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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly will 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 Pastor Scott Marsh, Maroa Christian Church, Maroa, Illinois. Pastor.

PASTOR SCOTT MARSH:

(Prayer by Pastor Scott Marsh)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Thank you, Pastor. Pledge of Allegiance, Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Lisa Yuscius, Blueroomstream, requests permission to video stream. There being no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and the Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of October 28th, 2019.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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 the arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Resolutions 751 and 752, offered by Senator Hastings and all Members.

Senate Resolution 753, offered by Senator Brady and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Bertino-Tarrant, (Vice) Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 558 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 718 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Hastings, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 639 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction and Reading of Senate Bills for the first time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2293, offered by Senator Tracy.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2294, offered by Senator Hastings.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Mr. Secretary, do you have any Motions in Writing?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, I have a motion filed with respect to the Governor's total veto on Senate Bill 2026.

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Mr. Secretary, please print 'em on the Calendar. Will all Members please report to the Senate Floor immediately? We have final action that we're taking up. Please come to the Floor. Senator Castro, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CASTRO:

Purpose of an introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Please proceed, Senator.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like Members of the Chamber to send a welcome to my Page for the Day, Henry Robert Carr. He is a third grader at Lincoln Elementary, loves baseball, chess, soccer, and reading. He is here with the WE WILL group and let's give him a warm Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Welcome to the Senate. Senator Martwick, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Please proceed.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I wish to introduce you to my Page for the Day. Sophie Jablonski is here with the WE WILL organization, which is encouraging participation by constituents with their elected officials. Sophie is also a student representative in her student government. She's in the fifth grade at St. Juliana School in Edison Park. And she's here to see how government works in Springfield. So hopefully we'll

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send her back with some good lessons. She's also joined in the gallery by her mother, Jenny Jablonski. So please join me in giving them a warm Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Welcome to the Senate. Senator Fine, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR FINE:

Hello. Point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Please proceed, Senator.

SENATOR FINE:

I'd like to introduce the Chamber to my Page for the Day, Samantha Olivia Carr, who goes by Sammie. Sammie is seven and a half years old and in second grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Evanston. She likes art, reading, science experiments, and soccer. She's involved in the Chess Club and the Kindness Club, which I really like the idea of the Kindness Club and we're going to have to learn more about that. She's involved in soccer, softball, and she wants to be an artist, a soccer player, and an illustrator. So I would like to have everybody give a warm welcome to Sammie.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Welcome to the Senate. 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)

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

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 460; refer to Public Health Committee - House Bill 3840; Be Approved for Consideration - House Bill 2957 and Senate Resolution 728.

Signed, Senator Kimberly Lightford, Chairperson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Manar, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your point.

SENATOR MANAR:

If I could have everyone's attention in the Body for just a -- a minute or two. Thank you. I would like to direct my colleagues to the four -- four students sitting behind me in the row that are here from Pana High School. They are the 2019 National Solar Car Champion and I want to welcome them to the State Senate. For those of you that don't know - and I learned this last year when -- when Lucas, on the end, was with -- with us here in the State Senate; he was part of my Page for a Day program - the Pana Solar Car Team spent the past year designing and building a roadworthy solar car. That car is actually here with us today and it's at the end of the -- the north drive, down by Monroe and Second Street. In July, they traveled to the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth to compete in the 2019 Solar Car Challenge. And the

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race consisted of two three-hour segments each day for four days, meaning the teams had twenty-four hours to drive as many miles as possible with their car that they built. The team from Pana took first place in the country, beating their closest competition - now get this - beating the closest competition by ten miles. So not close at all. At an average speed of twenty-one miles per hour, their solar car accumulated over four hundred and seventy-five miles. So, led by then senior Lucas Duduit, the rest of the four-member team consists of sophomores - now juniors, right, guys? - juniors Boone Elledge, Jessica Pollman, and Katelyn Townsend, with their sponsor, Mr. Steve Bonser, who I believe is in the gallery with us. After the national championship, they were invited to the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit, which I have heard about, which was a good experience, and that was part of an effort to bring young people from across the country together to talk about their experience. So I wanted -- I want to reemphasize this, if I haven't said it already, that these four students are from a small rural community in Christian County and they go to a small high school and they excelled on the national level to produce a product, handmade product, that beat everybody in the country. So I just rise to welcome them to the Senate to congratulate them on their achievement. I would invite my colleagues, if you have a few moments, to go out to the drive, the Senate drive, at the corner of Monroe and Second Streets and see their work product, their solar car. Welcome to the State Senate and congratulations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Let's all welcome our guests to the Illinois Senate. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUNTER:

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Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your point.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, this afternoon I'd like for you all -- this afternoon the Women in Government will be sponsoring a panel discussion on government and community strategies that -- that -- that combats the opioid crisis and it's over in the Stratton Building today, Room A1, at -- from 3:30 to 4:30. And our Executive Director of Women in Government, in which I serve on the board of Women in Government -- so Lucy Gettman is here and I just wanted you-all to welcome Lucy to the Senate Chambers.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Bush, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BUSH:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your point.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you so much. I'd like to introduce -- I have a Page today. I think we have a couple of them down. I'd like to welcome them all. But I'd like you to meet Abby Dardon. She's a sixth grader. She lives in Oak Park. But she's down with WE WILL, and they're a pretty amazing organization, mainly women that are supporting other women, in particular moms that are saying, you know, women need to be involved in politics and policy. And I just want you to welcome her to the Senate.



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Schimpf, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SCHIMPF:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your point.

SENATOR SCHIMPF:

Yeah, thank -- thank you, Mr. President. I have the privilege of two very special guests with me on the Illinois Senate Floor today. These two outstanding young ladies are Lilly Rose and -- and Sydney Fred. Lilly lives in Murphysboro and she goes to Murphysboro Middle School. Sydney lives in DeSoto and she goes to DeSoto Elementary School. These two ladies are -- are up here spending some time with us. They do come from a political family. You may know their grandfather. It's -- it's Congressman Mike Bost. So I'd ask that we give Lilly and Sydney a warm welcome to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Muñoz in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

For a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Please proceed, Senator.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Can I have the attention of everyone in the Senate, please? I would like to talk about a constituent of mine and, because of

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the fact that we have Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I want to share a little story about one of my constituents. Her name is Melissa -- Melissa Boratyn, the "real life" Ginger. In honor of October being recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I want to share the compelling story of an astounding young woman, who lives in Chicago and is eight years in her battle with breast cancer, named Melissa Boratyn. A film studies graduate of Loyola University, Melissa was diagnosed with breast cancer at the early age of twenty-three in 2011. After what appeared to be a successful battle, Melissa was told she was "cancer free" and in 2014 married her soul mate, Jimmy Boratyn, who stood by her side throughout her medical treatments. Jimmy and Melissa went on to graduate school at DePaul University, where they decided to create a movie based on Melissa's experience on how to overcome breast cancer. The movie was called "Ginger" due to Melissa's beautiful red hair, which she lost throughout the grueling journey of cancer treatments and chemotherapy. While filming, Melissa learned that the cancer had returned and she was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. However, despite the devastating news, Melissa never missed a day on the movie set. "Ginger", the movie, was completed in September of 2018 and won "Best in Fest" at the premier of the 10th Annual Ladies Film Festival in Beverly Hills, California. Having received several other awards, "Ginger" will now be released to the public to achieve its intended goal of helping others and giving an in-depth look on the toll having breast cancer does to the life of a young woman. Melissa could not join us today as she has started chemo once again, but I couldn't pass up the opportunity to recognize Melissa's strength and advocacy she brings to the breast cancer awareness. I would

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-- I would love to give Melissa a very stand out -- a hand -- ovation for the fact that she has brought her story to light. And I encourage everyone to watch this film on her life story. So I would like everyone to rise and please give Melissa a real greeting of the Senate during her chemotherapy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Page 3 of the Calendar, House Bills 2nd Reading. House Bill 3608. Senator Rezin. Indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3608.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Rezin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin, on your amendment.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment 1 allows businesses that would want to take the recently extended and expanded manufacturers' purchase credit to apply to the Department of Revenue for a blank certificate, rather than having to apply for the certificate for the credit of each business {sic} that the business makes. This is a bill that is agreed upon and actually preferred by the Department of Revenue and also the IMA. Companies that they purchase the same product every Friday, currently they

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have to fill out the paperwork every Friday and submit it to the Department of Revenue. All this bill does is allow the businesses to apply for a blank certificate so they apply one time for the purchases. And there was no opposition to this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? 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 MUÑOZ)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we'll be going to page 2 of the Calendar, 3rd Reading, final action. Senate Bill 5-5-8. Senator Holmes. Indicates she wishes to proceed. Senator Holmes seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 558 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 558. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Holmes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Holmes, on your amendment.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, can we adopt the amendment? And I will explain it on 3rds.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? 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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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 558.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much. This was an agreed-to change that we discussed last Session as we passed this bill. We just did not have time to do it. It exempts the manufacturers from the ban on importing or selling cosmetics that are tested on animals if the animal testing is for a noncosmetic ingredient. It requires the manufacturer to document both the noncosmetic intent of the test and evidence of a history on the use of the ingredient outside the cosmetic industry for at least twelve months prior to the test being conducted in order to qualify for the exemption. And it exempts the manufacturer reviewing, assessing, or retaining information, data, or evidence obtained from the animal testing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Any discussion? Senator Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition? Any other further discussion? There being none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 558 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

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record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 558, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 639. Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary -- correction. Senator Koehler seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 639 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 639. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Koehler, on your amendment.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to move the adoption and I'll speak to it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? 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 MUÑOZ)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 639.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is a trailer bill. It -- it establishes July 1st, 2020, as the effective date for the Department of Human Services to adopt rules on a -- on a bill. And I'd ask for approval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 639 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 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 639, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 667. Senator Manar seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 667 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 667. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Manar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Manar, on your amendment.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would move for the adoption of the amendment and I'd be happy to take questions on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? 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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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Manar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator -- Senator Manar, on your amendment.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. Again, I would move for this amendment's adoption and I'd be happy to take questions on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? 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 MUÑOZ)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 667.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill with the two amendments contains two provisions. The first is a provision that would cap out-of-pocket costs for prescription insulin in Illinois at one hundred dollars for a thirty-day supply. The other provision directs the Attorney General's Office to investigate reasons for



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rising prescription insulin costs to both ensure what I would describe as possible future consumer protections for the pricing of insulin and also to help better inform us as policymakers on both the root of the cause and possible solutions we could take up as a legislative Body in the future. I would tell you that this issue came to me in very clear terms when I had a constituent who called my office and through a subsequent meeting told me, having insurance, that she and her family were faced with literally paying for their home or purchasing insulin for their children, their two children with juvenile diabetes. That's a position that no one in the State of Illinois should be in. This bill is modeled off of what has been in place now in Colorado and we've gotten much support from advocates across the State. I appreciate the debate in yesterday's committee and I am happy to take any questions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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

SENATOR SYVERSON:

A question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Senator, we talked about this yesterday and I appreciate your work on this and I just want to, for the -- for the Body's sake, clarify what we're -- who's being affected by this legislation or -- or how we're addressing it. First, this -- this is affecting those that have health insurance plans in Illinois. Is that correct?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Yes, it is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

And this would also exclude anyone that's on a ERISA plan. ERISA plan would be a larger employer. So about eighty percent or so of the companies in Illinois would be under ERISA, which is a -- a federal issue, but they would be excluded from this legislation. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Correct. ERISA-covered plans or sometimes described as self-insured plans offered by employers, we are not able to regulate those insurance plan. That's regulated, of course, by the federal government. So this would be applicable to all insurance plans with the exception of self-insured insurance plans offered by employers.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

And then of those approximately twenty percent that have small group health insurance that this legislation would affect, those plans that have -- those small group plans that have a prescription drug plan -- or prescription drug card with a copay with that, they would be excluded by this or that would be -- they would be

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covered by that prescription card. And so what you're talking about under your legislation is really addressing those plans that do not have a prescription card, have a high deductible policy where the individual could be paying more out of pocket. Is that -- is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

I would say that's likely the most profound impact of the bill. I think we should be cautious to recognize that there are so many variations in between different insurance plans and how employees interact from their own personal set of circumstances with health insurance. I could, for example, provide firsthand knowledge of a constituent of mine who has insurance, not through a self-insured plan, that has a high deductible with a prescription card, where out-of-pocket costs for her insulin are upwards of five hundred-plus dollars a month. So, in that case, there's a -- there's a card and perhaps the benefit isn't as generous as others, but this bill would clearly apply to -- to her, for example.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

And I'm guessing in -- in that particular case, it could be -- 'cause normally prescription drug cards don't have copays that are that high, so my guess is it probably was an HSA plan that had a -- after the deductible was met then a prescription drug card kicked in, and so they are -- their initial costs would be high. So I guess the -- the point I'm trying to get at, this -- this

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legislation is really geared towards trying to help a -- a very -- a small segment of the population that understandably has a concern that you've raised. So it's if you work for a small employer, if you have a high deductible health plan that doesn't have a prescription drug card, then you have a -- like an HSA, you initially have some potentially high costs out of pocket that individual has to meet, so that's what this legislation is trying to address. Now, currently, some of those that have a high deductible then, that -- that have a financial problem of trying to be able to pay that, they do have access to pharmaceutical assistance programs that are all listed at the -- on the Diabetes Association website. Is that correct as well?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Yes, it is, but I -- and I want to be very respectful about my response to this. Okay? So the answer is yes. There are assistance programs available. I've learned much about those programs, the largest of which is a partnership with the American Diabetes Association. But I want to be very clear. The problem that families are facing every day in the State is not because of a lack of pamphlets on how to access a program to assist them in paying for insulin. So I want to be respectful about an answer to your question, Senator Syverson. So the answer is yes; there are assistance programs that are mostly, I think, from what I've seen, administered and offered by the manufacturers of insulin, in conjunction with the ADA, but -- but I would also respectfully say to my colleagues, the problems that are being faced by families in the State are not because of a lack of, in many cases, information

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or getting something in the mail to help them pay for the thing that they need to stay alive. So that's what we're trying to address in this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Just a couple more quick ones. And I -- and I agree and it -- it is a little frustrating to me that we have a program in place through the Diabetes Association and the three manufacturers of insulin support this and, at the diabetes website, people can go on there and get access to help making those copays and, for some reason, that -- that message is not getting out to the patients, and that's frustrating, that between doctors' offices and pharmacies and the Association that they haven't done a better job to get that information out. My concern with -- with this legislation is, you know, first of all, for small employers, the cost of health care is what's -- what's driving so many of them to either drop {sic} costs or pass costs on. And right now, in this population - so you have a small number of people that have high deductible plans - that there are programs available through the Diabetes Association that will pay those copays for them and what we're going to do with this legislation is we're going to take the drug companies out of the equation and instead we're going to make the insurance companies now pick up all the costs over one hundred dollars, pick up all those costs, thereby, basically taking these -- these pharmaceutical companies out of the equation, because, at most now, these pharmaceutical companies, the subsidy program will only pay that hundred dollars, whereas before they were paying the full cost. So what we're having -- what we're -- what we're going

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to end up doing is passing the cost from the drug companies on to the insurance companies, who are going to pass that on to all the users. And so, I think before -- even though I certainly appreciate what you're trying to do in filling this need, we would be do -- we would do better if we did a -- educating those that need these programs the availability of these programs before we basically scrap what's already out there as a -- as a free program from the three drug companies. Instead, now we're going to end up passing it on to the insurance companies. So I -- I appreciate what you're trying to do and it is frustrating that this education has not gotten out there, but I'm just concerned that in the end, this is letting the drug companies -- this is letting the pharmaceutical companies off the -- off and it's passing the costs on to the insurance companies, which the -- which then the individuals ultimately end up getting to be -- paid. And I know you may want to comment on that as well, but -- so that's -- that's my concern with this, that this is going to end up driving up health care costs for -- for small employers, for everyone, when we could find a better way to address this need. So, thank you for your time, Senator, for answering the questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hunter, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUNTER:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I'd like to thank the sponsor for this important bill. Diabetes runs deep into my family, generations after generations,

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and there was mention earlier about a diabetes website and I'd like to share with you that -- just wanted all of my colleagues to be made aware that the American Diabetes Association does have a website and it's [insulinhelp.org](http://insulinhelp.org). And so while we work on various reforms at the federal and State level, we can assist our constituents now by sharing this information so that they can obtain the information needed in assessing {sic} insulin. All three manufacturing -- manufacturers offer very generous patient assistance programs, and so the phone number of all of these insulin manufacturing patient assistance programs may be accessed on the American Diabetes Association website. So I encourage the listening and -- and viewing audience to please access the website for additional information. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Stadelman, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR STADELMAN:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

I rise as a father of a teenage son who is a Type 1 diabetic. And two weeks ago we picked up the latest prescription and the retail price on that prescription was over fourteen hundred dollars - fourteen hundred dollars for a thirty-day supply of insulin. That is absolutely ridiculous. We do need, as a State, to investigate why it costs so much more in this country versus other countries, where insulin is considerably less. If you don't support price caps or have concerns that insurance industry somehow needs to be more involved, here's the best argument why this

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legislation is needed: This will save money in health care costs for the State and for the rest of us down the road. Diabetics avoid long-term health care problems by properly managing their glucose, by getting adequate amounts of insulin. If they ration insulin because they can't afford it, they have to choose between insulin and food or rent, they'll cut back on their insulin usage; that will cause long-term health care problems. It'll be far more expensive to treat them down the road with those health care complications. The bottom line: We save money by capping insulin costs; we save money down the road by doing that. Thank you, Senator Manar, for pushing this legislation forward. It's incredibly important for those who suffer from diabetes. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Ellman, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR ELLMAN:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

I rise in support of this bill because, as Senator Manar says, this shifts the costs not from the insurance company -- not from the pharmaceutical companies to the insurance companies, but actually from the patients and their families to insurance companies, who have a far stronger position to negotiate with those pharmaceutical companies than the individual patients and families do. I support this bill and I urge Members to support it as well. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)



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Senator Manar, to close.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the debate on this bill. A couple of things I want to address from some of the previous questions and comments. First of all, the idea here is twofold. We want to put a cap on the cost -- out-of-pocket costs of insulin on some insurance plans, not all insurance plans. This is the extent of the cap that we can put in State law, that we have the ability to do, number one. Number two, there's another part of the bill that I would acknowledge, by the way, before we take a vote, is still a work in progress, working with both the executive branch agencies that the Governor has jurisdiction over and the Attorney General's Office. Mentioned this in committee. We're trying to tighten that language up to the best of our ability. So to the previous speaker's question, this is about a holistic view of why insulin costs so much more in the United States than it does anywhere else in the world - not just the industrialized world, but the world anywhere. We are an outlier by every single metric that anyone has ever shown me - and that has to be addressed. I would also note that part of the embedded debate about this bill is that the price is justified. So when someone goes to get help through the helpline or through the Diabetes Association or through a local charitable organization, the presumption when we debate this bill is that the price for what it is today is justified, and we have to reject that. The price is not justified for insulin to what it is today in the United States. And that's inflicting harm on people that we all represent. The price is set by pharmaceutical companies. They put it through their widget. The price is set by wholesalers, who

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put it through their widget. The price is set by PBMs, who put insulin through their widget. The price is set by insurance companies, who put it through their widget. And then the person who needs it to keep their child alive has to pay it with no questions asked. Said this along the way: What would you pay to keep your child alive if your child was diabetic? I know what I would pay. Senator Stadelman knows what he pays. The answer is whatever it takes - that's what you would pay. So this is a bill that is narrowly crafted to address an egregious wrong for people in this State. And I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

As this bill has two different effective dates, one which is an immediate effective day, this bill will require thirty-six votes for passage. The question is, shall Senate Bill 6-6-7 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 48 voting Aye, 7 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 667, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 718. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary -- correction. Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 718 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 718. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Martinez, on your amendment.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

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I ask for its adoption, Mr. President, and I will be happy to discuss on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? 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 MUÑOZ)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 718.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. As amended, and it changes -- it changes the effective date of Senate Bill 171 that was signed into law this summer in order to allow the continuation of the Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund licenses and fees. The amendment also authorizes the agency to begin the rulemaking process before July 1st, 2020, and makes other technical changes throughout the bill. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 718 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed,

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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, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 718, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Page 2. Bottom of page 2 in the Calendar. Senate Bill 1864. Senator Link. Senator Link seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1864 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1864. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link, on your amendment.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask to move for its adoption and I will discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? 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 MUÑOZ)

3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1864.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Amanda Vinicky, WTTW-TV, requests permission to video and photograph. There being no objection, leave is granted. Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill expands the Smoke Free Illinois Act to include electronic -- alternative narcotic -- nicotine products - excuse me, I'm sorry - electronic cigarettes. The use of these electronic cigarettes and -- nicotine products would be prohibited in public places, places of employment within fifteen feet of entrance. Bill also makes changes to comply with Tobacco 21. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Any discussion? Senator Syverson, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. A question of the distinguished senior colleague from Lake County.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Senator, I -- I certainly understand your passion on this issue and you've worked on this for a long time, but the question I have - I know it was -- was raised in the -- in the past too - is this legislation would -- would not allow someone to vape inside a vape shop and we do that for tobacco. If you're in a tobacco shop, you're allowed to smoke or have that -- or test out that inside that -- inside a tobacco store. Why do we -- why would we ban allowing vaping inside of a vaping store?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you for the question. It was brought to my attention last night and I said that I wanted to run the bill as is and that they could talk about it in the House, and if the House deems to amend the bill with it, it would have to come back here for concurrence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Would you have any opposition to that if the House -- if the House did make that -- that correction and it came back here then?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

If it comes back to me, I will concur with the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

There being no further discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1864 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 41 voting Aye, 11 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1864, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harmon in the Chair.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Sims, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SIMS:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point.

SENATOR SIMS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. We have been joined today by one of the 17th District's wonderful mayors, the Mayor from the Village of Lynwood, Mayor Eugene Williams. And welcome him to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Mayor, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Senator Harris, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HARRIS:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Today I have a Page with me, Mr. Jemari Moore. He's a student at Shoop {sic} (Chute) Elementary School -- Middle -- Middle School. He's in eighth grade and he's down here today in Springfield to see how government works. His interests: He's an -- athlete. He plays basketball. He loves video gaming and he loves to be a blogger. He said his future is, he hopes to be a content blogger and have his own YouTube channel and be successful and rich doing that. Please, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, welcome Mr. Jemari Moore.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Mr. President, Members of the Chamber, my community lost a distinguished member of our community this past year while we were on break, and her name was Joan Diane Alsberry. She went by Diane, or in my situation, she went by mom. Diane was the First Lady of the Village of Hazel Crest and she was ill for quite a while, but she battled back from illness and through cancer treatment. And she's probably one of the toughest ladies we've ever had in our community. She was so active. Not only did she participate in non-for-profits and charities that were geared towards physical fitness for young people to help fight childhood obesity, but she was also a licensed physical therapist, in which she was the president of her association, and she's made great strides to improving her field and her craft. And our -- our district as a whole, every town knew Mrs. Alsberry, and everybody knew the great lady that she was. And I just ask for this Chamber to honor her with -- with a moment of silence. And -- and for that, Mr. President, thank you so much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please rise as we observe a moment of silence. (Moment of silence observed) Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we're turning back to page 2 on your printed Calendar. We have Senate Bill 670. Senator Muñoz wishes to proceed. Senator Muñoz seeks



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leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 670 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 670. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Muñoz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz, on your amendment.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Excuse me. This, as amended, creates the Corporate Governance Annual...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz, are you seeking to adopt the amendment now?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Yes, I would move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz moves for the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 670. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment's adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 670. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 670.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Law, this bill aligns with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Act. There was one concern that came in this morning that talked to me, but because we need to send this to the House, we can further talk about it. They're working it out with the Department of Insurance. I think there's thirty-six other states have taken this bill up. They need it to comply, so that's why we're just trying to move it out of this Chamber so we can get it addressed. I will attempt to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 670 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 58 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 670, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Muñoz in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Page 3 of the Calendar, Secretary's Desk, Concurrences, Senate Bills. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2, and 5 to Senate Bill 1881.

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Signed by Senator Hastings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill creates the Local Government Revenue Recapture Act. It allows municipalities and counties to contract with third parties to audit and determine whether or not they lost any tax revenues to other towns. And I'll answer any questions. It flew out of committee unanimously and it has no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1, 2, and 5 to Senate Bill 1881. 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, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1881, having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1, 2, and 5 to Senate Bill 1881, and the bill is declared passed. Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2295, offered by Senator Van Pelt.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on the 30th day of October 2019. The Senate stands adjourned.