would urge an Aye vote here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 513 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 513, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 514. Senator Hunter. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 514.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 514 is an initiative of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County and it creates a process for the immediate sealing of criminal arrests or charges when the defendant is -- is acquitted or the case is dismissed with prejudice. They're basically trying to streamline their process. I know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 514 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 38 Ayes, 13 Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 514, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 524. Senator Althoff. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 524.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Althoff, on your bill.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. House Bill 524 amends the Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act and the Environmental Protection Act so that pharmaceuticals disposed of under this Act may be destroyed in a drug destruction device. This allows local police departments to destroy unwanted and discarded prescription drugs they have been collecting from drug drop-off centers. It's identical to Senate Bill 680, which passed out of this Chamber unanimously. I'd appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 524 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House

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Bill 524, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 528. Senator McConchie. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 528.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConchie, on your bill.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I -- I'm not a big fan of commissions, but this one I think is important. It will create a commission to research and develop a plan to create and implement a uniform statewide mechanism to track and report sexual assault evidence information. There was -- originally, this was a bill that would actually have implemented a system, but the State Police determined that it was best to bring all of the different parties to the table - hospitals, non-profit organizations, and so forth - so that everyone can get on the same page as to how this would best be structured. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 528 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 528, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 531. Senator Harmon. Out of the record. House Bill 535. Senator Sandoval. Mr. Secretary, please

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read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 535.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sandoval, on your bill.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 535 addresses the process by which cable operators and broadband service providers may -- may access railroad and -- real estate and right-of-ways for construction and installation of its cable operations. It's a bill that's been worked out with the Railroad Association and it's a fine bill. And I ask your favorable support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 535 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 535, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 539. Senator Oberweis. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 539.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Oberweis, on your bill.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an historic moment in the Illinois Senate. Never before has Senator Holmes and I been cosponsors on a bill, maybe never again. And on top of that, this is a bill that was sponsored in the House by Jay Hoffman, an even more improbable set of circumstances. But we think it's a very good bill that will actually save taxpayer money. This bill simply amends the Election Code. It provides that county boards may reduce the number of judges of election from five to three for primary elections, not for -- not for general elections. And I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Holmes, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HOLMES:

Inquiry of the President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your inquiry.

SENATOR HOLMES:

What color is the slip to remove my name from sponsorship? No, actually I do support this bill. This is -- was an initiative of the -- of Kane County, so I do ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 539 pass. All those in... Senator Oberweis, if you want to close.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I would like...

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

You're always taking a chance.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

I would like to close and ask everybody to take that left lane down to the green button on the left and vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Great closing. The question is, does the House -- shall House Bill 5 -- House Bill 539 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. House Bill 539, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I just want to take this opportunity to introduce Mr. Devin Tom, who goes to high school at Pleasant Prairie {sic} (Plains), which is about twenty minutes down the road on I25 {sic} (125). Senator McCann is his Senator, who isn't here today, but I just want to take a moment to introduce him. He plays wide receiver for his football team. He's very interested in the military. Being that it's Memorial Day, he wanted to come and talk about joining the service, which is really nice. And I just want to give him a warm Springfield welcome and wish him well on his ways.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Welcome to Springfield. Senator Oberweis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Now that that bill is over, I would like to have the pleasure of introducing my favorite guest visitor from Florida. My wife, Julie Oberweis, is here after having won her regional tennis tournament in Florida, so she gets to go back for the nationals in October. Please give -- give my wife, Julie, a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. House Bill -- House Bill 547. Senator Sandoval. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 547.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sandoval, on your bill.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. House Bill 547 -- 547 is an initiative of the West Central Municipal Conference of Mayors. It passed in {sic} flying colors out of State Government Committee and it raises the threshold to twenty-five thousand dollars. And I ask a favorable vote. Another fine bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 547 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. House Bill 547, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 607. Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 607.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, on your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill amends the Illinois Highway Code to provide that counties outside of Cook County may abolish a road district through a public referendum. Happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 607 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 Ayes, 7 Nays, 1 voting Present. House Bill 607, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 616. Senator McGuire. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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House Bill 616.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McGuire, on your bill.

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 616 amends the Illinois Municipal Code and the Fire Protection District Act. It directs fire departments to present each new appointee a certificate of appointment on the day he or she is sworn in as a classified member of the affected department or district. I know of no opposition. Ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 616 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 616, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill... Take that out of the record. House Bill 619. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 619.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

There is a letter on filing -- on file giving Senator Bertino-Tarrant permission to present the bill. Senator Bertino-Tarrant,

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on your bill.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Chamber. Senate Bill -- or, I'm sorry, House Bill 619 amends the Freedom of Information Act. It exempts from inspection and copying the following: records requested by a person committed to the Department of Corrections or a county jail, the disclosure of which would result in the risk of harm to any person or the risk of an escape from jail or correctional institution or facility; records requested by a person in a county jail or committed to the Department of Corrections containing personal information pertaining to the person's victim or victim's family, including, but not limited to, a home address, home telephone number, work or school address, telephone number, social security, and other identifying information, except as may be relevant to a potential claim; and law enforcement records of other persons requested by a person committed to the Department of Corrections or a county jail, including, but not limited to, arrest and booking records, mug shots, and crime scene photographs, except as these records may be relevant to a potential claim. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 619 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 16 -- 619, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 623. Senator McConchie. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 623.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConchie, on your bill.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. What this does is -- specifies that employees' salaries in the Comptroller's annual report and "Online Ledger" shall be rounded to the nearest hundredth of a dollar rather than exact payments. This is designed in order to help prevent State workers from becoming victims of identity theft. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 623 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there's 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 623, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 649. Senator Cunningham. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 649.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cunningham, on your bill.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

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Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 649 amends the Criminal Code. It codifies a procedure that's been agreed to by the Sheriffs' Association and DHS for the transfer of inmates who have been found mentally unfit for trial. I know of no opposition. Would appreciate the Senate's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 649 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 649, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 655. Senator Fowler. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 655.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Fowler, on your bill.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 655 simply amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. With respect to the renewal of a Professional Educator License, provides that if a license holder's electronic email {sic} address is available, the State Board of Education shall send him or her notification electronically that his or her license will elapse {sic} if not renewed, to be sent no more than six months prior to license elapsing {sic}. It was unanimously -- unanimously

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passed in the House and know of -- not aware of any opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 655 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 655, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 656. Senator Holmes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 656.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Holmes, on your bill.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. House Bill 656 is identical to Senate Bill 195 that passed the Senate unanimously in April. And House Bill 656 passed the House unanimously in March. This bill reduces the TRS federal fund rate so the school district federal funds are no longer overcharged. Illinois is the only State in the country that specifically diverts those federal dollars to pay down pension debt. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 656 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that

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question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 656, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 659. Senator Cunningham. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 659.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cunningham, on your bill.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 659 amends the (Metropolitan) Water Reclamation District Act. It will allow the district to participate in a nutrient trading program throughout the State of Illinois to help improve water quality standards in the State. I know of no opposition. Would appreciate the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 659 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 659, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 679. Senator Mulroe. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 679.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on your bill.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. House Bill 679 amends the Communicable Disease (Prevention) Act to mandate the Department of Public Health to create an informational brochure pertaining to meningococcal disease and -- outlines the content of the document. I know of no opposition. I'd ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 679 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 679, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 683. Senator Bivins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 683.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bivins, on your bill.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 683 is identical to Senate Bill 51 that we passed unanimously. It amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Changes the maximum semitrailer length on all non-

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State highways from fifty-five feet to sixty-five feet. I know of no opposition. I'd appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 683 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 683, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 685. Senator Bush. Out of the record. House Bill 688. Senator Cunningham. House Bill 698. Senator Aquino. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 698.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Aquino, on your bill.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 698 would save taxpayers money and make communities and prisons safer by providing an entrepreneurship education program in Illinois prisons so our men and women within the Department of Corrections can obtain the invaluable business skills like computer skills, budgeting, creating an -- a business plan, public speaking, and realistic goal setting. This bill does not require the imposition of this program. It simply creates the opportunity for it to be created and administered as a five-year pilot. This is an agreed bill that has enjoyed tremendous bipartisan support. In fact, it passed

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out of the House unanimously, 116 to 0. And here in the Senate, passed out of State Government Committee unanimously. I know of no opponents and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 698 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. House Bill 698, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 703. Senator Raoul. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 703.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Raoul, on your bill.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 703 amends the Adoption Act by implementing standards that provide the permanent placement of children while also considering the child's best interests as the foremost goal of such adoptions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 703 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House

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Bill 703, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Can we please keep the noise down? Right now, please. All -- all Members please be at their desk. President Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Every year, because of our Constitution and our schedule, we always are in Session on Memorial Day. So it's always appropriate to -- I think, to have individual Members, perhaps who've served in the military, to take an opportunity to make some comments. Of course, we start with remembering those who have fallen in service to our country. There's no greater service than to defend our country from its enemies and there's no greater sacrifice than to give your life. The time -- the attitude towards veterans changes based on the era, based on whether or not it's a -- we're in a time of war or a time of peace. There's more -- sometimes more respect given to veterans at certain times than -- than in others. I happened to have served in 1970 in the Illinois National Guard, full-time for the first two years, and the attitudes towards the veterans at that time, post-Vietnam, were not as respectful, I think, as perhaps they are now. But I think as we debate the best way to move forward in our State, I think it's also important for us to remember that what we do here in the General Assembly, all of us, are to serve our country as well. So, I think we have some people who have served in a capacity much more intense than I did. Senator Hastings and I, the other day, were talking about some veterans who are here and I got -- started to reminisce about my basic training and the people I served with in the -- full-time. And it's a -- it was a nice way to reminisce. It's been some time.

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So, once again, we -- we come at a time of stress -- the time-of-year stress. This is important for us to remember those who have served who've -- who've given their lives and those who have served who are still here. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Schimpf, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SCHIMPF:

Point of personal privilege. I'd like to address the subject of Memorial Day, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR SCHIMPF:

Yes. Mr. President, Members of the Illinois Senate, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to you for a few moments about Memorial Day today. I was in the military for a total of twenty-four years. I got out of the Marine Corps as a Lieutenant Colonel. I started out as an infantry officer, then I switched over to become a judge advocate, or a lawyer, in the -- in the Marines. And of all that time that I was in the military, I can point back and I can -- I can identify to me what was both the greatest day of my military career and also it was the worst day of my military career, and that date was August 4th, 2011, and that was -- that was the date that I -- that I had the honor of representing the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps at a dignified transfer ceremony at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. I got to meet Staff Sergeant Leon Lucas when his body came back home from Afghanistan. Along with me, meeting him at the Air Force base, were his parents, his wife, and his three children - one five, one three, one not even yet born. And I will be honest with

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you, on that day, I view what I said to his family as an abject failure. There was nothing I could say to take away the hurt, the loss, to answer the questions why. But, at the same time, it was such a great privilege to share that moment in time with them and to feel the strength that they emanated in the pride in Leon and what he had done to serve his country. I think on -- on Memorial Day, we owe our -- we owe our fallen two things. First, I think we owe them an understanding of why they chose to serve our country and lay down our -- lay down their lives. Too often, we hear that people say that, oh, you joined the military because you want an education, or you want to get your life in order. That's not true. People choose to -- to serve our military and give up their lives because they have decided that we - we, their friends, their families, their country, our country, our communities - are all something that they believed were something worth fighting and dying for. So we owe them that understanding and we also owe them a recognition. And if we're going to be thankful, truly thankful for the sacrifice they made, we need to nurture the gift that they gave us. They decided that we were worth laying down their lives for, but if we're going to honor that -- honor that sacrifice, we need to do our part to make sure that we live our lives to the fullest and that we dedicate ourselves to making sure that our communities, our State, and the United States of America is worthy of their sacrifice. Thank you for giving me the honor to -- to - - to talk with you a little bit about what Memorial Day means to me. It's my honor to serve Staff Sergeant Leon Lucas and all the others who have given their lives to our country. And I'm honored to spend time here with you all doing that today. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, first of all, I'd like to thank President Cullerton for letting us honor our fallen today. Since I've been here -- we've been doing it for so many years. I can remember when -- Adeline Geo-Karis, great Senator who served in World War II. She was always asking President Pate Philip, was back then, and then it was Emil Jones as President, "When are we going to get this done?" She wanted to always get it done early in the morning and she couldn't wait to speak on behalf of our heroes, so to speak. You know, today as we are here, passing our bills and hoping to get a budget and finding out -- seeing what the House is doing and -- our families are home barbecuing, and other veterans are at the posts, thinking about their fallen comrades, and others that are worried about -- we have people in war to this day, so many years later. Ladies and Gentlemen, you know, a lot of people that don't have family or know of anyone that has given the ultimate sacrifice in the battle, they truly don't understand what it's like to be free. But it's because -- today we are free; it is because of the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice. You know, we kid around, the different branches of the service, whether you're a Marine, Navy, Air Force; you know, at the end of the day, when you're on the battlefield and you lose one of your own, everybody's still the same and we all bleed red. But what we all have in common is

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wherever you came from, whatever part of the United States you came from, it is because you believed it was your duty to fight for this country and you decided that you were willing to go to war for it. So I rise to say thank you to the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice. They will never be forgotten. And to their families, God bless them, because they have given up their sons, their husbands, their wives, their daughters as well. So, to them, I say salute them and may we keep in our prayers the men and women who are in harm's way now that are fighting all over the world, inside from the Middle East. God bless them, bring them home safe. And God bless America.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rooney, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROONEY:

Point of personal privilege, please, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR ROONEY:

To speak as President Cullerton asked as a veteran this morning, I have to confess that I feel a little awkward on Memorial Day receiving recognition as a veteran from folks, because -- you know, they're very nice. They -- they want to make sure they thank us all for our service. They want to make special seating areas for us at the ceremonies. They even ask us to speak. But sometimes, in that effort, it feels like the purpose of today is getting muddled. Today is not for us. There is a day in November for that that will come in its due time. Today is the day where we remember the men and women who have gone before us, who gave their lives defending this nation. And so I do kind of feel that

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awkwardness for a second or so and then I let it go by simply asking myself, well, when it comes to a person who's died, well, who's it more natural for people to reach out to than the family members of the person who's died? When any wake happens, who do they save the seats in the front row for, but the family members of the person who's died. And, quite frankly, who is it more proper to eulogize than a family member? Those of us veterans rising today are rising not because of our status as veterans, but because the fact that we're veterans makes us the brothers of the people that we're memorializing this morning. We're their brothers. So I'd like to take just a second to explain "Oorah" to those of you who are not familiar. I've had the opportunity to let out my "Oorah" twice here on the Senate Floor already, for resolutions. And from what I heard after the first one, some people didn't know what to make of it. But "Oorah" is the service call of the United States Marine Corps. It's -- it's that noise we make that's just like "Hooah" in the Army or "Hooyah" for the Navy Seals and it's expanded more generally to the Navy. And I say that because I will never forget the day in boot camp when the instructor who taught us Marine Corps history was finishing up a lesson about Marine Corps history in World War II and he spoke of the Battle of Tarawa, which he told us was the bloodiest day in the history of the United States Marine Corps. And he said, "You will start today, right here, right now, a practice that you better observe until the day when maybe somebody will do it for you; that whenever you hear of a fallen Marine or fallen Marines, you let out an "Oorah" that those street guards can hear." An "Oorah" that those street guards can hear is actually an inside joke. Lots of people know the opening words to the Marine Corps Hymn, "From

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the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli", but not so many know the last words of that hymn. "If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes, they'll find the streets are guarded by United States Marines." Right there in our song is some of that teasing that Senator Muñoz just mentioned. What some people call an interservice rivalry. Rivalry and teasing, two classic hallmarks of the behavior of brothers. So, to all my brothers and sisters, who, as the most famous Member of the Illinois General Assembly said, "Gave the last full measure of devotion."

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Tom Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, and I'd like to thank Senate President Cullerton for bringing this forward today. This has been an observance every year since I've served in the General Assembly and I'm honored to be able to speak. Echo Company, 1st in the 12th Infantry. It was one of the times of my life that, as a young man, you actually sign on the dotted line, you raise your arm -- raise your hand, you swear, and you may perish. And today is dedicated to those men and women that have done that. And I thank them for their service. I thank them for their sacrifice for this country. And I thank them for everything that they gave - for what they gave, their families gave - the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country safe and to keep our country free. So thank you very much for allowing me to speak today.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConchie, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. As a -- a veteran, I want to join with my other veterans here in talking about what a privilege it is to honor the -- valor and sacrifice of others on this Memorial Day. One of the things that I think it's important to do on Memorial Day is to actually memorialize by name one of those who has fallen, one of those people who stood up when we asked them to and fell in combat. And today I want to go back thirteen years and memorialize Paul Syverson III, from my district in Lake Zurich. Major Syverson was a graduate from the esteemed Virginia Military Institute and became a highly decorated Major in the Army's 5th Special Forces Group. He served in both Iraq and Afghanistan, receiving three bronze stars for valor in combat. In one of these situations, CIA agent Johnny "Mike" Spann was killed in an Afghanistan prison uprising. And when it came time for those in command to decide who to send in to the melee in order to try to retrieve Mr. Spann's body, it was Major Syverson who gladly went in and, in this case, successfully retrieved the body and was able at the same time to help curtail the intense fighting that was going on inside the prison. On June 16th in 2004 - it was -- he was nearing the end of his third term -- third tour of duty in Iraq and was just days away from coming home to his beloved wife, Jackie, his seven-year-old son, Paul IV, and his two-month-old

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daughter, Amy Elizabeth - Major Syverson and another soldier were out on a routine mission, this time picking up equipment for fellow soldiers in their unit, when insurgents launched a mortar attack at them, killing both him and a fellow soldier. Major Syverson died doing exactly what it is that he wanted to do. His mother, Joy, memorialized her son's service by saying quote, "His whole life, from the time he was a child, he was interested in our country. He followed his heart. That's where he always wanted to be - serving his country." As we today remember the lost, I ask that we take special note of the selfless service of Major Paul Syverson III and the loss that both he and his family has endured for our country. I pray that we always love America as much as he did. And as we spend a moment quietly thanking God for his service, I'd ask us to remember that we owe Paul something in return. He deserves from us that same selflessness in service to the people that we are serving as he did -- demonstrated when he left his family and gave the ultimate sacrifice for us. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I rise for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. In my few years here in the Senate, I've had the privilege of standing before many of you and speaking on this memorial day. I'll say one thing that's different this year than years of past is the notable absence of our friend,

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Senator Haine. And, you know, Senator Haine always gives such a wonderful tribute, a bit of a historical lesson, and we miss him today, on both sides of the aisle, and we wish him well and look forward to his speedy return to this Chamber. The Senate President mentioned that this is an annual custom and it's one that we -- we appreciate his leadership in allowing us this opportunity. Last year I was told by a friend that we, in fact, are the only Assembly that convenes on this day in the country. I haven't fact-checked it, I don't know if it's true, but regardless, I think it's special for us to spend today taking a moment out of our day to memorialize the many men and women who have served and sacrificed -- our country. We leave behind - and we -- we talk about it - we leave behind our friends and family to come here every year on Memorial Day, and what we leave behind is parades and barbecues and the celebrations that often accompany this Memorial Day. To touch on a bit of what my friend, Senator Rooney, touched on, in some of that is lost the message of what Memorial Day is about. It's important. And I think part of what makes today special for us in the Illinois Senate is that the purpose of Memorial Day is not lost on us and I think we -- we see that today in our -- in our words and in the reflections made by all of us. We know that it's because of the service, the courage, and the sacrifice of so many of our American men and women who paid that ultimate price and really given us the freedoms that we have today - the freedoms to deliberate in this Body, the freedoms to be Americans. And I'm always lost each Memorial Day when I consider the youth of so many of our men and women who are lost. I rose in this Body just a few weeks ago to talk about a young man, Sergeant Josh Rodgers, from my district, who was killed in action here very recently, just a

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few weeks ago. Like so many others, Sergeant Rodgers was in his young twenties. Myself, I was seventeen when I rose -- raised my hand. My parents had to accompany me to provide permission for me to enlist. At my age today, that experience seems like a lifetime ago, yet every year men and women who are seventeen and eighteen years old continue to raise their hand and, in doing so, are putting themselves forward in service to country and saying to people all around the world that they are willing to provide the ultimate sacrifice in the defense and love of our country. It's beautiful what they do and it's amazing the world and the life that we get to live in because of their many sacrifices. And so, today, I simply join my colleagues here in paying tribute to all those men and women who have served us and sacrificed for us. We thank them, our fallen brothers and sisters, and our thoughts continue to be with the many families and friends that they've left behind. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

First, I want to thank the Senate President for allowing us to honor those on Memorial Day. I, too, am saddened to see that Senator Haine isn't here. I can remember the first year that I was here and I asked him, "Well, where did you serve?" He said, "Vietnam." And I said, well -- he said, "We should thank God that those guys lived. And I served with them." So I went back and

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did a little historical research, as Senator Haine would do, and it comes to find out that General Patton said, "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men and women {sic} who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men and women {sic} lived." And this morning in -- on my way to Springfield, I received a call from a fellow soldier who I served with in combat. He said, "Can you believe that ten years ago today, you and I were both in Iraq?" Unlike Senator Barickman, it seems -- it doesn't seem like it was ten years ago. It seems like it was a blink of an eye ago. I can still remember traveling down the "Highway of Death". I can still remember standing in the middle of nowhere on the receiving end of mortars and Katyusha rockets. I can still remember the smell. I can still -- I can definitely still remember the heat and the people, and I can vividly remember it like it was yesterday. Reflecting on my experience, I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with members of our nation's Armed Forces. I've had the privilege to experience the best of what our communities in our great nation have to offer - that is the young men and women who are willing to put it all on the line to protect our democracy. Lieutenant Ashley Henderson, a military police officer who was training the Iraqi police - I can remember her every time our team visited Northern Iraq, which is now controlled by ISIS. I had the chance to sit with her after our patrols. She was a woman operating masterfully in a country where men dominate the culture. Her counterparts respected her for her knowledge, her bravery, and her leadership. Colonel Felts, Colonel Tom Felts, was a warrior professor who volunteered for service in Iraq so he could become a better teacher. He volunteered to leave his wife and his children. Serving as a senior advisor to an Iraqi Army brigade,

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his soldiers absolutely loved him and his counterparts in the Iraqi Army revered him. He led from the front, he was a coach, he was a mentor, and most importantly, he was my friend. Private Aaron Toppen, who lives down the block from me, is an incredibly patriotic young man, who dreamed of following in the footsteps of both his grandfathers by enlisting in the military to serve our country. He volunteered for a joint mission with the U.S. and the Afghanistan Army units and he was convicted to his motto of, "I stand between the innocent and the harm, not because I should, but because I can." And when I walk in parades in our community and I run in the local 5K races, I see his mom, Pam, and I see his grandmother, Meemaw - who I know are listening - throughout Mokena, I know that there's no doubt that Aaron's life has had a positive impact on those in our community and others throughout our -- our State. So, today, instead of mourning those who I have had the honor of serving with, on a day that's normally a somber one for me, I'll thank God that thank -- I'll thank God that such men and women lived on this great Earth. I'll thank God for the impact that they have had on our community. And I will celebrate their lives by taking the lessons they have taught me as a person to make our State and our country a better place to live. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will we please stand for a moment of silence for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to make us safe in this country? (Moment of silence observed) We will turn to Resolutions on page 48 of the printed Calendar. Senate Resolution 225. Senator Silverstein. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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Senate Resolution 225, offered by Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Silverstein, on your resolution.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I should have presented this sooner in the Session and I apologize for this tardiness. Senate Resolution 2-2-5 is condemning the anti-Semitic events that were -- transpired this winter and fall in Chicago at Loop Synagogue and at cemeteries in St. Louis and in Philadelphia. We say -- we say never -- never again, and we mean never again, but unfortunately these acts taunt us that there is still hate in -- hate and anti-Semitism up there -- out there and these -- resolution condemns it. I would ask for a favorable Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 225 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Resolution 337. Senator Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 337, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne, on your resolution.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Almost a hundred years ago, one of the worst race riots took place in the City of East St. Louis. And the City of East St. Louis is celebrating, unfortunately, this tragic incident. In 1917, East St. Louis industry was booming. To fill the gap in the labor

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market, factories recruited -- recruiters began looking to the South for black workers, what became known as the Great Migration, culmination {sic} in competition for jobs. Soon labor issues became racial issues, which quickly boiled over into the rising tension. That spring, largely a white workforce at Aluminum Ore in East St. Louis went on strike. Management hired strikebreakers, both black and white. Embittered union leaders remembered black faces, and they demanded that City Hall "get rid" of these newcomers. Tension was already raw with {sic} white men in Ford -- in a Ford shot into black homes on the night of July 1st. Armed black men gathered at Bond Avenue and 10th Street in East St. Louis, fired upon an oncoming Ford, killing two people who turned out to be police officers arriving to investigate. The next morning, whites poured from a tense meeting in the Labor Temple and began beating and killing blacks. Rampaging white men used guns, rocks, pipes, and nooses. White women egged them on, sometimes taking part. Rioters set fire in black neighborhoods, occupied homes, torched the Broadway Opera House on the false tale that blacks were hiding there. Many fled to St. Louis across two bridges while the East St. Louis police stood by and joined the carnage. The Illinois National Guard soldiers who were -- were hustled to town did little to protect the people that day. On July 3rd, the Post-Dispatch ran a harrowing account by Carlos F. Hurd, the reporter who scooped the world with interviews of the Titanic survivors five years -- five years before. Hurd wrote that he witnessed the "massacre of helpless negroes" on the streets, "where a black skin was a death warrant". More than three hundred homes and businesses were burned. A local investigation was inept, so it's hard to know the full scoop of -- the full

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scope, I'm sorry, of the carnage. The official death count was thirty-nine blacks and nine whites, but the toll probably was more -- was probably closer to a hundred. Factories begged black workers to return, but many didn't. When schools reopened, black enrollment was down by more than half. A lengthy congressional investigation was conducted, reporting one year later, described the riot as "savagery". Today I bring forth Resolution 3-3-7 to remember and reflect on these events. While we have made progress in race relations since the East St. Louis riots almost a hundred years ago, our society remains contentious on race-related issues. To move forward, we must remember the past actions and ensure that the past does not repeat itself. The events that transpired in 1917 were terrible to say the least. The political and cultural ramifications for these riots on the community are vast and still linger today. With this resolution, I hope we draw attention to those events so the city, the State, and the country can reflect on the atrocities of this riot and continue to heal. I would ask for your vote in support of the celebration and remembrance of all those individuals who suffered during 1917. And to just tell a quick personal story, when I was about fifteen years old, I met my -- my mother's, I guess it would have been her second cousin, so it would've been her parents' first cousins, who had fled from these riots, and we didn't connect until about, I guess -- years later; that we had family members that lived about thirty miles away across the river that we had never met and we do interact today. So this riot separated a lot of families and caused a lot of hurt and pain. I would ask for your support of this resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall

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Senate Resolution 337 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. With leave of the Body, we'll go to page 16 of the printed Calendar, Senate -- Senate Bill 552. Senator Trotter seeks leave of the Body to return -- Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House {sic} Bill 552.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Trotter, on your bill.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 552 provides that a individual in custody on a first-time non-violent misdemeanor offense who is unable to post bond due to ability to pay must be brought back to the court on the next available court date or within seven days from the date bail was set from {sic} (for) a rehearing on the amount of {sic} (or) the conditions of bail or release pending further court proceedings. This has been a -- a worked-through bill. We've worked with the Illinois Appellate Prosecutor's Office to come up with this language to find something that we can work with throughout the State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 552 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate

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Bill -- excuse me, Senate Bill 552, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harmon, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we're returning to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading at the bottom of page 34 of your printed Calendar. House Bill 706. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 706.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Connelly.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 706 amends the Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act. It authorizes nurses to dispose of any unused medications at the scene of a death. It's an initiative of the DuPage County Coroner. I know of no opponents and urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 706 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 706, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 732. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 732.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 732 - House Bill, I'm sorry, House Bill - prohibits a person from performing roof work -- roofing work on his or her employer's commercial or industrial property, where there exists an employer-employee relationship, without a roofing contract {sic} (contractor) license. It also provides that a roofing contract {sic} license is not required if a person performs roof repair to his or her employer's commercial or industrial property or performs roofing to his or her employer residential property. It define -- it also defines what "roof repairs" are. I'll be happy..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 730... I'm sorry, Senator Weaver. For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WEAVER:

Just to make some comments towards the bill and ask a few questions of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates she'll yield. Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you. And I know the sponsor's worked to try to resolve these differences and I believe there just -- there's still some

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differences that exist. I'd just like to ask a few questions about that, and make a few comments. I know I won't be able to support this bill just because of where we are with employers in our State and the difficulty we have with keeping people in our State, and this is just one more example of how businesses are given less opportunities to do the best they can to do things as efficiently as they can. But just a few questions. OSHA does control what happens with business owners and landlords with regard to employees on their roof. Is that correct? To the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you. OSHA penalty eighty percent increase. On August 1st, OSHA fines went up eighty percent because they -- they have not been able to adjust to reflect the cost of inflation for the past twenty-five years. So, you know, I mean, it's something that is going on, but, you know, I -- we tried to -- I talked -- talked to the Department about working this out, but somewhere, somehow, they just don't seem to be able to come to terms with what this bill is doing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you. And I understand and -- but the reality is that OSHA does require the same requirements of an employer that owns a business that it would for a licensed roofer, so adding these restrictions in regard to torching, in particular, will not really add any more protection. I do want to talk about just torching for just a moment. Is it true that torch -- that not all licensed

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roofers are required to be certified torchers?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

The contractor has to be licensed, but not the individual persons.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Yes, that's correct. And is it also correct that an employer could require his employee to be a certified roofer with regard to torching?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

I -- you know what, I don't think they have to be required. I think we're just trying to address, you know, an issue. One of the things I want to just make sure is real clear: All the fire districts are in support of this bill. I mean, they really believe that this is the right thing for us to be doing. So I -- I don't know what more to say to you, Senator Weaver.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Yes, there -- really, there's two issues that -- that we're

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concerned with here. One's falls, and we believe OSHA's going to deal with that for the employer or the landowner, just as it would for the licensed roofer. Also, with regard to certification, the reality is that a employer or business owner or landlord could require his own employee to be certified, and yet he's going to be required by this bill to use a licensed roofer, who may, in fact, not be certified. So, the reality is, we're not getting additional protection. In fact, we may be getting less protection. The most important part of this is that we continue to regulate -- over-regulate our businesses in the State. We continue to have businesses leave the State. And I'm going to request a No vote just for that reason. And thank you for your sponsorship of this, ma'am.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Martinez, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Let me just say that, you know, one of the things that I -- my understanding was that all these different fire districts are in support of this bill. They believe it's the right thing. I know there's probably some work, maybe a trailer bill, to address the issue that somehow they were just not able to -- to bring to the table. So I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

And the question is, shall House Bill 732 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 39 voting Aye, 17 voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 732, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed.

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House Bill 733. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 17 -- 733.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Castro.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 733 prohibits new or used motor vehicle dealers from allowing a driver to leave the premises in a vehicle being offered for sale or lease with signs, decals, paperwork, or other material on either the front driver's side -- the front window or the sides windows or -- immediately adjacent to each side of the driver that would obstruct the driver's view. There is no opposition to the bill. I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 733 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 733, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 736. Senator Hunter. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 736.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Hunter, are you ready to proceed?

SENATOR HUNTER:

...am, Mr. President. Thank you very much. House Bill 736 establishes a small business grant that will proceed -- that will provide moneys to low-income individuals on public aid who are interested in becoming entrepreneurs. The bill makes the program subject to appropriation. And it basically requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to administer it. I know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 736 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. House Bill 736, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 737. Senator Righter. House Bill 739. House Bill 740. House Bill 741. House Bill 742. House Bill 743. Senator Althoff. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 743.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. House Bill 743 amends

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the Fire Protection District Act to provide clarity to the Section regarding levying a special tax for the purposes of obtaining funds to pay for the costs of emergency and rescue crews and equipment. I'd appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 743 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, none voting No, 1 voting Present. And House Bill 743, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 759. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Mulroe, with -- with leave, we'll return to that bill later on in the order. Let's turn to the top of page 36 of your printed Calendar. Senator McConnaughay, on House Bill 764. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 764.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator McConnaughay.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill amends the Illinois Municipal Code and what it does is it provides that any highway that is disconnected or de-annexed, that the jurisdiction of that highway shall revert back to the unit of local government or the Department of Transportation that had the jurisdiction immediately

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before the annexation, and is effective immediately. I know of no opposition and would appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 764 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. House Bill 764, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 768. Senator Holmes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 768.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. House Bill 768 removes provisions allowing the State Charter School Commission to reverse a school board's decision to deny, revoke, or not renew a charter. It -- basically, it removes the ability of a charter applicant to appeal to -- to appeal a local school board's decision to deny or not renew a charter. The language does still allow the Charter School Commission to be the chartering entity in the following situations: when a charter proposes to be jointly authorized by two or more districts and the districts yield to the Commission in light of complexities of joint administration; when a charter's approved via referendum; and when a local school board fails to

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make the decision on a charter proposal. This generated quite a bit of a discussion and I know some misinformation was passed around. I am not seeking - and this legislation does not seek - to eliminate the Illinois State Charter School Commission. This very simply puts it back to local control. Let's leave this in the hands of those who we elect to represent our communities and not have a State commission making the decisions of what is best in our individual communities. I'm happy to take questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for a few questions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The sponsor indicates that she will yield. Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Senator, what -- what -- why are we doing this? Why, in your opinion, is this a good idea?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you. Again, it's a good idea for the reason I stated, is I'm a huge advocate and have always been on the side of local control and in being in -- consistent with that, this is a local control issue. I want the people that I elect to my local school board to have the final word on what's best for the students in my community. And these are tax dollars that are being used, so I want to make sure that that decision is being made, not by some

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entity that sits outside of my neighborhood, but my local neighborhood. We had an issue with this in Aurora, oh, gosh, a while -- a ways back and, I mean, the panic it caused in my community - the thought that a charter school could come in even though all of our local people were so opposed to it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Senator, the Commission was formed in -- in 2011, but even before the Commission's creation, charter school decisions of a local board were -- were still subject to review at the State level. In fact, my understanding is that -- in that, when the 1996 law went into effect, is that the State Board at that point had the ability to review local decisions regarding charter schools. Right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

That I'm -- I'm not sure. I do know that there still is a judicial review, but that's only if the school board violates the law.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR HOLMES:

So...

SENATOR NYBO:

So even under your bill, there -- there's still an ability for local decisions to be overruled, but this time, instead of it being the Commission, it would be by a -- by a court of law.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Senator, if local control was -- was so important, why -- why would you still allow local decisions to be overruled? Why wouldn't you just remove that ability entirely with respect to these decisions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

I'm -- I'm sorry, I was -- I was speaking and I missed.. What is your question? If you could re-ask that, I'd appreciate it, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

I understand. The -- the question was, if local control is so important, why -- why are we still retaining an ability for local decisions to be overruled in your bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Again, in this case -- I mean, if -- if I could change that, I would, but the courts have always had the ability to have the final say-so. I mean, I -- I can't think of too many cases where

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if something actually goes before the courts, they're not the final word.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Let -- let me ask this question: Is there something -- now -- now this system has been set up since 2011, so in the last six years that the Commission has had the ability to review these decisions, has there been some -- some problem identified or some abuse that we've seen? Can -- I mean, is there -- is there some reason why we feel that the Commission is not adequately performing the review function?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Again, I'm going to stop too much of a problem from happening, 'cause I want it back to local control. It all comes back to local control.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Yeah, on the subject of -- of too much of a problem occurring, it's my understanding that in the -- in the forty-eight instances where the Commission has reviewed these decisions, they've -- they've overturned a local board only like six times. Is that -- that -- are you aware of these numbers?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

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Yes, that's correct, and I would state that that is six times too many, because I think the local board should have the final say-so.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

And that's a good point. I respect that point. Of those six times, though - and I guess here's where I'm going with this - of those six times, it's my understanding that three of those instances were for what you refer to as violations of law that would also have been overruled by a court that -- that is still a reviewing body that's authorized to override a decision. So, even under your bill, it sounds like -- you know what, I'm going to -- I'm going to strike that question and I'll just speak to the bill at this point.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you. Opposing -- opposing counsel was about to object to the form of your question, anyway, Senator. So, please, to the bill.

SENATOR NYBO:

Well, here's the point, is -- is this issue of local control, I -- I think is a red herring. Local control is not the driving factor in this bill. Charter school decisions have always -- there -- there's always been an ability for the State Board or the Commission to have the ability to review these decisions. Even under this bill, there is still a means for local school board decisions on charter schools to be reviewed. So this whole issue of local control, again, that's not the real issue that's driving this decision. This comes down to whether you think there should

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be more or less obstacles to have charter schools in our State. And as far as I'm concerned, this is just one more hurdle that we're trying to throw up to make it harder to either initiate charter schools or keep them running. This is just one more way that if you're against charter schools and if you don't think they have any value, well, this is one more way to -- to stick it to them and -- and make it harder for them to -- to get up and -- and -- and be run, and if somebody makes a decision that they should close, to make it harder for them to have that decision reviewed in, what my opinion is, a very meritorious review process. Based on the numbers and the statistics and all the information that I have, I think the Commission has done a stellar job with the responsibility that we've delegated to them. They have overruled local school boards like one-tenth of the time. Most of the time they stick with the local school board decision, which suggests to me that they're -- doing the job well; they're serving a good function. And, you know, I think a lot of people's minds may be already made up on this bill, but to the extent that you have an open mind on this one, I'd ask you to consider a No vote, because I think that charter schools serve an important function in our State and I think that this Commission serves an important function in our State and I think they should retain this ability.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

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SENATOR McCARTER:

You know, I think we all want to be for local control. We all -- we -- we talk about it a lot. I think it, you know, it -- it -- it hints that we're for the people, we're for the little guy, we're -- we're not for giving the power to Springfield, we're not for giving the power to Washington, D.C., we're -- we want the locals, we want those people that we live with to make the decisions because they're smart enough. Yet, in this situation, this is -- this is the local that we're talking about here. The locals are the school boards, who have found themselves competing with charter schools, who came about because these locals weren't providing a good enough product. They weren't doing the job. So charters step up. They fill in the gap. We give 'em ninety-five percent what everybody else gets. And so, you know, it's -- it -- I'm not sure we're -- we're using the term correctly, especially when, just awhile back, the sponsor voted for a bill to determine the salaries for the intermediate service centers. That's not local control. And so, this does come down to whether you want to support charter schools or not. I was -- I was on the -- the group that put together this way for an appeal. There needs to be a way for the appeal because of local control, because of those controlling the majority of the dollars in education that are competing with these same schools. And the worse you make 'em look, the better you look. So I think this is a -- this is not about local control. This is about the control of schools that perhaps just haven't done the job and created their own competition. And we should support that. We should support competition to failing schools in every way we can. I urge a No vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Van Pelt, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR VAN PELT:

I rise in opposition to this bill. And I know that's not the norm for my peers on this side of the aisle. But I realized that when I got into office, there was a big fight going on to keep one of the high schools open. When I looked at the numbers at the school, ninety-three percent of the kids could not read at grade level, but there was a big fight to keep it open. And I thought the school should stay open as well, but I thought they needed -- what they needed was support - they needed more finances, they needed more, just more support in the school and resources, so they could try to raise their grades. Now that school has become a medical district school and -- and that's -- that's what happened as a result of the fight. They lost the fight and became a medical district school. The other two schools that are left, one of 'em has a hundred percent chronic truancy rate - that's Manley; and the other school - these are all right around my house, right around where my kids would go - Marshall has a eighty-percent chronic truancy rate. Kids don't want to go there because they are afraid. They're afraid that if they went to those schools, something would happen to them. They did not having an opportunity to learn. 1.4 percent of the kids at Manley High School in eleventh grade can read at grade level. You tell me that we're going to tell parents that this is all you got. You -- you know, that's why I'm standing up, because I think people -- I mean, I would not send my dog to that school. You know why? Because he probably would get shot. And if he went there, he wasn't going to learn

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anything. It's important for us to realize that local control does not mean justice. It doesn't mean equity. It doesn't mean fairness all of the time. And I understand where -- where this is coming from and it's a -- it's a fight between the charters and locals and the regular, traditional public schools. But I'm saying today that there are fifteen thousand families waiting on the list to get into a charter school. I saw families in my district sit -- stand outside in the cold for two or three blocks trying to get in Bulls Charter School. The charter schools are not all equal. Some of 'em are very good and some are very poor. And I think the poor ones should be eliminated. We should have a -- that's what we should be fighting for, to eliminate the -- the poor quality charter schools. But to tell parents that you're not going to have any other place to go but there and don't worry about it, because we're going to make these schools better. And they've been like that for decades. I -- if we eliminate the -- the -- the Charter School Commission, we eliminate the way of appeal. There is no other appeal for a charter school. Now you may say, "Oh, they get judicial review", and that costs about fifty thousand dollars to get judicial review, and still if this -- everybody in this -- in the neighborhood is failing, like in that -- my district, where all around -- all around my house, those three high schools, seven percent of the kids could read when I came down here - that was the average - we're telling those parents that if they say we want a charter school, we're saying no and -- and there is no other avenue for you to take, so take your kids down the street. To me, that's just wrong - that's just wrong. Now, I know that the majority of kids that are in charter school are black and Latino. Ninety percent are black or Latino. We get

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the worst-performing schools with the worst-performing teachers with the worst outcomes and the neighborhood's already just suffering all other kinds of injustice. We got to give parents a opportunity to be able to let their kids go somewhere else. We just got to. How are we going to just -- how can we deny that? How can we tell them this is it? You know, I stand in opposition to this bill and I know the majority of my peers on this side are -- are in support of it, and it's uncomfortable to do this, but I live this. I live in it every day. I go home to that house every day and I see those kids and it's -- it's saddening. It hurts my heart to see what's happening to them. So I encourage people today to think twice. If you were going to vote Yes, you know, I want to encourage you to think twice. If there's no other appeal process once we eliminate this, what are we saying to the fifteen thousand parents that are out there waiting to try to find somewhere that their kids can go? I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Bertino-Tarrant, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

I am rising in support of this bill. Fourteen years ago, I chose to buy a house because of the school district. There, my kids had been attending public schools that entire time. This is not about eliminating charter schools. This is about eliminating a commission that has oversight, an appointed commission that even

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here at the Senate we do not approve, an appointed commission that can overturn an elected body. I moved to the community so my kids could go to the school, where, fortunately, they do have a very good education. I'm very proud. I vote for that school board. And so when a school board makes a decision, we listen to the rules; we follow those. And if parents or the community has a problem with that, they engage. And if people do not like the -- if they come and they do not want a charter school, the school board listens. If they want it and the school board says no, the parents can still take action via referendum. And, trust me, when parents want something in this school district, they will gather and they will have something accomplished. We see that when we do referendums all the time. So, again, this is not about eliminating charter schools. It's about a commission that was started in 2011. Things were working fine before that as well. These are people that are appointed. The exec -- and right now, yes, there's only been six that have been overturned, but depending on the -- the director, depending on the board members, things can change. We talk about local control. It absolutely is about local control. It's also about eliminating a piece of government that maybe we do not need. So, again, I hope you will see the merits of this. It is not about eliminating charter schools. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Castro, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CASTRO:

Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The sponsor indicates she'll yield.

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SENATOR CASTRO:

Senator Holmes, there have been a lot of questions. Just for clarification, does your bill eliminate the Charter School Commission?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

It absolutely does not eliminate the Commission.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Castro.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Thank you. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR CASTRO:

I rise in support of this bill as well. As you may know, I have a very large school district, School District U46, who is in the midst of -- who just approved a charter school. Thought -- based on some criteria, the reason was, when I talked to Superintendent Sanders, he said, the last time it went before the appeal process, they got a lot of pressure from the Commission to allow it to happen, even though they denied it. Their fear was that if they didn't take local control of this potential charter, the Commission would go ahead and overrule them anyway and put it in place. That is not how this process should work. If a elected school board, who understands the finances of how to operate the second-largest school district in this State, looks at all the components of this proposal and feels it will not work, on top of it will compete and take resources away from the school district,

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if they choose to deny it, that should be the end of it. So, again, I rise in support of this bill and I urge all of my colleagues to vote Yes. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Sandoval, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr.... Purpose of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Illinois Senate, I -- I rarely stand up and speak against one of my colleague's initiatives, but I almost have to because I have to speak on behalf of tens of thousands of families that live on the southwest side of Chicago and some on the north side of Chicago in the black and Latino community. In 1997, I -- when I was not an elected official, I led an effort to relieve overcrowding on the southwest side of Chicago. I led an effort to move community and our churches in our blocks on the southwest side of Chicago to relieve the overcrowding, because children in my community didn't have a school to attend to. In fact, the children in my mom and dad's hometown of Mexico, in the farm -- in the farm country of Mexico, had a better way of life, because they had a school in their -- in their town to attend to. Not the same case on the southwest side of Chicago, the United States of America, Chicago. Children in my community were being bused out of -- out of our neighborhoods. Being bused all over the City of Chicago. It was a typical sight to have a -- a mom stand on the corner at 6 in the morning, just

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outside my house, with five -- with five of her children, and to wait for a school bus to come and pick up one of the children and take 'em to a different part of the City and then go back on the corner at about 4:30 in the afternoon and wait for five different buses from five different parts of the City to drop their children off. That was -- that was how it used to be back in 1997 on the southwest side of Chicago. We're talking about the 13th Ward. We're talking about the 14th Ward. We're talking about the 23rd Ward. Today, that -- that -- that beautiful -- we -- we -- and what happened, it turned into an abandoned railroad yard, and today it's a beautiful neighborhood school, the CPS school better known as Sandoval Elementary, named after my late sister, who was a school teacher in the Chicago Public Schools. Organized labor - she was with the union. School is a neighborhood school, CPS school. And if there's any doubt that -- that me or my colleagues on this side of the aisle, any of us on the southwest side or on the northwest side of Chicago are card-carrying union members. But, nonetheless, if we allowed local control, which had been the case -- has been the case in Chicago, there -- there had been no justice, because they're still -- there'd be -- no decisions have been made to build schools in our neighborhoods, in the fastest-growing segment of the -- of the State, in the heart of the Latino community. We can say about local control, but we don't have local control in Chicago. We don't have an elected school board in the City of Chicago. There is no local control. You may have that out in the burbs, but it doesn't exist in Chicago. In the -- one of the largest, if not the second-largest school district in the country, in the country, there is no local control. And if it were not for the charter schools that have been erected on the

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north side of Chicago and the southwest side of Chicago, the quality of life for thousands upon thousands upon thousands of families would be radically different today. It -- their lifestyle would be radically different from those who live in the suburbs, who have a great -- who have great school districts, have great gymnasiums, have great programs. My children would not have the same quality of life. They'd still be standing on the corner at 4 in the morning, 5 in the morning. Can you imagine a young kid that comes -- they just came from Mexico, doesn't speak the language, never been really in this country, didn't know what -- what -- what -- what African Americans looked like, and then to be sent to a whole different part of the -- the City of Chicago, where he sat in a class with kids that didn't look like him, didn't speak like him? You think that would lead to a -- to that kid eventually being frustrated and dropping out? Well, that's what's -- that's what -- that was happening. And so, thus, with support of the leadership of Senator Miguel del Valle and a number of others, there was a huge effort to try to bring some social justice to communities on the -- in the black and the Latino communities and to bring -- to bring choice to some of these communities, because there hasn't, up until now, an elected school board. There is no local governance. So I understand what the Senator from Aurora is trying to do, but I think, as a -- a Senator from the other side of the aisle, there's no need for this -- there's no need for this bill today. I'd ask all red lights on this side of the aisle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Our final speaker seeking recognition is Senator Lightford.
Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

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Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

I'll be brief. I just wanted to make a couple points, because I think we lost sight of the intent of the legislation. When I arrived here in 1989, I was opposed to charter schools. And through my process of being here, my journey, I've come to support and appreciate charter schools that do perform well. This is not about school choice. This is not about whether or not you are for or against charter schools. This is a commission that was set up after -- in 2009, we had negotiations on increasing our charter school cap. We increased the cap to a hundred and twenty charter schools statewide. The City of Chicago has about seventy-five. The rest of the State is authorized to have forty-five charters. There's still openings in the rest of the State. Chicago is at their max. When we were negotiating the charter school bill there wasn't enough space, room, time to negotiate the commission, so the commission was delayed till the next year. Senator Steans came and sponsored a bill the next year because the City of Chicago wanted this commission. It wasn't the suburban communities. It wasn't downstate. It was the City of Chicago. They wanted to make sure that they could get their charter schools approved by this commission if they were turned down by their board. So -- so here's the real point, this Commission overstepped their boundaries. They've done far more than what the statute asked them to do. They have a chairman who's on the National Charter School Commission, who's supposed to not have an opinion in favor or against charters, but yet our Charter School Commission is led

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by a national spokesperson for charter schools. That's a conflict. The second conflict is that any time the Commission authorizes a -- a -- or over-approves {sic} a -- a charter school, they become the charter authorizer and they charge that charter school three percent. So they're taking income in now from that particular charter for them to function. This was a function that should have never left the State Board of Ed. It should have always been under the Department and not an independent commission. So I just wanted to clarify that a vote for this bill doesn't mean that you're against charters, because charters are needed in some areas, but let's not be confused in thinking that all charters do a great job, because that isn't what the data says. But let's not say all charters are bad either, because there are some very good charter schools. This is about the Commission that was established that has overstepped their boundaries. They're being led by a person who's not supposed to have an opinion either way. And they're taking in income off of the charters if they -- so it's in their best interest to override -- authorize, I mean, charters and become authorizer, because they make money off of them. So there's definitely a conflict of interest here. I think, if nothing less, the responsibility should've just gone back to the State Board of Ed, but this is the measure that we have in front of us and I rise as a supporter of it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Weaver, in the corner. I didn't see your light there or it came on quite late.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Yeah. Thank you. That light was on and then it was off, then it was on again, because I've been debating whether to speak,

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because there's one reason why I have to talk and two reasons why I shouldn't. First, so many of you understand the history of this a lot better than I do, so I'm going to speak about something I don't totally understand. And second, Senator Sandoval and Senator Van Pelt, you understand this situation so much better than I do that I should never try to add to what you said, because I think your points were so well stated. But the one reason I have to speak is my daughter, Annie, twenty-six years old, carrying my second grandbaby and got that first one on the ground, a wonderful young lady, went as a Teach for America teacher to Englewood. And it was a two-year commitment and she walked in the door of that charter school and they introduced her to her fourteen, I'm sorry, fifteen advisees, and she walked out of that first meeting and they got her in the hallway and they said, "We want you to make these children graduate and go to college. Will you commit to four years?" And in that hallway, after being afraid to be there for two, she committed to four. Here's the reason I tell you that story: She graduated those fifteen girls. Fourteen of them finished their first year of college last year. One of them did not. That young lady lived at her home this past year and now has finished her first year of college. I don't think you'd find those results everywhere. These schools are critical. Anything we do that puts a hurdle in front of 'em and allows it to happen, I believe is a mistake. I would encourage a No vote. And thank you for the time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes, to close.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank -- thank you so much. And it's interesting how far we

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have sort have gotten from the whole point of this piece of legislation, which, quite simply stated, is to make sure that the decision is local control, not to have the Commission be able to have the final word. It is that simple. We also keep straying and we have lovely stories. Yes, that's a lovely story about a success with a charter school. I can give you just as many stories that are nightmares of how poorly some of the charter schools have performed, but that's not we're talking about here. We're not talking about the performance of these schools. Let's go back to the whole reason charter schools were created. Again, charter schools were not created to have competition to our schools. Charter schools were created by the President of the AFT to create sort of a school laboratory, a different way of learning. That hasn't really happened and that was their purpose. Their purpose wasn't to put them in a neighborhood and say, hey, we want to give competition to the local public schools. So let's make sure we're actually looking at the real reason that we are trying to pass this piece of legislation. The real reason is I would like to think that the people that elect a school board or elect any official to do a job and be the voice for that community, to be the voice that represents that community, has the ability to make the final decision. I would find it very, very difficult to sit here and argue this if I did not believe that people have the right to trust their elected officials to make the right decision. Guess what, folks? We're a voice. We're that voice. We're the voice that is elected by our communities to make decisions. Do we really want to have some sort of commission over us to second guess what our decision is, the reason we're down here? I don't think so. This is a matter of local control and it's an important matter of

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local control, because if your community is ever faced with someone coming in, saying, we're going to put a charter school, regardless of what you, the people of that community, think; we're going to have the ability - some board that is appointed that has an interest in charter schools has the final say-so - that is just wrong. This needs to be a matter of local control. I urge anybody who's a supporter of local control to vote Yes on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

And the question is, shall House Bill 768 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 33 voting Aye, 17 voting No, 2 voting Present. And House Bill 768, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you rise? House Bill 769. Senator Muñoz. House Bill 770. Senator Althoff. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill -- I'm sorry, House Bill 770.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. House Bill 770 authorize the Department of Natural Resources to transfer certain land to the Fox Waterway for one dollar. Let me be very clear how this works. It must be done for a period of one year. Within that one year of the conveyance, the Fox Waterway Agency shall sell the

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property for no less than the fair market value, use any sale proceeds to purchase an alternative dredge material disposal site, and transfer any remaining proceeds to the Department of Natural Resources for deposit into the General Revenue Fund. This transfer is necessary due to some zoning in Lake County and the need to find a site in an industrial area for the dredging of that large waterway. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 770 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting No, 1 voting Present. And House Bill 770, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 772. House Bill 776. Senator Althoff. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 776.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, again, Mr. President. House Bill 776 amends the Park District Code. It provides that if a proposition to reduce a park district board from seven to five members is approved by referendum, the number of board members elected at the next election that is to be held at least sixty days after the date of

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approval is reduced by two. The bill provides detailed schedules to be followed for staggering of the terms. It's an initiative of the Illinois Association of Park Districts. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank -- thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 776 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 1 voting No, none voting Present. House Bill 776, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 8-1-2. House Bill 815. Senator Sandoval. House Bill 817. Senator Nybo. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 817.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a bill that was brought to me from a State Representative, who I share a district with, Peter Breen, as a -- as a -- which generated from his personal experience going through the adoption process. This will amend the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 to define the term "placement for adoption" under the Act and for the purpose of "dependent" when that term is used in the context of health and life plans. Happy to answer any questions, but would appreciate your support.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 817 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 817, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Tracy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Mr. President. On House Bill 776, I would like to be recorded as a Yes instead of a No. Had some little voting difficulty over here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The record will reflect your intention to have voted Aye. With leave of the Body, we are going to turn back to Senate Bill -- or House Bill 815. Senator Sandoval indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, can we return to that order? House Bill 815, please. Please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 815.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 815 is a bill that we've passed several occasions here out of the Senate. It would allow a certain number of firefighters and police

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officers to -- in certain municipalities to be part of the Illinois pension program. It has been sent to the Governor's desk many a time. I'd ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Senator Anderson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

I -- I rise in support of my colleague's bill here. I've been a cosponsor on it every time and I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 815 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 1 voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 815, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Top of page 37 of your printed Calendar. House Bill 819. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 819.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

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SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you. House Bill 819 amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. It provides that certificates of registration are required now to be renewed on an annual basis, as opposed to every five years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 819 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 819, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 821. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 821.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you. I'm kind of waiting for my computer to pop here. I apologize. It's on a...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you. House Bill 821 amends the Illinois Income Tax Act and it provides electronic or magnetic media submissions of withholding tax returns and W-2 forms to the Department. It

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provides - excuse me - it provides the Department may establish by rule a due date for W-2 submissions. I know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. It appears that our electronic record has caught up with -- with our bill. We're -- the right bill is before us. It's House Bill 821. And the question is, shall House Bill 821 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 821, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 823. Senator Hunter. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill -- House Bill 823.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 823 requires the Division of Banking to review the federal Community Reinvestment Act performance evaluations conducted by the primary federal regulator of that institution. I know of no opposition to this bill and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 823 pass. All those in favor,

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vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 823, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 826. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 826.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This was brought to me by the Illinois Association of School Social Workers. This would allow a school district to employ a sufficient number of school social workers to address the needs of their students and schools and to maintain the nationally recommended student-to-school social worker ratio. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 826 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. House Bill 826, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 1125. House Bill 1273. House Bill 1332. Senator Morrison. Mr.

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Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1332.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill expands the coverage that must be provided by insurance policies for eating disorders. Currently, only anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa are covered under the definition of serious mental illness and this bill would expand that definition. I'm happy to answer any questions and I am aware of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 1332 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 1332, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 1677. Senator McConnaughay. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1677.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator McConnaughay.

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SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Thank you, Mr. President. 1677 amends the Vehicle Code. Requires the Secretary of State to include in its commercial driver's license curriculum and study guide the information on human trafficking problem in the State of Illinois. I know of no opposition. I would appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 1677 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 1677, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 1685. Senator Clayborne. House Bill... With leave of the Body, we're going to return momentarily to House Bill 1685. House Bill 1783. Senator Rose. House Bill 1784. Senator Steans. House Bill -- oop, I'm sorry, Senator Steans has indicated she wishes to proceed. That's House Bill 1784. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1784.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you and sorry for that delay. 17 -- this bill amends the Illinois Vehicle Code by permitting motorists to pass

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bicyclists in no-passing zones, allowing cyclists to drive on the shoulder of a roadway and pass other vehicles while on the shoulder and merging, and permits bicyclists to use steady or flashing red lights on the rear of their bicycles. This has been an initiative of bike folks and it's been worked out in large part with folks in Transportation. I don't know of any opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 1784 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 1784, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 1792. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1792.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative of the Illinois Credit Union League. What this does is it amends the Illinois Credit Union Act to ensure that Illinois chartered credit unions may operate in a manner no burdensome -- no more burdensome than federal credit unions doing business in Illinois. Appreciate an Aye vote.

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Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 1792 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 1792, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, with your leave, we're going to turn to page 41 of the printed Calendar, still on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, and there is House Bill 2630. We passed over this earlier. Senator Martinez has indicated she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2630.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 2630 extends the sunset of the Acupuncture Practice Act by ten years, from January 1st of 2028 -- I'm sorry, from 20 -- 20 -- now 2028. House Bill 2630 expands the definition of "acupuncture" to include specific techniques considered within the scope of the practice of acupuncturists. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2630 pass. All those in favor,

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vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. House Bill 2630, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're turning back to page 37 of your printed Calendar. House Bill 1685. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1685.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 1685 would allow the State's Attorney to use civil penalty and damage funds not awarded to a private party as a result of prosecution under the Insurance Claims Fraud Prevention Act for general crime prevention resources. Basically, this bill is designed to assist with funding of multiple initiatives, particularly in certain areas where the police evidence and training is not adequate and to supplement some of those resources to better protect the citizens by having trained -- better trained officers as well as an evidence storage facility. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 1685 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 1685, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're turning to page 48 on your printed Calendar. On the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions is Senate Resolution 489. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 489, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford, on your resolution.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 489 encourages all officers and employees of the State Board of Education, the Department of Human Services, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Illinois Department of Corrections to become informed regarding well-documented detrimental short-term and long-term impacts to children and adults from serious traumatic childhood experiences; and implement evidence-based interventions and practices that are proven to be successful in developing resiliency in children and adults currently suffering from trauma-related disorders to help them recover from their trauma and function at their full capacity and potential in school, the workplace, the community, with their families, and in interpersonal relationships. There's been a lot of recent significant advances in neuroscience and it's the understanding that emotional neglect and exposure to serious trauma affects the way children are perceived, how they interact

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as children, and how they become as adults. I'll be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 489 be adopted. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the resolution is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the Senate will stand at ease for a few moments to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. Will all members of the Committee on Assignments please assemble in the President's Anteroom immediately? The Senate will stand at ease for a few moments to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. Senator Link in the Chair. (at ease)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 556, offered by Senator Morrison and all Members.

Senate Resolution 557, offered by Senator Rose and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 558 through 560, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 562, offered by Senator Murphy and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolution Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 561, offered by Senator Aquino.

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It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 8.

Together with the following amendments which are attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 8.

Passed the House, as amended, May 29th, 2017.

We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 31, with House Amendment 3; Senate Bill 675, with House Amendments 2 and 3; Senate Bill 910, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 1688, with House Amendment 1; and Senate Bill 1933, with House Amendment 2. Passed the House, as amended, May 29th, 2017. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Education Committee - House Bill 3784; refer to Executive Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 100; re-refer from Executive Committee to Assignments Committee - House Bill 2665; refer from Judiciary -- refer to Judiciary

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Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1038; refer to Licensed Activities and Pensions Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 701; refer to Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 990 and House Bill 156; refer to State Government Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 400 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1029; refer to Transportation Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 2802; Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 209, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 434, and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1730. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8 (b-1), the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments: Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 688.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Gaming Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 209; and Be Approved for Consideration - House Bill 2665.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

With leave of the Body, we'll go to Supplemental Calendar No. 1, House Bill 3376. Senator Manar. Mr. Secretary, please read - read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3376.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we'll turn to page 47

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of the printed Calendar, House Bills 2nd Reading. House Bill 1764.
Senator Hutchinson. Senator Hutchinson. Out of the record. House
Bill 2953. Senator Sandoval. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.
SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2953.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments
reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3004. Senator Sandoval. Mr.
Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3004.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments
reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Will the Gaming Committee -- or -- no, excuse
me. Apologize. The Committee on Assignments, please meet in the
President's Anteroom immediately. Will the Committee on
Assignments please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately?
(at ease) Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments,
reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be
Approved for Consideration - House Bill 270.
Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments,
reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned:

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Refer to Criminal Law Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 270.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

A little bit of a friendly reminder for all people that are lucky enough to be serving on the Gaming Committee: You will be meeting tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. in Room 212. One -- one more reminder: Gaming, tomorrow, 8:30, Room 212. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned till the hour of 9:30 on the 30th day of May 2017. The Senate stands adjourned.