

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

HB3501	Recede	37
SB0075	Concurrence	6
SB0689	Concurrence	10
SB0689	Vote Intention	12
SB0690	Concurrence	13
SB1814	Concurrence	26
SB1939	Concurrence	29
SB2023	Concurrence	34
SB2023	Vote Intention	38
SB2023	Vote Intention	38
SJR0013	Concurrence	39
AM1010049	Appointment Confirmed	40
Perfunctory Session to Order-Secretary Anderson		1
Communications from the President		1
Messages from the House		1
Communications from the President		2
Perfunctory Session Adjournment		3
Senate to Order-Senator Muñoz		3
Prayer-Pastor Curt Fleck		3
Pledge of Allegiance		3
Journal-Postponed		3
Senate Stands in Recess/Reconvenes		5
Committee Reports		5
Executive Session		40
Executive Session Arises		41
Adjournment		45

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Pursuant to the directive of the Senate President, the regular Session of the Senate is now in perfunctory Session.

Communications from the President. Letter dated June 2nd, 2019.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a perfunctory Session to convene on June 2nd, 2019.

Sincerely, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

Messages from the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, 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 75.

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 75.

We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 689, with House Amendments 1, 2, and 3; Senate Bill 690, with House Amendments 1, 2, and 3; Senate Bill 1814, with House Amendments 1 and 2; Senate Bill 1881, with House Amendments 1, 2, and 5; Senate Bill 1939, with House Amendments 1 and 2; Senate Bill 2023, with House Amendments 1 and 2. Passed the House, as amended, June 1st, 2019.
John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the adoption of the following joint resolution, to wit:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

Senate Joint Resolution 13.

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

House Amendment 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 13.

Passed by the House, June 1st, 2019. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

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

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

House Bill 3501.

Which amendments are as follows:

Senate Amendment No. 4 to House Bill 3501 and Senate Amendment No. 5 to House Bill 3501.

I am further directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to concur with the Senate in the adoption of the following amendments:

Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3501, Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 3501, and Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 3501.

Action taken by the House, June 1st, 2019. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

Communications from the President. Letter dated June 2nd, 2019.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 2-10, the Senate will convene at 3 o'clock p.m. on Sunday, June 2nd, 2019.

Sincerely, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

There being no further business to come before this

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

perfunctory Session, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 46, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, October 28th, 2019, or until... Try that again. There being no further business to come before this perfunctory Session, pursuant to the directive of the Senate President, the Senate stands adjourned until 3 o'clock on Sunday, June 2nd, 2019, or until the call of the Senate President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The regular Session of the 101st General Assembly, please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Curt Fleck, Civil Servant Ministries, Springfield, Illinois. Sir.

PASTOR CURT FLECK:

(Prayer by Pastor Curt Fleck)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Thank you. Pledge of Allegiance, Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

NPR Illinois requests permission to photograph. Heart of Illinois ABC requests permission to video. Blueroomstream requests permission to video. State Journal-Register requests permission to photograph. Illinois Times requests permission to photo. There being no leave -- there being no objection -- seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and the Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Friday, May 31st, 2019.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

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 MUÑOZ)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. WTAX requests permission to photo. There being no objection -- seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Hunter, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUNTER:

For the purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Please proceed, Senator.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate stand in recess for the purpose of a State -- of a Senate Democratic Caucus for approximately one-half hour in the Senate President's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Righter, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would join in Senator Hunter's motion. The Senate Republicans would like to caucus in Leader's Brady's Office immediately upon recess for one-half hour. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senators Hunter and Righter move that the Senate recess for the purpose of Senate Democratic and Republic {sic} caucuses

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

lasting thirty minutes. Seeing no objection, the motion is granted. The Senate now stands in recess to the call of the Chair. The Senate will reconvene for Floor action. Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senate will come to order. WCIA-TV requests permission - record. WSI {sic} (WSIL) News 3 requests record in video and audio. ...(inaudible)...videotape the proceedings. Is there any objection? Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The members of the Committee on Assignments will come to the President's Anteroom immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Koehler in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Muñoz in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration... Be Approved for Consideration - Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 through 3 to Senate Bill 690, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1814, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 through 3 to Senate Bill 689, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1939, Motion to Concur with House

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2023, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 13, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 75, Motion to Recede on Senate Amendments 1 through 3 to House Bill 3501.

Signed, Senator Kimberly Lightford, Chairperson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

All right, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we're now going to Supplemental Calendar No. 1, which has been distributed -- distributed. Will our Legislative Assistants have all Senators report to the Senate Floor immediately? At the beginning of Supplemental Calendar 1, Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, Senate Bills, final action, we'll start in order. Senate Bill 75. Senator Bush. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 75.

Signed by Senator Bush.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. I would move to concur with the House and -- and the amendment actually deletes all and becomes the bill. As amended, this bill -- so this is the sexual harassment omnibus bill. This is the bill that we passed out of the Senate, Senate Bill 1829. It went over to the House and there's been additional work in the House. The bill now has actually pretty much everything in it that we sent over. Believe there was one piece that was removed, something that really we didn't feel was as important as the rest of the items that are in

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

the legislation. So it's largely intact. It also added three pieces that were not -- that were not in the bill that have to do with actually our legislative ethics. Trying to find that information. You know that last day of Session when staff is running over and you're so glad they arrived. Thanks. So the things that are added: gives Inspector General additional time to investigate and file complaints with the Ethics Commission; requires units of local government to provide for report and independent review of allegations; and guarantees complaints {sic} alleging claims of sexual harassment, discrimination or harassment to the Executive Inspector General and Legislative Inspector General rights -- include notice and required feedback, ability to submit testimony and evidence during a hearing, and review portions of founded report prior to the report's public release. Yeah. And for legislative intent, let me just be clear, the Workplace Transparency Act which -- provides {sic} unilateral confidentiality and arbitration provisions related to harassment and discrimination, but allows them when mutually agreed upon as long as an employee is made aware of his or her rights to such provisions. It expands protections against sexual harassment/discrimination in the workplace for contract employees, generally referred to as independent contractors or consultants, who are not currently protected under the law. Also, clarifying that discrimination based on actual or perceived protected class is actionable under the Illinois Human Rights Act and that harassment based on any of the protected classes in the employment context is actionable under the H -- IHRA. So, just want to make sure we all know how important this work is. We've done a lot of things over the last days. This is two years -- almost two years

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

of work. This is, I would say, probably the largest piece of workplace sexual harassment law that is going to be passed this year anywhere in the United States. I think we should be really proud of that, that Illinois is taking that seriously. And I want to make sure to thank some people really quickly. I know we all want to get out of here. So, Senator Tracy, as my co-chair of the -- task force. Senator John Curran, I don't know if you're here, but you were -- your work was just exemplary. Thank you. Senator Ram Villivalam, for your work on the panic button. Senators Link and Castro, for the work that you do on the Ethics Commission. I'm sorry, I see now Senator Curran. You must be working on Gaming with Senator Link. Jo Johnson, Senate Republicans, thank you so much for being at the table these last couple, gosh, about three/four weeks now. Thank you. A lot of -- lot of work. Margaret Livingston, the House Democrats; Jen Paswater, House Republicans; Anne Bottaro, Senate Communications; Giovanni Randazzo - thank you so much for being there. And I'd also like to thank the Department of Human Rights, Chamber of Commerce, IRMA, NFIB, Shriver Center, Women Employed, CPA Society, Restaurant Association, Laborers International Union, and the four Leaders: President John Cullerton, Speaker Madigan, Leader Durkin, and Leader Brady. That's what happens when we all work together. I look forward to an Aye vote. And I want to say thank you one more time - Ashley Stead, for all of your amazing work. I'm looking forward to a unanimous Aye vote. Thank you so much. Happy to..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Tracy, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR TRACY:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to speak to the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR TRACY:

Yes, I rise in support of this bill. I think it -- it's a -- a very encompassing and overall approach to both the review -- that -- the sexual harassment and the discrimination prevention in the workplace and it also addresses many things in the ethics part of the Government {sic} (Governmental) Ethics Act. So I commend Senator Bush. She's worked very, very, very hard on this. She's been the face of it. And she thanked all the people that needed to be thanked. I just want to thank our Jo Johnson again for doing a superb job. And everyone that was involved, thank you very much. It's a good piece of legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR REZIN:

I, too, would like to stand up and thank the sponsor of this bill. Dealing with this very difficult topic in Springfield has been a long time coming, and a bill and a topic, more importantly, that needed to be addressed in a very public way. And to all of the members on the Commission, who worked well over two years for this, I know that it was difficult. And I also know that, Senator, you pushed hard for many of the changes that you wanted and I think

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

there was one name that was off the list that I'd like to give a shout-out to, Senator McConnaughay, who as well worked very closely with your entire group to put this piece of legislation into place. So, again, I commend the sponsor and the entire group, all of our staff that worked on this piece of legislation, and all I can say is - it's about time. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Bush, you wish to close?

SENATOR BUSH:

Just one more - I'd like to thank the Reps that worked on this also in the House. And thank you, thank you for the kind words, thank you for the support. This is what happens when we all work together. And thank you for reminding me about Senator Karen McConnaughay. She was an integral part of what happened the last day of Session last year, so thank you. Thanks again. Just ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments {sic} 1 to Senate Bill 75. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. 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 59 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having -- having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments {sic} 1 to Senate Bill 75, and the bill is declared passed. Associated Press requests permission to still photo. There being no objection, leave is granted. Senate Bill 689. Senator Hutchinson. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 689.

Signed by Senator Hutchinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Motion to concur with House Amendment 1 -- No. 1, 2, and 3 deletes all and becomes the bill. This is the revenue omnibus and includes the following: decouples from federal repatriation, creates an amnesty program, creates a managed care organization assessment, includes marketplace facilitator provisions, creates the Blue Collar Jobs Act, reinstates the manufacturing purchase credit, and phases out the franchise tax. The -- the things that happened that were added to this bill due to negotiations in the House were those last three things that I just said - creates the Blue Collar Jobs Act, reinstates the manufacturing purchase credit, and phases out the franchise tax. These are excellent added provisions to this. This makes this bill even stronger. I understand that there's now bipartisan support for this and I cannot tell you how wonderful it is, after as long as I've served, to be -- to be offering up the -- the revenue operations budget this way. This is incredible. So, negotiated package. Thank you to all the Members of the House, who took a little bit of extra time to actually get this done and make it better. I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Oberweis, for what purpose you seek recognition?

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

I have said this many times before, but I am strongly opposed to decoupling. It just makes everything more complicated. I'd rather pay a higher tax rate or do something other than decoupling because it makes more work for anybody who's completing tax returns. Having said that, I think there are some very positive things in this bill, but some of those things could benefit me personally and, as a result, I'll be forced to vote Present. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Further discussion? Senator Hutchinson, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 689. 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 49 voting Aye, 8 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 689, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Bush, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to indicate I'd like --

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

be reflected as a Yes on the previous bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Record will reflect. Senate Bill 690. Senator Link. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 690.

Signed by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 690, as amended by the House, is the revenue package to support vertical capital bill. It is estimated that this package will generate approximately twelve billion dollars over a six-year period to support economic development projects throughout the State, which includes an increase in the cigarette tax; impose tax on electronic cigarettes; a data center exemption; removal of the sales tax exemption for trade-in vehicles valued over ten thousand; impose a parking excise tax; increase the documentary fees for auto dealers; Illinois Works Job Program; defines "remote retailer" under the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act instead of the Use Tax Act; and the gaming expansion, which includes the following: an added new -- six new casinos; allows racetracks to receive slots and table games; increase the video gaming tax from thirty percent to thirty-three percent July 1st, 2019 and thirty-four percent on July 1st, 2020; legalizes sports betting for casinos, racetracks, and sports facilities with a seating capacity of over seventeen thousand; requires all licensees for sports betting to actively seek and

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

achieve racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity; imposes a twenty-five percent minority hiring goal for casinos, racetracks, and their suppliers and -- regards -- requires reporting and diversity study for sports betting; and requires minority outreach, including annual workshop, job fairs, and gaming instruction. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Leader Brady, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Due to a conflict of interest with a portion of this bill, I will be voting Present on this measure. I'd like to also indicate that in any discussions I've had with the Leaders or others, I have recused myself from any negotiations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Senator Link went through all that's in this bill and he did it in a quick, two-minute review. But, Senator, I just want to say thank you for fifteen years of working on this legislation. We first started talking about this many years ago as -- as our communities were similar, struggling urban communities right on the Wisconsin borders, that we've -- we felt this was something that was important not only for our communities, but as a defense against what Wisconsin was doing to -- to Illinois. And getting

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

it to this point, with all the moving parts, it -- it's been difficult and I know you have worked so hard on this for so many years, dealing with so many different entities. And -- and I know many of you, if you're tired of hearing from us, that's a reason why you want to vote Yes for this. So it's -- it's a good reason for that. But the new ones that are here don't remember how long you've been working on this, but I just wanted to make sure, for the record, that people realized how much we appreciate your -- your leadership in getting it to this point. I also would -- would be remiss if I also -- didn't thank the Governor. Couple of weeks ago, this thing was looking like it potentially could have -- get bogged down and the Governor and his staff really stepped up and helped shepherd this thing to where it is today, and so we appreciate the Governor's help on this. But this is a -- a vital tool. As we've talked before, last year over -- over 1.5 billion dollars left Illinois, just to go to our five surrounding states to game. This legislation is going to help us keep our dollars home and help us bring out-of-state dollars into Illinois. The states around us are continuing to build casinos on the borders to try to attract our individuals. This key piece of legislation really is going to make an economic difference of keeping our dollars home and it's going to create thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of construction across the whole State. And this is not benefiting just those communities that are getting a casino; every community that has video gaming is going to see increased revenues as well. And then the dollars that are generated from these new casinos, those dollars all going into capital projects that are going to benefit all of your communities as well. So, Senator, I thank you for, again, for your work on

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

this and we look forward to finally getting it over the hurdle in the next few minutes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Holmes, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR HOLMES:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you. Just a quick question. Senator Link, would this legislation allow a casino, such as Hollywood Casino in Aurora, move within Aurora to a land-based location?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Fowler, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR FOWLER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Link, I just have one real quick question. The resort at Walker's Bluff in Williamson County, is it included within this bill of Senate Bill 690?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER:

..Mr. President. Music to my ears, Senator. Thank you very much. Thank you for your hard work. Thank you to Senator Syverson for all that you've done on behalf of not only the State of Illinois, but especially my district to bring economic development to my district. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McConchie, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you. Thank you, Senator Link, for your work on this. One question. There's been some -- some issue that's been raised in regards to purse money that will be going to the Horsemen's Association and some questions about transparency and accountability of those funds. Would you work to -- commit to working on a trailer bill to address the issues that have been raised since this became public?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McConchie.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rose, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR ROSE:

Senator Link, I want to ask you for the -- Danville's included in this as well, correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

I like these answers. Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. I -- before I ask my final question, I do want to say thank you to Senator Link and also to Senator Syverson, on our side, for the time they've spent in. I first got to know you when I was in the House, and we were working on this same issue and passed it almost ten years ago, I guess, back then. But, in any event, for purposes of legislative intent, would you mind reading the locations into the record, please, Senator Link? Thank you, Mr. President. And I'll be finished when he concludes that question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

SENATOR LINK:

Waukegan, Danville, Rockford, south suburbs, Walker's Bluff, and the City of Chicago.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Oberweis, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Senator Link, I -- I believe you mentioned that doc fees are being increased, I think doubled to three hundred dollars from one fifty. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Senator, who benefits from that doubling in the doc fees?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

The State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

So, I want to be clear, that doubling goes to the State of

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

Illinois. It does not go to the automobile dealers. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

I stand corrected. It goes to the auto dealers.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

So then, once again, we get back to special legislation helping certain groups, which is so typical here in Springfield. It -- it gets very frustrating. Yes, Rockford likes this - they get a casino. Danville likes it - they get a casino. Car dealers like it because they're going to get a doubling in their -- their fees and -- and have bigger profit margins. How is it that automobile dealers have that kind of political power not only to do this, but to prevent small, little used car dealers from being able to be open and sell cars on Sundays? I don't understand that pressure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Oberweis, to close.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Senator Link, I hope that with this nice juicy morsel that you're handing to the automobile dealers, I hope that next Session you will come back and help do the right thing for those small, little car dealers who need your help. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Curran, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CURRAN:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

Will the sponsor yield, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Link, drawing your attention specifically to -- page 606, line 12 through 607, line 11, there's a change in this bill regarding the independent outside testing laboratories that examine the electronic table games, slot machines, and will be examining the sports wagering system. This Section removes this process of accreditation and selection through the RFP process with the Gaming Board and instead it -- it gives that to an outside accreditation agency. Do you know the rationale or the reason behind that change?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

No, I don't. That was an amendment added in the House without my -- concurring with me on that particular amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Curran.

SENATOR CURRAN:

...Mr. President. Thank you, Senator. Moving on to the sports betting portion of the legislation. Is it true that this legislation prevents online companies, like FanDuel and DraftKings, from using their brand if they partner with a casino? And if so, what's the rationale for that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

For the first eighteen months, there will be no branding from any source whatsoever, not only just FanDuel and sports -- whatever -- DraftKing, but all others will be prohibited from using branding.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Curran.

SENATOR CURRAN:

..Mr. President. Thank you, Senator. So, if FanDuel partners with Paradise, could the casino offer an app that says "Paradise, powered by FanDuel"?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Curran.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, if Rivers has its own app, can it use its brand -- its own brand on that app?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Curran.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. So, Senator, just to be clear, this gives Rivers a pretty big competitive advantage over online operators who don't own an Illinois casino or racetrack. Is the

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

only way they can use their -- their own brand is by buying a casino or racetrack?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

They -- they could, but what we're trying to do is help promote Illinois companies in what they're doing and that's why Rivers has got that. I don't think they have the distinct advantage over anybody. I think we carefully worked on that as well as we could to make sure that it's a level playing field for all legitimate companies in the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Curran.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, one follow-up question. How long does it take to gain an -- do you -- if you know, take to gain -- gain approval process through the Illinois Gaming Board to purchase a casino or a racetrack?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

I have no idea on that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Senator Link, thank you for the answers to those -- to those questions. Senator Link, Senator Syverson, I just want to congratulate you. This is -- this is an example of determination and perseverance that you've gotten this on the precipice of

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

passage, so just congratulations. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Sandoval, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

For purposes of the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Senator Link, I just want to confirm for the record that the Hawthorne Racetrack in the town of Cicero, located in the 11th Legislative District, may be allowed to be the first racino of its kind in the history of the State of Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

If they beat the other two tracks to it, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

There being no further discussion, Senator Link, to close.

SENATOR LINK:

I -- I've only been doing this for twenty years, trying to get this done, and it's a little emotional. And I have to -- I have to say, this has been a job creation bill from day one. As I told somebody, if we were bringing in six new manufacturers to town, everybody would be on board. Well, guess what? We're

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

putting six types of manufacturing on board. They're going to generate money for the State. They're going to generate employees. They're going to generate economic development - not only in those communities, but in the State of Illinois. This has been a work in progress. And I thank -- I -- there's so many people I want to thank, but I'm going to limit it because Senator -- President Cullerton told me I only have two minutes. But I want to -- say thank you to a number of people. First, I want to thank the Governor and his staff. I'll tell you, it's refreshing. I've been here for twenty-three years and it's refreshing to have a Governor that actively works with the General Assembly on getting something done. It's a pleasure and thank him. I want to thank President Cullerton for all of his involvement through the years. The one thing I will miss dearly about this is my January phone call from President Cullerton telling me what the bill number's going to be for the gaming bill. But I -- President, I'm glad I'll miss that call. I want to thank the staff -- or thank the sponsors. I have the House sponsor of this bill, Representative Rita. I want to thank Representative Zalewski in the House also. I want to thank my colleague, Senator Muñoz, for his active involvement and I also want to thank Senator Syverson. This was a team effort to get this done. But the most -- two -- two of the most important people that I want to thank is our Parliamentarian, Gio, who I think's been with me for all of these years doing this, and Ashley. God knows how she was able to pull all these things together plus do all the things that she did in this legislative Session. I thank them from the bottom of my heart. I got to catch myself on this. I want to thank one other person. I want to thank my wife. Senator Anderson, unlike you, I hoped to have been home

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

for my anniversary, which is today. And I want to thank my wife and tell her I love her, but I also want to say for what she said, "Get it done for the people of Illinois and then come home." So, for the sake of my marriage, the sake of the State of Illinois, vote this out with your green lights! Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 690. 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 46 voting Aye, 10 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 690, and the bill is declared passed. Senate Bill 814 {sic}. Senator Steans. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1814.

Signed by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. On Friday night, we had passed the Budget Implementation Bill over to the House. They have made changes to that, so this is now the new Budget Implementation Bill. It reflects ongoing negotiations that occurred between the Governor and the four Leaders. It makes a number of changes to finance and fund transfers to implement the budget; also, does a lot of work to implement rate increases that

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

are included in the budget; and it makes some changes to some of the pensions, including the moving from a three to six percent cap on salaries and extends the buyout program that we'd implemented last year. I would certainly urge your Aye vote on this bill as it's a part of the overall requirement to get the budget done.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Fowler, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the State Senate. Almost exactly one year ago, we passed a provision that we shouldn't have - this three percent salary cap on teachers. After this bill passed, teachers immediately felt the impact. Why? Because the provision forced districts to pay a penalty if they gave a teacher a raise in excess of three percent, regardless if the teacher attained additional educational credentials, like a master's or doctorate degrees. It applied to the teacher that worked overload classes, became a coach, or became a principal. It applied to the teacher that became a mentor, to the teacher that was the band director, or even a teacher that worked on a duty of writing curriculum for their school. I met with local teachers in my district shortly after the three percent provision was passed. Teachers told me what it was doing to them and the classroom. They asked me to fight for the repeal of the three percent. I told them that I would and here we are today about to vote on legislation

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

to repeal the three percent provision. I want the teachers of southern Illinois to know that I am proud to say that I kept my word to them and I'm proud to support this legislation. I ask for an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Oberweis, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

On -- on the contrary to my good friend, Senator Fowler, I would like to point out that there is a very, very simple, good compromise that would make both sides happy, I believe, and I suggested this to Senator Manar as recently as two days ago, and that is to allow school districts to have whatever salary increase they wish, because they're the ones paying the bill, but to cap the pension increase at -- leave it at the three percent that it's at right now so that it doesn't cost the State millions or billions more in additional pension costs. We have the most underfunded pension system in the country. Why are we going to allow this type of nonsense to go on to increase that pension liability? There's a simple answer - let the school districts pay whatever they want, but cap the increase, in terms of calculating the pension, at the three percent that it's at right now instead of raising it. I urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Steans, to close.

SENATOR STEANS:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

Yes. No, I -- I really just want to thank - there was a lot of hours that went into negotiating the budget this year - Deputy Governor Dan Hynes and Alexis Sturm, the Budget Director, as well as with Greg Harris and Mark Jarmer, in the House, and of course, Andy Manar and Becky Locker and all of our budget staff here. The amount of hours they put in on this is really remarkable. Just want to thank the -- the team effort in getting us to a budget that really is balanced, makes full pension payments, invests where we need to. And I'm very delighted that we have an on-time, balanced budget this year that I think we can all be very proud of. I urge your Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1814. 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 voting Aye, 6 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1814, and the bill is declared passed. Senate Bill 1939. Senator Sandoval. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1939.

Signed by Senator Sandoval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Illinois Senate. I

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

know I can't give a -- such an arousing, emotional, and compassionate speech as my former -- as my colleague, Senator Link, but I'm going to try my best to make highways, roads, and transits as glamorous as casinos and racinos as just -- just occurred. You know, many folks who know who I am, who have gotten to know who I am, realize that I'm about people. I'm about people. I'm about people, and that's how I got here and that's how I'm going to leave. And so in order to get to this historic, innocuous bill about our transportation infrastructure, I'd like to acknowledge the people that helped me get to this bill, because they come first and, without them, I couldn't have been able to get this done. So I want to thank Governor Pritzker and Christian Mitchell for laying out a vision early on in the year and ensuring that it was a priority in his -- in his budget speech when he took office this year and the leadership that particularly Governor Pritzker provided on getting us here to this moment. In the Senate, in the Senate, we're led by John Cullerton. John Cullerton entrusted me in 2009 to be part of the team that passed the last capital bill and he asked me to be the point person this time, and what an experience it was. But I couldn't have done it -- so I thank you for entrusting -- I thank him for entrusting me with this kind of leadership and responsibility. But I told him that I couldn't have done it without another Member of my -- of our Senate Democratic team, and that's Senator Manar. Senator Manar, thank you very much for joining with me on a four-month, nine-city trip tour, going around the State and making sure that every corner of the State got a chance to talk about in the -- about what their needs were and how we should pay for it. Thank you for your leadership. I want to thank Leader Brady, Leader Brady for

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

allowing Senator DeWitte, and Senator DeWitte for his leadership provided on the other side of the aisle. I didn't think -- he had some big shoes to fill with my former colleague, Senator McConnaughay, leaving the post of Minority Spokesperson, but, Don, you've done a wonderful job -- a yeoman's job and it's been under your watch -- it's been under your watch as -- as Senate Minority Spokesman of the Transportation Committee that we are going to get this plane landed for the first time in a long time in the history of the State of Illinois. So thank you for your leadership. And to our staff, to Becky Locker, Kurtis Smith, and Derek Stevens, for their support throughout these months. I'd be remiss not to thank labor. I'd be remiss not to thank my own constituent, Jim Sweeney, of 150, who lives in my backyard, and the leadership that he provides by setting the tone on investing in our highways, roads, and bridges. And he's entrusted folks like Marc Poulos and Dave Sullivan, who have slaved away over the last three months, working with me in the trenches to -- trying to get the job done. I appreciate your work, Marc. I appreciate -- Dave - wherever you're at - thank you for your commitment to helping me get this thing done. It's an important reform today, folks. We will not have to vote on this ever again. It is transcendent and transformational, one of the few pieces of legislation that will change the scope of how we do things in Illinois. We will finally get around to treating our -- our transportation infrastructure as a vital source of life in our -- in our State. We're going to treat it like the utilities, like our electric and gas systems in this country and in this State. We're going to have a chance to reform how we fund transportation once and for all. Washington hasn't been able to do it. Illinois is going to get it done today.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

We're going to increase gas revenues from here on out. They will not ever have to come back to us and ask for more revenue when it comes to our roads, bridges, and our transit system. It's important to note that we are not increasing gas revenues just for the purpose of -- of increasing gas revenues; we're adjusting the revenue so that we can keep up with inflation. That's an important fact. We're going to be indexing the provision in this bill through the motor fuel tax so that we don't ever, ever have to come back to this Body. The licensing fees are consistent with states around us, like Indiana. We've needed to do this for over ten years. We saw the stories like Lake Shore Drive and Des Plaines River and our roads that our rated D by everyone in the world. This is the first step of taking care of what we've needed to do for the last ten years. We're going to put our money where our mouth is at and stop talking about it and get the job done when it comes to our transportation infrastructure. In essence, Senate Bill 1939 is an increase to the motor fuel tax by nineteen cents. It shifts one percent of the annual State's -- tax on a yearly basis, starting in 2021. It'll -- it'll change the registration fees -- it'll change the registration fees for gas and electric vehicles and it also will increase some of the titling fees for these vehicles. It's a good bill. I'd ask an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Leader Brady, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Leader.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

SENATOR BRADY:

Ladies and Gentlemen, this -- this isn't an easy vote. A lot of hard work has been put into this and I certainly understand why some people may be concerned with voting Yes for this. But I will be voting Yes. Our citizens deserve a safe, viable transit system. One of the reasons I'll be voting Yes is the constitutional amendment that ensures a "lockbox"; that these resources will go into that system and won't be swept into other programs as we've seen over the last several years. This will provide a safe transit system for the people of Illinois, for the families of Illinois, for the commerce of Illinois. I want to thank all the Members of the General Assembly, the -- the interest groups from the Chamber of Commerce to the transportation groups and the unions, as you mentioned, Senator, as well as the Senators in this Body, for the time and effort they put into making this happen. I want to thank Senator Sandoval and I also want to thank Senator DeWitte, who, for our caucus, led the challenge. I think it's important to also thank Governor Pritzker, Leader Cullerton -- President Cullerton, Speaker Madigan, and Leader Durkin for their efforts. This is monumental and I think this will be very important in moving our State forward. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Oberweis, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

First of all, I would like to thank my good friend, Senator

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

Sandoval. The guy put in incredible amounts of time - I assume that most of you know that - traveling all over the State to meet with people to discuss needs and lining up support for this, as did our Senator DeWitte on this side of the aisle. Having said that, I'm in a position where I believe I need to vote Present because of a potential conflict. But, again, thank you to -- to the two of you, especially Senator Sandoval, for putting in all the time and making that happen. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Further speakers? Senator Sandoval, do you wish to close?

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

It's a good vote. Vote green.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1939. 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 voting Aye, 9 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1939, and the bill is declared passed. Daily Line requests permission to photo. Sun-Times requests permission to photo. WTW {sic} (WTTW) requests permission to photo. There being no objection, leave is granted. Senate Bill 2023. Senator Fine. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2023.

Signed by Senator Fine.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation makes the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program a permanent program. It adds a dozen conditions that were approved by the Medical Cannabis Board when it was in place. The administration at the time denied those conditions from being added, so groups took the conditions to court and the court -- ordered that we do add those conditions. It does a few other things as well. It expands access to allow advanced practice registered nurses and physician's assistants to certify patients. It allows easier access for veterans, including in the Opioid Alternative (Pilot) Program. And it has a social equity piece that mirrors its counterpart in the recreational program. And for the legislative record, I'd like to add that IDPH will still have the authority to track some patients so they do not purchase more than two and a half ounces every fourteen days.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates she will yield.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senator Fine, you and I had a conversation shortly before we started voting today.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

Apparently, the House of Representatives made a mistake in their motion -- in their -- excuse me -- in their amendments. On page 2 of the bill, the section that is supposed to exempt the Medical Cannabis Program from any assessment of a county cannabis retailer's occupation tax, there's a mistake there. The word "Pilot" should be stricken. Can I assume that it is your intent that the Medical Cannabis Program not be subject to the county tax and that this will be a scrivener's error that is corrected perhaps with a trailer bill in the fall Veto Session?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Righter. Senator Fine, do you wish to close?

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you. In closing, I just want to tell a story. My story is about a young lawyer, who left his house one morning, left his wife and his two young kids to drive to work, but he never made it to work that day because a truck crossed the centerline, hit his car head on and amputated his arm at the scene. This young man was very fortunate to survive, but lives a life in chronic pain, and some of those days are so debilitating that he can't get out of bed. Prior to the medicinal cannabis program being put in place, he needed to rely on narcotics. And taking a narcotic takes everything away from you. You lose a day in your life and you wake up and you have then the -- the aftereffects of what took place when you took that narcotic, but you had no choice. It is so difficult to watch someone you love suffer, suffer from such

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

severe pain and you are absolutely helpless. I know how hard it is because this is my story, and medicinal cannabis changed my husband's life tremendously. So I urge you to support this legislation to support your friends and loved ones who suffer from MS, fibromyalgia, and other chronic pains that are not cured by medicinal cannabis but really can help you and help you live a life where you don't miss out on everything, you don't miss out on a child's play, a child's sporting event, because you cannot get out of bed. So this, again, is legislation that's going to help so many people that we care for and love. And I urge your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2023. 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, 2 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2023, and the bill is declared passed. Senate Bill... All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, be advised, we are -- Secretary's Desk, Non-Concurrence, House Bills. House Bill 3501. Senator Bush. Mr. Secretary, read the non-concurrence -- read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to recede from Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 3501.

Signed by Senator Bush.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Bush.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you so much. This is one of those times where the House made a mistake. Anyway, this is a procedural error. This is a motion to recede - Amendments 1, 2, and 3. I would ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Any discussion? Senator Curran. The question is, shall the Senate recede from the Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 3501. 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, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does recede from the Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 3501, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Curran, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CURRAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I request that the record reflect that I intended to vote Yes on Senate Bill 2023.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The record will reflect. Senator Collins, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Mr. President, I also want the record to report that I intent -- my intent was to vote Yes on Senate Bill 2023.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Record will reflect, Senator. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR JONES:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

Thank you, Mr. -- Mr. President. Purpose of an announcement.
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Proceed, Senator.

SENATOR JONES:

I would like the Senate to join me in wishing Michell a farewell. He's on our staff over here on the Senate side. He staffed me in Licensed Activity {sic} (Activities). Once he finishes his internship with us, he plans on going on to law school. So, Michell, I know you're on the Floor. Where you at? There you go. Please give him warm wishes and we'll see you when you get back, Michell.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Thank you for your service. Wish you all the best. Congratulations. Last on the Calendar, Senate {sic} (Secretary's) Desk, Concurrence, Resolution, Senate Joint Resolution 13. Senator Crowe. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 13.

Signed by Senator Crowe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Crowe.

SENATOR CROWE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Joint Resolution 13 is the Elder Abuse Task Force that we previously passed out of the Senate. Amendment 1 extends the timeline for members to be appointed and the timeline to submit their report to the Governor. I'd ask that we concur.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

Senator Harmon in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Joint Resolution 13 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 57 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 13, and the resolution is declared adopted. To fulfill our responsibilities under Article V, Section 9 of the Constitution, we will now proceed to the Order of Advise and Consent. Senator Muñoz. Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the appointment set forth -- Appointment Message 49 of the 101st General Assembly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz moves that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the Appointment Message just read. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate is resolved into Executive Session. Mr. Secretary, on page 6 of the regular Calendar appears the Order of Executive Appointments, please read Appointment Message 1010049.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate Do Advise and Consent to the following

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

appointment: To be a Member and Chair of the Illinois State Board of Education, Darren Reisberg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nomination just made. 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 58 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the nomination. Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. I move that the Senate arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz moves that the Senate arise from Executive Session. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The Senate has arisen from Executive Session. Senator Brady, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, as we -- as we bring this Session to a close, I'd like to make a couple comments. Hundred and forty-four days ago, President Cullerton,

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

after taking the oath of office, told this Chamber that I was going to make a "super" Minority Leader. And while we all enjoyed a good laugh, I'm proud to stand today with my Senate Republican colleagues, who truly are super. In all my years in the General Assembly, I have never worked with a better, more collaborative and more supportive caucus. To my fellow Senate Republicans, I'm proud to work with each of you every day. And I'm humbled that you've entrusted me to be your leader. I also want to commend Governor Pritzker, President Cullerton, Speaker Madigan, and Leader -- Leader Durkin for their work throughout this Session, as well as my Senate Democratic colleagues. Senate Republicans showed Illinois that nineteen Members can and will continue to make a difference. And although we differ on issues like changing our Constitution and we're against a graduated income tax, we showed there was a common ground to be found on key issues like infrastructure; and we demonstrated that we would stand firm on those issues which we believe in, like protecting middle-income families. Let those watching know that Senate Republicans came to the table. We didn't seek to turn it over. We weren't afraid to speak up when needed and we weren't afraid to stand together when warranted. There's still a lot of work to do if we're going to move Illinois forward. Senate Republicans will continue to fight for middle-income residents, small businesses, and job creators to boost our economic development and create jobs. I truly want to thank each and every one of you for working with us this Session. There are many ways in which we moved this State forward. I wish each and every one of you a pleasant summer and look forward to seeing you in Veto Session. God bless.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

Thank you, Leader Brady. President Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. On the first day of this 101st Session of the Illinois Senate, I asked all of you to recognize why voters sent us here. And quite simply, they wanted us to get things done. And, boy, have we risen to that challenge. Right? Six months later -- six months later, as we prepare to adjourn this spring Session, we, and I mean all of us in this Chamber, have produced an historic list of accomplishments designed to make Illinois better. Better wages, better schools, better roads, better opportunities. We have protected the rights and righted wrongs. And at this point in time, I would like to introduce a person who had a lot to do with that. We'll be hearing from him throughout the summer as he signs our bills. The Governor of the State of Illinois. I'd like to welcome him to the Illinois Senate. So -- so, Governor Pritzker is going to get a lot of credit for this Session and, let's face it, he deserves a lot of the credit for the change that's happened in Illinois. But, as I said, we've got all summer to thank and pay tribute to him as he signs our hard work into law. So, today, while we're still here in this Chamber, I want to take a quick moment and thank all of you. I -- I really have never been prouder to be the Senate President. My focus has always been to use this position to help empower individuals and their -- and Members of our caucus and -- and the rest of the Senate to achieve their goals. Now this is a little dangerous to name names, but I'll start it. Honestly, when Senator Sandoval and Senator Manar started their construction road show, I didn't think anyone thought

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

they'd actually pull it off. But they did! Somewhere along the way, they picked up Senator DeWitte, and lo and behold, here we are having passed a capital bill. Gentlemen, thank you very much for your commitment. I want to thank Senator Steans, Senator Hutchinson, Senator Bush, for their persistent -- persistence on, in the interest of time, let's just say a number of issues. But Illinois is better because of your persistence. And I just want to also say how happy I am that Senator Link and Senator Muñoz and Dave Syverson lived long enough to get a gaming bill passed to a Governor who will actually sign it. And I want to tell you that I owe a special thanks to our Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford. My seatmate throughout this Session has made sure that the programs, the practices, and the policies that we advance in the Illinois Senate reflect and respect the true diversity of Illinois. So, thank you, Leader Lightford. And I'd like to thank the Republican Members of the Illinois Senate for their active -- being active partners in this Session. Your suggestions have made the Senate's accomplishments better. Right? Now, as you know, this wasn't easy. There were some shaky moments these last few days. Leader Brady, I don't know about you, but I think I logged a couple miles a day on my steps app going between your office and Leader Durkin's office and the Speaker's office and the Governor's office. But, Leader Brady, I want to really thank you for your help. You know, I think there's a reason why I voted for you to be the Senate President. So I'm sure that this is dangerous to name names; I'm sure I left a lot of Senators out with some other accomplishments, but here's the good news - this was just the first Session with a new Governor and we have a lot more. He's got a four-year term, right? So, in the coming days, press releases will be sent, laws

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

56th Legislative Day

6/2/2019

will be signed, ribbons will be cut, but for now, go home, reconnect with your families and your communities. Good night. Have a great summer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 46, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 noon on the 28th day of October 2019, or until the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.